

Wahunsenakah Lodge



2002-03
New Member Guide
and Planbook

In addition to the purpose and principles of the Order of the Arrow, as stated on pages 7 and 8 of the OA Handbook, we should remember these thoughts excerpted from one of our founders speeches:

"Let it be remembered that the Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit to set before its' membership a better idea of the inner qualities of the good Scout camper. Thus it is that each unit is asked to select one or more of its members who have set such an example and to designate them as its representatives in a Brotherhood of cheerful service. The happiness and welfare of the unit depend upon these qualities fully as much as upon such skills as camp cookery and camp sanitation. There is often a relationship between a clean latrine and cheerful service! And mark you this: qualities of character like cheerfulness and service are hard for a boy, or a man, to understand in the abstract. They come easier when seen in human life. So the Order was started to help glorify these qualities of the good Scout camper in the unit, so that they might be appreciated there, not only during that all too short term in camp, but through all the days and weeks of the year. Now the older the Order becomes, the larger we grow, the more we need to remember the significance of the Order in the individual unit. By all means then, let us realize the significance of the Order in the unit for the unit is still our best hope in Scouting, even as the family is still humanities chief hope."

E. Urner Goodman

Description of Activities

Each year the members of the lodge gather as one group for five scheduled events, which are three Ordeals a fall Fellowship and a Winter Holiday Banquet. The Ordeals are referred to as the Winter Ordeal, (held near the end of February first of March), Spring Ordeal (held in May), and the Summer Ordeal (held in August). The Fall Fellowship occurs in October. The Holiday Banquet is held in December.

Throughout the rest of the year, each chapter holds regular meetings to discuss activities and for fellowship.

What is an Ordeal Weekend?

Ordeal weekends serve to fulfill three things: 1 - Educate new members, 2 - Provide service to our Council Camp, and 3 - Fellowship. The education of the new members as to the purpose of the OA and their role starts with the Pre-Ordeal ceremony on Friday night and ends with the new member orientation on Sunday morning. A good explanation of the process is found on pages 11 and 12 of the OA Handbook.

Other OA Opportunities

In addition to the meetings and events that the lodge holds each year, there are other opportunities for arrowmen to gather for training and fellowship. Each year the lodges in Virginia meet (generally the last weekend in April) for a section conclave. The section is the organization of lodges within a given geographic area of a region. Our section is Section SR-7A and is made up of the following lodges: Nawakwa (Robert E. Lee Council), Blue Heron (Tidewater Council), Tutelo (Blue Ridge Mountains Council), Shenandoah (Stonewall Jackson Council), Shenshawpotoo (Shenandoah Area Council) and us. At a conclave, there is opportunity for various competitions and training as well as fellowship.

On the national level, there is the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), which is held every two years at a college or university, and is similar to a conclave, but on a much larger scale.

Membership in the OA

Once an individual completes their Ordeal they are full members of the Order of the Arrow, entitled to all of the rights and privileges afforded its' membership. Some look on the three levels of membership (Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor) as if each afforded special privileges not offered to those of a "lesser rank". This could not be further from the truth. The only restriction is that unless you have participated in a ceremony, then you cannot witness that ceremony until the time is right. The Brotherhood is an opportunity for members to evaluate their past contributions to Scouting and the lodge and to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order. The Brotherhood ceremony is intended as a source of inspiration, motivating its members to remember even greater service to Scouting. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition for those arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their council Scout camp.

2002-2003 Officers

The 2001-02 officers are here to serve you and every arrowman in Colonial Virginia Council. If you have questions, thoughts or suggestions, do not hesitate to write, call, or e-mail any one of our officers.

On the next few pages, anyone with a name in bold type is a voting member of the Wahunsenakah Lodge Executive Committee (LEC). The LEC makes important decisions about the way the lodge is run. We encourage however, that every brother become involved in the decision making process. If you have suggestions, please contact a member of the LEC or attend the LEC meeting. LEC meetings will be held on the Sunday morning following each Ordeal and on designated dates through out the year. At LEC meetings the floor is open to discussion from all lodge members.

