



Moose Tracks



Official Newsletter of Totanhan Nakaha Lodge
Issue 2016-3

Welcome to the lodge newsletter

It's finally here! The December issue of our lodge newsletter. The lodge is happy to show you what we have been up to, and what we are working on in the future. The lodge has many fun events in the upcoming months. If you have any comments for the next newsletter, please send them to farmer.doug@comcast.net or charlieschumer@yahoo.com. Enjoy!

Winter Banquet

The lodge is hosting our annual winter banquet on Saturday January 28th at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, in Prior Lake. There will be awards and fellowship throughout the night from 5pm to 8:30pm. You can sign up [online through our lodge website](#). The cost is \$15, but please sign up quickly! There are only 200 spots available. If you have any questions or dietary needs, please send an email to retap321@yahoo.com.



NLS

The National Leadership Seminar, NLS for short, is a leadership opportunity for all scouts in the nation. This year there are three NLS courses offered in our region, the closest being March 17th-19th at Camp Cherry in Iowa. This is a comprehensive training session with useful skills that you can take with you for anything you participate in. The cost is \$195, but the lodge offers scholarships for those interested.

Vigil Nominations

The time of the year for vigil nominations is finally here! The vigil honor is the highest honor that one can be bestowed in the Order of the Arrow. It is awarded based on service to the lodge and scouting as a whole, and cannot be earned by someone's conscious endeavors. Tenure is in no way a reason to be nominated. To be eligible for the honor, one must be a brotherhood member in The Order for at least two years and be in good standing within the lodge. Every year, the lodge is allowed to nominate two percent of their registered Arrowmen for this honor. Nominations are due at your next chapter meeting to your chapter advisor, you can [find nomination forms online along with the list of Arrowmen who are eligible](#).

Fort Snelling

This year, The Kaposia Chapter is happy to announce the annual Fort Snelling Cleanup. It will be Saturday February 4th from 9am to Noon at the Fort Snelling Cemetery. This a great way to earn some service hours while getting to know your fellow Arrowmen in a fun project!



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Fall Fellowship

Our annual Fall Fellowship was held recently last October at the Maplewood Community Center. The lock-in was wildly successful, with a theme of retro video games. Arrowmen had fun watching movies such as *Pixels*, playing pinball machines, holding a *Super Smash Brothers* tournament, as well getting active with activities such as playing lodgeball or swimming.

Ceremonies

The lodge has now established a lodge wide ceremony team. This team will meet the Friday after an LEC at the Golden Valley Scout Office from 7am-8:30pm. The first meeting will be the 20th of January and is open to anyone. This year, Indian Winters, our lodges Ceremonialist retreat will be March 10-12 at Parker Scout Camp. The cost will be \$35, and will be very fun and informative, so anyone who likes ceremonies, please attend!

Elections

Have your units and chapters began to think about new member elections? The time to elect new members is soon upon us, so please find out when your chapter is having its election training and help out with some elections (You can even earn your feather patch)! Encourage your troop-mates who aren't in the OA to work to become eligible for nomination.



LLD

At the start of December we held our Lodge Leadership Development course for everyone in or interested in chapter leadership. We held very good classes led by amazing leaders who are inspiring more in their footsteps. We also got a great keynote address from John Andrews, the Northern Star Council Scout Executive. Also included in the agenda for the day was a discussion on misconceptions within scouting.



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Chapter Spotlight: Northern Lights

The Northern Lights chapter has recently stood above the rest. Their Chapter Chief has been actively at LEC meetings, LLD, among other events. And their chapter meetings have been very well attended, at their last meeting, they had 16 Arrowmen in attendance and coordinated a wonderful service project to pull buckthorn at their local park.



OA High Adventure

Are you aware of the various opportunities available to Arrowmen at the BSA's various high adventure bases? The bases all have adventures for a family-friendly cost where you devote a bit of service for a life-changing adventure, available exclusively to Arrowmen. At Philmont Scout Ranch, the scouts are allowed to choose wherever they would like to go, the rangers even fight over who is allowed to go with the Arrowmen! Although the trips are not free, the lodge still has scholarships available to scouts, all the scout must do is provide their transportation. Please sign up quickly as spots fill quickly. [You can find more information online at this link.](#)

Social Media

Did you know the lodge is on social media? We have a lodge facebook page at Totanhan Nakaha lodge and a twitter page @Tnl_oa. Follow us for constant updates on lodge activities and happenings!