



Summer/Fall 2023

We celebrate our 50th Anniversary

50 years ago, the Swatara and Minqua Lodges merged to form Wunita Gokhos Lodge. For those 50 years, our Lodge has recognized thousands of Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

Our Lodge has developed leaders with the willingness, character, and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our community and nation.

Over the 50 years, ur Lodge members have provided thousands of hours of service to our camps, established life-long friendships, and had fun.

We hope you will join us in celebrating this milestone at our 50th Anniversary Celebration Event on Saturday, September 23 at Camp Mack. This is the same weekend as our Fall Ordeal & Service Weekend. Festivities begin at 1:00 PM and will run until 10:00 PM.

From our Lodge Chief:

Since our last newsletter we have completed a very successful "OA Month" where we held our fellowship weekend at Camp Mack, inducted our new vigil class, held spring ordeal at Camp Bashore where we cleaned up camp from the winter, we held our annual banquet at Camp Mack where we had a great night of celebrations and fellowship, and most recently we traveled to Hawk Mountain scout reservation to attend Section E11s Conclave with the 4 other local lodges. At Conclave we came home with numerous trophies and memories. Wunita Gokhos is very proud and excited to announce that our lodge's 1st Vice Chief, Simon Bowen, was elected as Section Vice Chief and Mr. Jim Castanzo has assumed the position of Section E11 Advisor!

Looking forward we have been preparing for our 50th anniversary this fall. The celebration will be held at our fall ordeal in September. Expect a lot of fellowship, food, and fun!

We continue to have a great year ahead of us and a significant milestone for our lodge! I hope to see you all at our Fall Ordeal and Fall Work Day!

Yours in Scouting,

Maguire Younes, Lodge Chief

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2023 Lodge Executive Committee

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Lodge Adviser's Message

Congratulations to our newest Ordeal and Brotherhood members for your efforts at Spring Ordeal; congratulations to our Vigil Honor members, and all of our award recipients from the Banquet! Thank you to our Bashore Camp Chiefs, Ryan Graczyk and Preston Good, for another great summer camp season of call-outs and OA Socials! Congrats also to all of our Brothers who helped the Lodge win in many of the events at Conclave in June! We should be proud of ourselves for representing the Lodge so well at our Section Events by awesome teams and youth leaders! Thank you to Maguire Younes for your service as Section Secretary last year and congratulations to Simon Bowen on your election as Section Vice Chief for this upcoming term!

As summer draws to a close, we turn our attention to Fall Ordeal and all of the planned festivities to celebrate our Lodge's 50th Anniversary. The anniversary committee has been working hard for the last year prepare for a very unique weekend where we'll not only conduct our normal Fall Ordeal activities and service projects at Camp Mack in a condensed format, but also will hold our anniversary celebration. I hope you'll join us and bring your parents, friends, spouses, and OA members that haven't been around in a while! The afternoon and evening activities on Saturday the 24th are open to everyone to come to Camp and enjoy the fellowship of our awesome lodge members. It's going to be a great time for everyone with cool giveaways, our normal silent and patch auctions, a few special presentations, and an incredible lodge feast for dinner.

Last but not least, I really, really hope you think about attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) with the Lodge contingent! We're going all the way to Boulder, CO for this event, and it will be an incredible trip across the country! NOAC is a tremendous amount of fun and you'll get to make new friends from the Lodge along the way. If you are on the fence about going – ask any of our Lodge officers or adult advisers about the awesome experiences they had on their last trip to NOAC. I hope you join us!!!

In service, Eric Shea



YOUR 2024 LODGE/OA DUES ARE DUE NOV. 30!

You can pay your 2024 dues on-line at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow

Lodge Committee Leadership

New and current members of our Lodge are strongly encouraged to participate in lodge activities. If any member, youth and adult is interested in serving on any committee, contact any of the committee chairmen or advisers listed below.

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SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

As an acknowledgment to our first 50 years, we decided to pull from the Lodge archive, the masthead and front-page layout from a 1980s Owls Nest newsletter.

Lodge Event Calendar for 2023/2024

Below are the dates for Lodge events and activities for the coming months. ALL members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. As we get closer to the date for these events, we will be including more information in upcoming issues of this newsletter on the Lodge website regarding times, registration and costs (when applicable).