Lodge Chief : **Jason Jackson**

Must be knowledgeable of all phases of Wahunsenakah's program,. Stays in contact with all officers and advisers and ensures they are performing their duties efficiently. Presides over lodge meetings and represents the lodge on the Council, Section and National level.

1st Vice Chief: **Griffen Powell**

Serves as the Chief's "right hand man" and replaces him in the event of his absence. Keeps current on the activities of the following committees: Membership(Ceremonies, Dance, and Elangomats), Service, and Cooking.

2nd Vice Chief of Chapter Operations

Works directly with each assigned Chapter Chief to provide continuity in Chapter operations throughout the lodge. Is a resource person for each chapter. Oversees the Commitment to Community program on the Chapter levels. There are two 2nd Vice Chiefs:

North: **John Kronstain**

Works with Pamunkey, Wicomico, and Piankatank Chapters

South: **Brock Kannon**

Works with Nansemond and Nottoway Chapters

Secretary: **Welton Blount**

Keeps an accurate record of all Lodge meetings and handles correspondence with other lodges in the section as well as an up to date roster of lodge membership and oversees all aspects of OA membership. Keeps tabs on and helps the following committees: Newsletter, Lodge Historian, Web Team.

Treasurer: **Ben Colbert**

Keeps an accurate accounting of the lodge and Chapter funds. Handles the lodges account through the Council Office. Keeps current on the activities of the following committees: Trading Post, Engraving

Immediate Past Lodge Chief: **Alex Petry**

Assists the Lodge Chief as requested. Helps to provide continuity from one year to the next on matters of Lodge business.

Lodge Advisers

Adult advisers provide guidance and continuity to the youth of the lodge. They neither lead nor run the lodge, but are vital in the support and aid of the youth. Each and every member of the OA who is over the age of 21 fits into the category of being an adviser. Those who have specific overall responsibilities to the lodge are:

Adrian Hackett
Staff Adviser

Mike Fry
Assoc. Adviser North

Carl Horne
Assoc. Adviser Secretary

'Mac' Mullins
Lodge Adviser

Bill Spence
Assoc. Adviser South

Chapter Officers

Pamunkey Chapter

This chapter includes Heritage District which covers the city of Hampton and the southern part of Newport News.

Meets on the 1st Wed (except July) at Eaton Middle School.

Chapter Chief: **Matt Stearn**

Chapter Adviser: Dick Barnes

Wicomico Chapter

This chapter includes Chesapeake Bay District which covers Northern Newport News, Southern York County, Gloucester and Matthews Counties.

Meets on the 2nd Thursday at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church.

Chapter Chief: **Brian Stroup**

Chapter Adviser: Mike Allen

Piankatank Chapter

This chapter includes First Colony District which covers Williamsburg, Northern York County, and James City County.

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Williamsburg United Methodist Church at 7:00 PM.

Chapter Chief: **Zack King**

Chapter Adviser: James McReynolds

Nansemond Chapter

This chapter includes Colonial Trail District which covers the city of Suffolk and Isle of Wight County.

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Oakland Christian Church at 7:00 PM.

Chapter Chief: **Will Randall**

Chapter Adviser: Tommy Gehring

Nottoway Chapter

This chapter covers Siouan Rivers District which includes the cities of Emporia and Franklin and the Counties of Brunswick, Greenville, South Hampton, Surry and Sussex.

Has a rotating meeting schedule to accommodate the length of the district. Contact your OA representative or Chapter chief for up to date information.

Chapter Chief: **Jonathan Helmer**

Chapter Adviser: Scott Culpepper

Lodge Committees

Lodge committees are a great way for each person in the lodge to get involved in the activities and leadership of the lodge. If any committee strikes you as fun or interesting, contact that committee's chairman and he will help you get involved in that aspect of our lodge.

Ceremonies Team

Recruits and trains ceremonial teams, instructs members on appropriate ceremonial costumes, keeps ceremonial grounds in good condition, and conducts ceremonies and rededications for the lodge.

Committee Chairman: **Matt Auth**

Committee Adviser: Gordon Duey

Elangomat Committee

This committee recruits and trains arrowmen to guide candidates through their ordeal. The elangomat is a friend, and each one leads and is responsible for a small group of candidates from their arrival at camp until the completion of the Ordeal ceremonies on Saturday evening.

