



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

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

February 2024

What's New with Wag-O-Shag?

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WINTER COUNCIL OF CHIEFS

"WCOG was a great event with good trainings, amazing fellowship with Arrowmen from all across the midwest, and fun times going swimming and playing games all around the Kalahari. Personally, I hung out with some section G10 guys. We got some food and did some shenanigans around the resort"

-Alex L. Brotherhood Member from Troop 4



The Winter Council of Chiefs, A.K.A. Party in the Kalahari, recently concluded with a bang! Arrowmen from Wag-O-Shag Lodge got to enjoy fun training, food, and fellowship in the Wisconsin Dells, at the Kalahari resort. At the "Party in the Kalahari," over 300 Arrowmen in Section G9 learned how to better enhance lodge performance, enjoy an incredible taco bar, compete in water basketball, and named the new section mascot, Cheese Curd! In the evening, Wag-O-Shag Arrowmen enjoyed a "dinner of champions" at the infamous Pizza Ranch. If you were unable to attend this section event, don't fret, for the section will be holding conclave soon. April 19-21 will be *Section Conclave: Together in Harmony* at the Sandwich Fairgrounds in Sandwich, IL. We hope to see every one of you at this year's Section Conclave! Sign up for conclave by following this [link](#).

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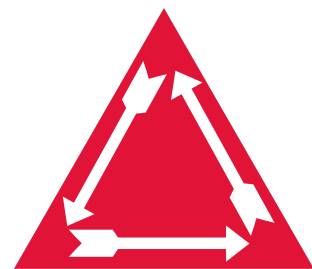


WINTER WINGDING

Join your fellow Arrowmen this year in an action-packed night of fun at Dave & Busters! This legendary event will be running on February 16, 2024, at Dave & Busters in Wauwatosa, WI. Wag-O-Shag Lodge will also hold a Brotherhood Ceremony for those looking to further their experiences in the OA and seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow. Come hungry and ready to play! You do not want to miss this year's Winter Wingding! Price will be dependent on your choice; \$50 for both games and food, or \$25 for food alone.

VIGIL AND FOUNDER'S NOMINATIONS

The Vigil Honor, the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members, recognizes those who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, service, and commitment to the OA and Scouting community. Nominations for the Vigil Honor are a reflection of an individual's selfless service and embodiment of the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.



Similarly, the Founder's Award honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the Order of the Arrow at the lodge level. This award celebrates those who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to support and strengthen the OA's mission of cheerful service, leadership development, and fostering a deeper understanding of Scouting principles.

Nominations for both the OA Vigil Honor and the Founder's Award provide an opportunity for members to express their gratitude and appreciation for the hard work and dedication of their fellow brothers and sisters in the OA community. By recognizing those who have made a significant impact, we strengthen the bonds of





brotherhood and inspire others to continue serving with enthusiasm and dedication.

Don't miss your chance to nominate deserving individuals for the Vigil Honor and the Founder's Award. The nomination window closes March 2, 2024. Follow this [link](#) for the Vigil Honor nomination form, and follow this [link](#) for the Founder's Award nomination form.

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DUES 2024

A new year is upon us as Scouts and as a lodge. With this, 2024 dues can now be paid online or in person at the council office. Paying your dues is crucial for the further success of the lodge, for it helps pay for the numerous prodigious events put on by the lodge executive committee for the benefit of all Arrowmen! In addition, to remain in good standing with the lodge and be able to wear the lodge flap on your uniform, it is paramount to pay your dues. This year, the LEC has voted to raise the dues from \$14 to \$16 to better support the lodge programming and bring greater events to the Scouts and Scouters of the council; sustaining membership dues has increased to \$85. If you are deciding between which option to choose from, between regular or sustaining, you get both 2024 Spring and Fall conferences, the 2024 Winter Winding, and the 2024 Lodge Leadership Development Conference all included in the price, so you are getting a major deal! To pay your 2024 lodge dues, follow this link to pay online, or pay in person at the council office.



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ORDER OF THE ARROW

ELECTION SEASON

With the new year comes new Arrowmen! We need your help to spread the word of the order and the lodge across the council! The greatest act an Arrowman can do is serve his or her fellow scouts and induct new, worthy scouts into our esteemed order. For as our founders say, "for he who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest!" If interested in conducting a unit election/visitation, contact our lodge elections committee chair, Matthew Baylor, right away for further details at

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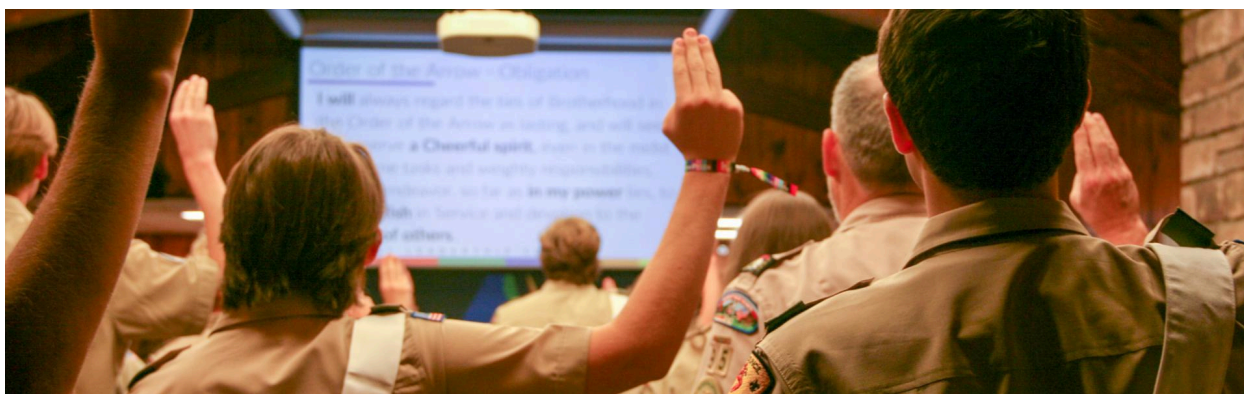


UPCOMING EVENTS

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! From 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 NLS, follow this [link](#) to learn more.





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 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 [link](#)! Go to sectiong9.oa-bsa.org for more information!

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 if you're interested in attending. Check it out and get involved!



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