

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

## Fall 2023

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## **RECENT EVENTS**

### **FALL CONFERENCE 2023**

This past August, the lodge once again came together at Camp Long Lake to enjoy Fall Conference. Per usual, this was our biggest induction event of the year and we were happy to bring in 67 new Arrowmen into our fold. Running large Ordeals like that is always a huge undertaking but lodge leaders were diligent and dedicated to the task of making it an excellent ordeal. Candidates and other Arrowmen worked all around camp from the ranges to Aqualand to prepare camp for the winter season. Outside of service, Arrowmen enjoyed a range of fellowship activities around camp including capture the rubber chicken, gaga ball, board games, and an exclusive screening of How to Train Your Dragon. Lodge elections also took place. John Aebly was elected as lodge chief. JJ Jegl was elected as lodge vice chief. Jack Nagi was elected lodge secretary. Scott Durian was elected as lodge treasurer. We of course extend a huge thank you to the 2022-23 Lodge Executive Committee for an excellent year and we are looking forward to seeing what the new crew brings for the rest of this lodge year!



## FALL COUNCIL OF CHIEFS (FCOC)

Arrowmen from across Section G9 came together at the Milwaukee Public Museum on October 1, 2023, for the annual Fall Council of Chiefs. This year, there were 52 youth Arrowmen in attendance, with a great delegation from Wag-O-Shag Lodge itself. Here the section covered how each lodge in the section was doing, discussed past OA events like Conclave 2023 and Operation Arrow, as well as upcoming OA opportunities for Arrowmen like lodge chief summits, OA roundtables and the National Leadership Seminar. The largeest and most monumental decision made at FCOC this year was the theme for Conclave 2024: Together in Harmony! If you are interested in getting involved with the section, contact <u>lodgechief@wagoshag.com</u>.

### LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (LLDC)

On October 20, Wag-O-Shag Lodge met at Camp Long Lake for our annual Lodge Leadership Development Conference. The weather was great and spirits were high as lodge leaders prepared for the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony on Friday night. The ordeal went smoothly and we were able to induct 13 new Arrowmen to the lodge. All in all, it was an exciting weekend full of service and hands-on leadership experience for many young Arrowmen who stepped up. LLDC is an event that the lodge will continue to develop and innovate. Stay tuned for LLDC 2024!

## **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. Arrowmen of Wag-O-Shag Lodge have an amazing opportunity to experience what NLS has to offer close to home! On March 15 to 17, 2024, the lodge will be going to Camp Wonderland in Salem, WI for NLS. If you are interested in finding more information about the OA, follow this <u>link</u> to learn more.

#### WINTER WINGDING

Join your fellow Arrowmen in an action-packed night of fun at Dave 'N Busters. This legendary event will be running on February 16, 2024 at Dave & Busters in Wauwatosa, WI. This year, we will be holding a Brotherhood test and ceremony. Come hungry and ready to play!



#### **SECTION CONCLAVE**

Section G9 is putting on an exhilarating and thrilling weekend of fun at the 2024 Section Conclave. Join the section at Sandwich Fairgrounds in Sandwich, IL! Hundreds of Arrowmen will gather for a music-themed conclave



from April 19 to 21, 2024. Those who attend can expect outstanding training sessions, fun activities and unique special events. Together in Harmony, the 2024 Conclave theme, will bring excitement as we celebrate and honor this program that brings us Scouts and

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Scouters together in harmony as Arrowmen! Ya like Jazz? If yes, then come prepared for this fun weekend with the section! Some of the events that will be at conclave this year are a tomahawk throw, a two-man saw station and even a hodag! Conclave 2024 is an event you do not want to miss! You can sign up using this <u>link</u>! Go to sectiong9.oa-bsa.org for more information!

#### WINTER COUNCIL OF CHIEFS (WCOC)

The Winter Council of Chiefs, A.K.A. Party at the Kalahari, is just right around the corner! Coming January 27 to 28, 2024, Arrowmen from Wag-O-Shag Lodge will be going to the

(objectively) best training, fun and fellowship event offered by Section G9! This event is one that you do not want to miss. From trainings to a taco bar, photos to the water park and even eating all the food at Pizza Ranch, *THE* 

Party of the Kalahari has something for everyone! You can sign up using this <u>link</u>. But act soon. Registration closes December 19, 2023! Stay tuned to the lodge's social media for more information!







#### NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE (NOAC)

We are proud to announce that Wag-O-Shag Lodge will be sending a contingent to the one-and-only National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) next summer and we want you to join us!

NOAC is a week-long experience unlike any other in the Order of the Arrow,

and Scouting in general, with innovative training opportunities in the morning, large-scale activities in the afternoon, and professionally produced evening shows! In the past, there has been a helicopter landing, competitions ranging from ceremonies to a triathlon, patch trading, a conference-wide festival and much more.

The theme for NOAC 2024 is "Seek New Heights" as we climb into the Rocky Mountains from July 29 to August 3, 2024, at the University of Colorado



Register today at NOAC.OA-BSA.ORG

Boulder. When we step onto campus, we will join a growing spirit of thousands of our fellow Arrowmen from across the country as we celebrate the OA and set our sights on new heights.

We will publish more information, including travel dates, in the coming months. For more information, visit <u>oa-bsa.org/noac</u> and follow @OANOAC on Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date.



## **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 Potawatomi Area Council Office (804 Bluemound Rd, Waukesha, WI 53188). Contact lodgechief@wagoshag.com if you are interested in attending!



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