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### National Leadership Seminar

*Scouts from Totanhan Nakaha Lodge along with section Chief Dan Kobler at the National Leadership Seminar.*

On April 19, 2013 - April 21, 2013, several arrow men from Totanhan Nakaha lodge attended the National Leadership seminar or NLS for short, at Camp Wilderness near Park Rapids, Minnesota. These Arrowmen learned skills that they will be able to use to benefit their lodge, chapter, troop, and other areas of their lives. NLS is put on by the central region, so it is rare for an NLS to be so close to home for our lodge.

The national site states that the National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference on the skills and

attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. The weekend format is designed to complement the longer, more detailed Wood Badge and Junior Leadership Training Programs. Near the end of the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to apply the skills studied in the seminar on projects in their lodge, council, and community.

In completing this contract, the participants display what they have learned at the conference as well as explore new ways of cheerful service. If an opportunity to attend NLS comes up in the near future, the lodge covers the cost of attendance, so if you have the

desire to learn more about how to be an effective leader, do not hesitate to attend NLS.



### Section Conclave

This year's section conclave theme is "The Journey to Find the Arrow". The conclave will be held at Northern Tier High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota and hosted by Ka'Niss Ma'Ingan Lodge. The cost is \$35 before August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Program will include training sessions in the morning that will enable youth and adults to bring a better program back to their home unit. Saturday afternoon activities will include a Native American Pow-Wow, Ceremony Team Evaluations, and many other activities that are still in the planning stages. The new brotherhood ceremony approved by National at this year's national planning meeting will also be shown to members for the first time. \$35 to attend northern Tier is a great value and section conclave is ramping up to be tons of fun. Sign up now at [oa.nsbsa.org](http://oa.nsbsa.org)



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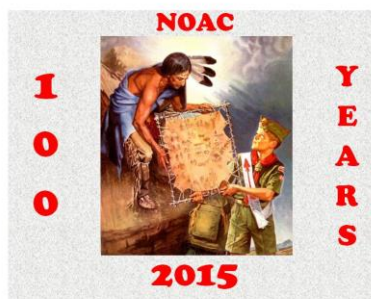
### Tenure Pins

The long awaited pins from the lodge's tenure program are now in! Talk to your chapter chief if you have earned one. They will be available at the LEC meetings.

### Fall Conclaves

Chapter Conclaves are a way to meet arrow men in your chapter as well as do some cheerful service. If you are eligible, they are also the place to make the transition to brotherhood. Here is the full list of chapter conclaves for our lodge.

More info is available at [oa.nsbsa.org/chapterconclaves.aspx](http://oa.nsbsa.org/chapterconclaves.aspx)



### NOAC 2015

In 1915 Dr. E Urner Goodman established the Order of the Arrow at Treasure Island Scout Camp as a way to honor those scouts who exemplified the scout oath and law during their week at camp. Our modern Order is a bit more complex than its humble beginnings; however this upcoming national conference marks the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the OA. This NOAC will be the biggest and best NOAC in the OA's 100 year history, drawing 10,000 arrow men to Michigan State University. There will be a special sash for all attendees, being red with a white arrow. Signups will begin in the fall of 2014, but plan soon as this will be a very popular event.

Chapter	Date (2013)	Registration Time	Location	Adviser	
Chief Black Dog	Sep 6-8	6:00 PM start	Phillippo Scout Reservation (Gwin Center)	Kay Stewart	651-335-8342
Crow River	Oct 11-13	7:00 PM start	Stearns Camp (Heritage Lodge)	Jason Bresnahan	612-597-3124
Dan Patch	Sep 20-22	6:00 to 8:00 PM	Phillippo Scout Reservation (Campers Cabin)	Peter Olive	952-403-0448
Eagle River	Aug 16-18	5:30 to 7:30 PM	Glenwood Hill County Park, Glenwood City WI	Tammy Falkofske	715-603-5000
Great Rivers	Sep 20-22	5:30 to 7:00 PM	F. C. Andersen (Upper Level - Swanson Lodge)	Michael Westfall	651-738-6020
Kaposia	Sep 20-21	5:30 to 7:30 PM	Kiwanis Scout Camp	Mark Ellenberger	651-455-8086
Lake Minnetonka	Sep 20-22	6:00 PM start	Camp Tanadoona in Excelsior	Jim Lindfors	651-338-8140
Many Waters	Sep 20-22	6:00 to 7:30 PM	Camp Ajawah	Layne Lodmell	651-429-9871
Minnehaha Falls	May 17-19	7:00 to 8:30 PM	Stearns Camp	William Peterson	612-803-6198
Mustang	Sep 27-29	7:00 to 8:30 PM	Stearns Camp	Jim Chamberlain	952-887-2422
North Star	Sep 20-22	6:00 to 8:00 PM	F. C. Andersen (Peterson I & II - Upper level)	Brian Stafford	651-224-1787
Northern Lights	Sep 20-22	5:30 to 7:00 PM	Rum River Scout Camp (Colbert Lodge )	Doug Farmer	763-424-6424
Northwest	Sep 20-22	5:30 to 7:00 PM	F. C. Andersen (Lower Level)	Brandon Peterson	763-607-1081
Paul E Wethem	Sep 28-30	7:30 PM start	Camp Ajawah	Dan Roehler	612-326-3986
Prairie Lakes	Sep 20-22	7:00 PM start	Phillippo Scout Reservation (Baden Powell Shelter - Lower Level)	Stephen Oswald	952-435-0094
Rolling Hills	Sep 27-29	7:00 to 8:30 PM	Phillippo Scout Reservation (Gwin Center)	Craig Turner	952-758-2301
Trailblazer	Jun 7-9	6:30 PM start	Stearns Camp (Gagner & Heritage)	Andrew Halbritter	320-979-0005



