



# WAG-O-SHAG LODGE, ORDER OF THE ARROW POTAWATOMI AREA COUNCIL

## *The Fox:* Wag-O-Shag's Monthly Newsletter **Winter 2023**

### RECENT EVENTS

#### WINTER COUNCIL OF CHIEFS (WCOC)

On January 21st, Wag-O-Shag Lodge joined all of the other lodges in Section G9 at the Winter Council of Chiefs (WCOC)! We all met at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells for a fun weekend of brotherhood! While meeting new people from all across G9, Section Chief Collin Welke talked about all of the awesome stuff our section did over 2022 and what we will be doing over 2023. We also learned about other lodges and had guest speakers give presentations about how to improve our section

and our lodge. After our meeting, the lodge went to Pizza Ranch for dinner and had a blast swimming in the water park. We also learned about the 2023 Section Conclave!





## **FIREBALL**

This past year, Wag-O-Shag brought back Fireball up at Camp Long Lake! After an awesome day of service at Camp Long Lake, Arrowmen made a massive bonfire. The Arrowmen at Fireball cleaned up near the ranges at CLL to potentially put in a tomahawk throwing area!

## **WINTER WINGDING**

This year, Winter Wingding was held at Whirlyball in Brookfield on March 17th. Arrowmen came for an awesome night of food, games and brotherhood. Some of the events that we did were Jenga, bumper cars, cornhole and more! Wag-O-Shag also held a brotherhood ceremony for those looking to lock in their membership and fully join the brotherhood. We had a total of 6 new brotherhood members from Winter Wingding this year! You don't want to miss this event next year!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR (NLS)**

Are you looking to get more involved in the lodge and your home unit? One of the best ways to do that is through a leadership position. The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) has the tools that you need to become a better leader and to train you on what it means to be an effective leader.

The skills you learn at NLS will guide you in how to lead, as well as allow you to make better decisions as a leader. If you are interested in attending an NLS course, check out





[National Calendar | Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America \(oa-bsa.org\)](#) to learn more.

## SECTION CONCLAVE

Join your fellow Arrowmen in an action-packed weekend of fun at the 2023 Section G9 Conclave. This legendary event will be running from April 21st - 23rd at Camp Big Timber in Elgin, IL. This year, conclave is lumberjack themed so make sure you pack all of your flannels and get ready to get your lumberjack on! Some of the events that will be at conclave this year are a tomahawk throw, a two-man saw station and even a hodag! This year's conclave is an event you don't want to miss! You can sign up using this [link](#)! Go to [sectiong9.oa-bsa.org](#) for more information!



## SPRING CONFERENCE

Spring Conference is coming up on June 2nd - 4th and this event is one that you don't want to miss. Helping camp get ready for all of the troops for summer camp is one of the best ways you can give back to the lodge and council! Adding on to the service, we will also be having fellowship activities for you and your fellow Arrowmen. Some of the activities the LEC is looking forward to is capture the chicken, wheelbarrow racing and the watermelon roll! If you're interested in







sealing your membership with the Order of the Arrow, we will also be having brotherhood testing and a brotherhood ceremony. Keep checking your emails for the sign-up link coming soon.

## **FALL CONFERENCE**

It might seem like fall conference is a long way away, but it's only 5 months from now! Fall conference is the perfect time to feel the brotherhood spirit and help camp get ready for the fall activities! Mark your calendars for August 11th-13th to not only help get camp ready for more awesome activities, but to also take part in the super fun fellowship activities that will be there! Make sure you're checking your emails to look for updates on fall conferences.

## **OTHER UPDATES**

### **OPERATION ARROW**

This summer, Operation Arrow will continue the Order of the Arrow's 60+ year legacy of providing service to the 2023 National Scouting Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve . . . and we need YOU. Serving as a young adult (16-33) jamboree service team member is the most affordable way to attend the 2023 National Scouting Jamboree and you'll get to do more, experience more, and frankly be a part of something more than you would with any other program area or council contingent through Operation Arrow.

Operation Arrow staffers are the logistical boots-on-the-ground for the jamboree and the leaders of the Summit Apex program, the new and unique jamboree outpost experience. Operation Arrow isn't all service either. Both youth and adult staffers have scheduled free time to enjoy the exciting program of the 2023 National Jamboree. I hope





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to see you there! Learn more at [oa-bsa.org/jamboree](https://oa-bsa.org/jamboree). Registration is open today!



## Operation Arrow 2023

At the 2023 National Jamboree



Operation Arrow is your opportunity to experience the 2023 National Jamboree while providing service with your fellow Arrowmen.

The Jamboree will take place July 19-28, 2023 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Registration starts at just \$400.

- Make life-long friends.
- Be part of putting on the largest Scouting event since 2017.
- Experience the Summit Bechtel Reserve.
- Engage in new, fun activities and shows.



Learn more at [oa-bsa.org/jamboree](https://oa-bsa.org/jamboree)



## GET INVOLVED

If you want to get more involved with the lodge, the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) may be for you. The LEC is the team that plans all lodge events for the year. It is divided into subcommittees that handle certain projects like event activities or unit elections. The LEC meets on the first Sunday of the month at the Council Office. Contact [lodgechief@wagoshag.com](mailto:lodgechief@wagoshag.com) if you're interested in attending. Check it out and get involved!



## STAY CONNECTED

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