August 2023

Chapter Pool Party	Aug. 22, 6:30 PM	Camp Mack
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September 2023

Fall Ordeal & 50th Anniversary Celebration	Sept. 22 – 24	Camp Mack
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October 2023

Chapter Gathering	To be announced	
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November 2023

Fall Service Day	Nov. 4	Camp Mack
Council of Chiefs (Section)	Nov. 11	Camp Mack

January 2024

LEC Meeting	To be announced	Virtual
Chapter Holiday Party & Gathering	To be announced	

March 2024

Lodge Banquet	Date TBD	Melhorn Manor
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April 2024

Lodge Fellowship Weekend	April 26 – 28	Camp Mack
Chapter Gathering	To be announced	

May 2024

Spring Ordeal	May 17 – 19	Camp Mack
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June 2024

Section E11 Conclave	May 31 – June 2	Camp Mack
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July 2024

NOAC	July 29 – Aug. 3	U. Colorado Boulder
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September 2024

Fall Ordeal	Sept. 27 – 29	Camp Mack
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October 2024

Chapter Gathering	To be announced	
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November 2024

Fall Service Day	Nov. 2	Camp Mack
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Updated Chapter News



Join us for as we update the format and frequency of our Chapter Meetings in 2023!

Our two Chapters, Iron Forge and Susquehanna, will each host two chapter gatherings throughout the year that are open to all Lodge Members,

regardless of where you live or what chapter your troop is in!

Our first joint chapter gathering will be a pool party at Camp Mack on Tuesday, August 22nd, starting at 6:30 PM. Bring your bathing suit and a towel, and hop in the beautiful Camp Mack pool with your fellow Lodge members! Stay tuned for more information about future Chapter Gatherings!

50th Anniversary Celebration

Wunita Gokhos is excited to celebrate our 50th Anniversary on Saturday September 23rd at Camp Mack, as part of our normal Fall Ordeal weekend! Come join us for fellowship, fun, food, and to share great memories from our first 50 years. Celebration festivities will start at 1 PM and will conclude by 10 PM. Can't come for the whole weekend? No problem! Guest passes are available for anyone (do not need to be members of the OA!) that wants to celebrate the 50th Anniversary with the Lodge and cost \$20.00 (includes all activities, evening feast and anniversary patch set). The activities include silent auction, live patch auction, trading post, giveaways, Lodge History display, ceremonies, evening feast and a special anniversary program following dinner. This will be the biggest event the Lodge has held in many years, don't miss out on your chance to celebrate and be part of our history!

See page 5 for Lodge 50th Anniversary Celebration merchandise!

DON'T FORGET YOUR 2024 LODGE DUES ARE DUE NOV. 30!

It's that time of year! Everyone's 2024 dues needs to be paid by November 30, 2023.

It is important that your dues are paid on time. If your dues are not paid, your name will be moved to inactive status and you will not be allowed to attend and participate in OA and Lodge events and you will no longer receive this Lodge newsletter.

Pay your dues on-line at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow



Summer/Fall 2023 Owl's Nest



We Welcome 16 New Ordeal and 36 New Brotherhood Members at Spring Weekend – Recap

Friday, May 19 through Sunday, May 21



This past Spring, our members gathered at Camp Bashore for our Spring Ordeal & Service Weekend.

We welcome and congratulate ALL our new Ordeal and Brotherhood members!

The service our Lodge provided to Camp Bashore during the weekend included replacing the bench tops and adding additional seating at the chapel, campsite cleanup and prep, tent platform reconfiguring, and pool power washing.

Our Brotherhood candidates attended their Brotherhood Workshop to gain better understanding of the Order and their responsibilities as Brotherhood members. As always, our ceremonies team did a great job conducting both Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies for our new members.

The kitchen crew served up their typical delicious and filling meals.

Thanks to everyone who made this a successful and productive weekend!



A Very Productive Spring Fellowship Weekend – Recap

Friday, April 28 through Sunday, April 30

In late April, 60 members of our Lodge gathered at Camp Mack for our annual Fellowship weekend. Saturday morning, we welcomed our newest Vigil members.

During the morning, members performed campsite chores to help get sites back in shape after the winter. Projects included dismantling platforms and salvaging lumber in the Cherokee campsite. At the Seneca campsite, members rebuilt worn and weathered platforms. In the afternoon we held our annual Lodge Leadership Development course (LLD) for our newer members wanted to learn more about how our Lodge functions. As always, we also had a fun team building activity in the evening.