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### OA High Adventure

OA high adventure is truly an adventure like no other. One week of service at a high adventure base, be it Northern Tier, Sea Base, or Philmont Scout Ranch, and one week of enjoying the base's program with Arrowmen from all over the country, for an affordable price. What could be better than this? Although 2013 may not be a possibility, all youth Arrowmen in our lodge are encouraged to look into OA high adventure as a way to explore service as well as affordably attend one of the BSA's high adventure bases, maybe even earn the triple crown award!



### Founders Award Recipients

Four of our Lodge's Arrowmen have earned the Founders Award, one of the highest of awards for service to other members of their lodge. These Arrowmen have spent years in selfless service to others.

Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowmen who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as personified by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

Let us congratulate Matt Schornstein, Randy Reverman, Michael Moen, and Ben Johnston in receiving the Founders' Award

### Eagle Scout of the Year

Totanhan Nakaha Lodge would like to inform everyone that one of the vigil members from our lodge, Richard Shmikler, has been recognized as Eagle Scout of the year.

Richard comes from Mustang district and has held chapter chief for 2 years, he is the past fall fellowship chair, and he is currently active on the ceremonial team. He has helped rebuild our district OA and has participated in Grey wolf and as staff at Grey wolf. This coming summer he will be working on staff at Philmont at Nayle (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience).

At the gathering of eagles, Richard commented on the great opportunities to teach younger scouts that his scouting career has provided; he would like to thank all the adult volunteers who have helped him to achieve this award. Totanhan Nakaha Lodge wishes Richard the best of luck when he begins college in the fall.





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### Vigil Honor



In 2013, 48 of our lodge's arrow men were nominated for the vigil honor, the highest award a lodge can bestow upon its members. What is the Vigil Honor you may ask? Alertness to the needs of others is the mark of the Vigil Honor. It calls for an individual with an unusual awareness of the possibilities within each situation.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office to one or more of the following:

- Lodge
- Order of the Arrow
- Scouting community
- Scout Camp

Totanhan Nakaha Lodge would like to congratulate those who have been nominated for the Vigil honor and encourage them to attend the vigil conclave to affirm their desire to seek the high honor of the Vigil.

These candidates are being notified now. A complete list of nominees will be on the lodge web site on June 15<sup>th</sup>.



### 2013 Jamboree OA Flaps

For the 2013 national Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, Totanhan Nakaha Lodge has made special lodge flaps for those attending the Jamboree. They ultimately will be available for purchase from all members for \$3 after the Jamboree, as Jamboree members will need an exact count for trading whilst at the Summit.

### Minimize the Sash and Dash

Experienced Arrow men sometimes forget what it's like to be a brand-new Ordeal member. The principles taught during the Ordeal, and the information presented at a new member orientation, can be overwhelming.

When does a new Ordeal member get to digest this information and, at the same time, introduce his family to the OA?

How about your chapter hosting a new member dinner each year after the induction weekend? Invite the new Ordeal Members and their parents. At the dinner, re-introduce the OA to your newest members, explain the chapter's various committees and invite participation, offer insight into how the OA is structured, and encourage attendance at upcoming events. The dinner can include a "Question & Answer" session.

The chapter adviser can also have a separate meeting with the parents in attendance. The adviser can introduce adult advisers, encourage youth participation, and provide parents with confidence in the youth leadership of the chapter.