Committee Chairman: **Justin Basham**

Committee Adviser: Mike Stearn

Cooking Committee

This committee develops the menus for Ordeal weekends and prepares and serves the meals. On occasion they are asked to assist with meals for other lodge events. They run the dining hall.

Committee Chairman: **Jason Stroup**

Committee Adviser: Bill Ayers

Camping Promotions

Develops plans for camping promotions presentations in consultation with the council camping committee. Develop the "Where to Go Camping Guide" and any other aids to assist the chapters in their unit presentations.

Committee Chairman: **Brian Burnham**

Committee Adviser: Clarence Terry

Engraving Committee

This committee provides a valuable service to the lodge and council by producing name tags of various sizes during Ordeals, Conclaves, and other functions.

Committee Chairman: **Geoffrey Williams**

Committee Adviser: Chet Luck

Newsletter Committee

This committee provides the communications for the lodge by producing a quarterly newsletter and information for the Lodges web page (<http://www.cvcboscouts.org/oa>).

Committee Chairman: **Carl Young**

Committee Adviser: Alex Wiatt

Trading Post

This committee provides memorabilia such as Lodge flaps, patches, books, etc. for sale at each of the Lodge functions. In addition, it is responsible for acquiring designs for the various lodge items.

Committee Chairman: **Adam Wallis**

Committee Adviser: Barry Green

Service Committee

This committee sees to it that the service projects for the council camp are identified and organizes the work parties to get them accomplished.

Committee Chairman: **Mike Stearn**

Committee Adviser: Bobby Wallis

Dance Team

This committee studies and learns more about our Native American Heritage and shares with us what they have learned through authentic dance.

Committee Chairman: **Nate Brown**

Committee Adviser: Ron McQuigg

World Wide Web Team

This committee assists in sharing news and information to the lodge members and others who are interested, through the use of the Internet by keeping an up to date web site at www.cvcboscouts.org/oa

Committee Chairman: **Justin Billings**

Committee Adviser: Milton Skolaut

2002-03 Lodge Program

Wahunsenakah's 2002-03 Goals

- 1- Provide service for the 2003 SR-7A Conclave
- 2- Strengthen and improve the Brotherhood Conversion Committee to increase the Brotherhood Conversion rate.
- 3- Establish a strong Troop OA Representative program
- 4- Obtain Quality Lodge
- 5- Promote increased communications through the Lodge Web Page, Duck Calls
- 6- Increase participation in lodge events to 50% participation rate
- 7- Increase the number of brothers that pay their dues on time
- 8- Promote the honor flap/honor membership program
- 9- Increase inter-committee cooperation and camaraderie
- 10- Improve the service the lodge provides to camp
- 11- Promote improved Beaver Day communications and participation
- 12- Increase the opportunities for fellowship at all lodge functions.

Lodge Calendar

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Aug 11	'03 Conclave Planning Meeting, 3 PM, NN Scout office LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Aug 23-25	Summer Ordeal
Sept 7	Beaver Day
Sept 8	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Oct 5	Council of Chiefs
Oct 13	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Oct 25-Oct 27	Fall Fellowship
Nov 10	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Nov 16-17	Vigil
Dec 7	Holiday Banquet

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Jan 12	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Feb 1	Council of Chiefs
Feb 9	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Feb 21-23	Winter Ordeal
Mar 9	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Apr 6	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Apr 25-27	SR-7A Conclave, Wahunsenakah Lodge, Camp Chickahominy
May 4	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
May 16-18	Spring Ordeal, Lodge Elections
Jun 7	Lodge Officer Intro to Leadership and LEC Meeting
<i>The following dates are tentative until confirmed at the Lodge Officer Intro to Leadership meeting each June</i>	
Jul 13	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Aug 10	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Aug 22-24	Summer Ordeal
Sep 14	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Oct 4	SR-7A Council of Chiefs
Oct 12	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Oct 24-26	Fall Fellowship
Nov 9	LEC meeting 5 PM, NN Scout office
Nov 15-16	Vigil
Dec 13	Holiday Banquet