



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

April 2024

What's New with Wag-O-Shag?

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NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR (NLS) & DEVELOPING YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (DYLC)



The weekend of March 15, 2024, four Arrowmen from Wag-O-Shag Lodge came together at Wonderland Camp in Salem, Wisconsin for the sole purpose of training to become great Scouting leaders! At this leadership conference, these Arrowmen got to learn from experienced Scouts from across the country on the topics of self-drive, the power of the individual, and the adaptation of leadership styles, which all led to the culminating capstone event—the Everest Challenge—where every Scout put their skills to the test with their crews. The National Leadership Seminar taught topics differing from those explored in other traditional leadership courses, like NYLT, ILST(C)(S), and Woodbadge. The weekend with the OA was like none other! And not to mention the outstanding food! Hear from some of our attendees of NLS and DYLC:

“My experience at The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) was very awakening. I was able to learn about myself as a leader and about the different ways others may lead. We learned about our learning strategies, or at least which one fits us the best, and learned how to utilize that to our advantage when leading. All in all, I am glad that I went to this seminar because I was able to develop my skills as a leader and meet new people from our region. I highly recommend going to NLS to anyone if they are given the opportunity.”

-Tommy Zimmer Wag-O-Shag NLS Participant

“If you are 21 years old or older and haven't been to DYLC, please consider going. More than 10% of our class was under 25 so it's a great way for young adults to learn more about advising too. There was a blend of presentations, discussions, and hands-on activities to reinforce the skills we learned—and a great opportunity to meet other adults and network.



My takeaways: I particularly enjoyed seeing how the activities reinforced that different learning styles help build stronger teams and I have already met up with two of my DYLC classmates.”

-Ella Ozier Wag-O-Shag DYLC Participant

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CAMP LONG LAKE SUMMER CAMP

This summer, Wag-O-Shag Lodge is coming to a summer camp near you! Are you an Ordeal member in the OA? Has it been ten months or more since your induction? Are you



looking to seal your membership in the brotherhood of cheerful service? Well, look no further than your OA Summer Chief, Scott Durian, to test for Brotherhood this summer. Everything you need to know and memorize can be found on this [Study Guide](#) online. Come prepared to seek the arrow!

Even if you already sealed your membership in the Order of the Arrow, either yesterday or many years ago, Wag-O-Shag Lodge still has events made just for you! On Thursday nights, our OA Summer Chief, Scott Durian, and Arrowmen on Camp Long Lake staff will be holding an ice cream social to foster fun, fellowship, and camaraderie with every Arrowman. So come to Camp Long Lake this summer looking for a tasty treat!

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ELECTION SEASON

With the new year comes new Arrowmen! We need your help to spread the word of the OA 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 the OA. For as our founders say, “for he who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest!” If you are interested in conducting a unit election/visitation, contact our lodge elections committee chair, Matthew Baylor, right away for further details at electionschair@wagoshag.com.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

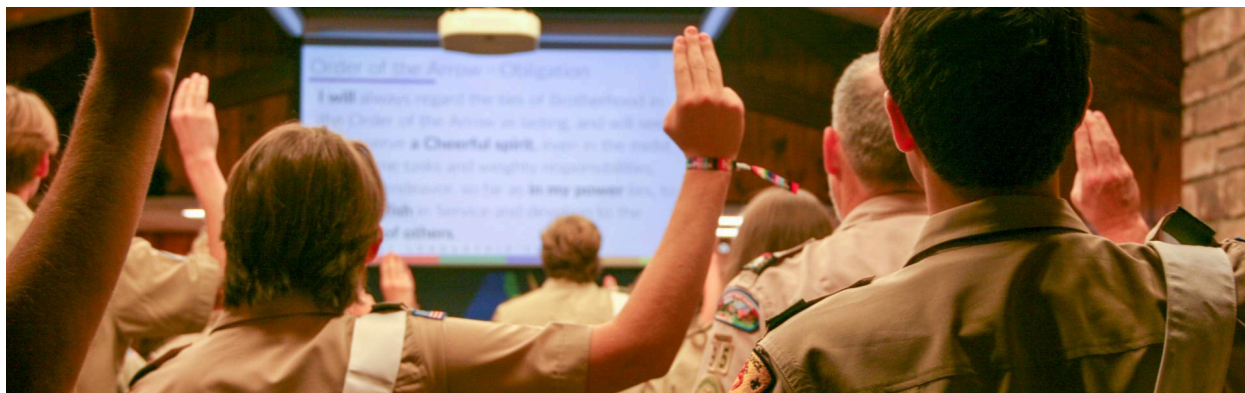
SECTION CONCLAVE

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! 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!



“Conclave is one of my favorite events of the year because it provides an opportunity to interact with hundreds of Arrowmen from around Section G9. I remember attending my first conclave and going to all of the amazing activities at conclave from nine-square to the evening shows to a hodag with root beer. I hope Arrowmen who attend the 2024 Conclave will have a similar experience, and leave inspired, with new friends and memories.”

-Eli Levsky Section Chief G9



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SPRING CONFERENCE

Spring Conference is Wag-O-Shag's next upcoming Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil weekend! Throughout the weekend, Arrowmen will gather from around the council to participate in Wag-O-Shag fellowship, complete their Ordeal, test for Brotherhood, as well as recognize all new Vigil Honor members and James E. West and Founders Award recipients! In addition, Spring Conference is the perfect opportunity to give service to Camp Long Lake, in preparation for the Summer Camp Season! Spring Conference is critical in preparing CLL for the summer, and is the perfect opportunity to give back to camp, have fun, engage in Wag-O-Shag Lodge culture, meet Arrowmen from across the council, and so much more! Spring Conference is taking place May 31 to June 1, at Camp Long Lake! Register [HERE!](#)

NATIONAL ORDER OF THE ARROW CONFERENCE (NOAC) 2024

Be Prepared to Seek New Heights, at this year's National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)! What is NOAC? It's the BSA's largest event, not counting the National Jamboree. At NOAC, 6,200 Arrowmen will gather from across the country, with representation from every Order of the Arrow lodge in the nation, as well as international lodges! NOAC is the pinnacle example of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. This year, NOAC is being held at the University of Colorado Boulder, from July 29 - August 3. At NOAC, you can expect professional and impactful training, fun activities and challenges between lodges and sections, a section-wide gathering, shows every night with renowned talent, a conference festival where lodges get to showcase their culture and so much more! If you are interested, find more information [HERE!](#)



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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