Everyone left the weekend with a sense of accomplishment for the service we provided, appreciation for what we learned at our LLD, and gratitude for the fellowship we shared. It was a great weekend. Thanks to everyone who participated and our cook staff for the effort they took to provide outstanding meals.

Have you been an Ordeal Member for longer than 6 months?

Then you can seal your membership by becoming a Brotherhood Member at the Fall Ordeal Weekend

Sealing your membership in the Order by becoming a Brotherhood member is more than getting a new sash. Brotherhood members have a better understanding of the Order, our Purpose and Mission. We are true servant leaders, and we understand how membership in the Order compliments our membership in our Troop. You set an example of what an OA member is and does.

Earning your Brotherhood membership is not difficult. During the Fall Ordeal, you will participate in a workshop with your fellow Brotherhood candidates to go through some training and group lessons about the OA and our Lodge. Later in the session, you will review what you learned with the trainers. In the early afternoon, you'll participate in the Brotherhood Ceremony when you will seal your membership in our Order.

Deadline for registration is September 8, 2023. Register online at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow.

Lodge Executive Committee and Chapter Officer Elections Being Held at the Fall Ordeal & Service Weekend

Are you interested in stepping-up and taking on a more significant role in our Lodge? There's no better way to help shape and guide the future of the Lodge than as a Lodge Officer. All Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) positions are open to any member, no matter if you are an Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil member.

On Sunday, September 24, at our Fall Ordeal Weekend, we will be holding elections for the following Lodge Executive Committee Officer positions:

- Lodge Chief
- Lodge Vice Chief
- Lodge Second Vice Chief
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Both of our Chapters (Susquehanna Chapter and Iron Forge Chapter) will also be holding elections for our Chapter Officer positions:

- Chapter Chief
- Chapter Vice Chief

To get a description for any of the Lodge Executive Committee or Chapter officer positions and for more information about the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) and Chapters and how both elections work, contact our Lodge Adviser, Eric Shea. Eric's contact information is on page 2 of this newsletter.

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Fall Ordeal & Service Weekend at Camp Mack Friday, Sept. 22 through Sunday Morning, Sept. 24

The Fall Ordeal Weekend is the second of our major service weekends with a very good turn-out which means we have the opportunity to connect with fellow Brothers we might only get a chance to see at OA events. Equally important, it's also a time for us to provide critical service to Camp Mack. Remember, ALL Ordeal, Brotherhood and Vigil members are invited to attend this weekend. Registration due date is September 8, 2023.

During the weekend, we will be inducting new Ordeal members into the lodge; and for those of you that have been an Ordeal member for at least 6 months, we will be conducting Brotherhood training and ceremonies. Register online at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow. We hope to see you there!

And don't forget to bring your HEALTH FORM to the weekend!

50th Anniversary Edition Lodge History Book Available for Pre-Order

In commemoration of the lodge's 50th Anniversary, we have updated our Lodge History Book.

The Anniversary Edition History Book now includes 36 pages chock full of Wunita Gokhos history – from its roots as the Swatara and Minqua Lodges, to our formation back in 1972, and our history over our first 50 years. This will certainly become a collector's item. This hardcover special edition of the history book will cost \$25 and is available for preorder at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow.



2024 NOAC Update

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow and is Scouting's second largest national event. Over 8,000 Arrowmen from across the country will gather for an inspirational and unforgettable experience full of fellowship, training, adventure and fun! During NOAC, Arrowmen will

participate in a six-day conference which includes top notch training sessions, cool recreational opportunities, individual and team competitions, evening shows, and exciting programs.

The 2024 NOAC will be held from July 29 to August 3, 2024 at University of Colorado in Boulder, CO. Arrowmen can travel to NOAC with a contingent from their lodge, or as a staff member supporting the thousands of Arrowmen attending in the conference. Details are still being worked out for the travel aspects of this cross-country conference. However, the tentative plan is for the Lodge Contingent to leave from Camp Mack on Sunday July 28th and return on Saturday August 3rd. The cost of the contingent trip will be \$750, plus airfare, and will include shirts, patches, event registration, and a few other cool things!

Wunita Gokhos Lodge will likely be limited to the number of spots we are able to fill at the Conference and NOAC 2024 will likely sell out. If you are interested in attending with the contingent, you should register via the Lodge registration page at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow before October 1st. You must submit a refundable deposit of \$150 with your registration. Once the Lodge receives its final participant quota, the NOAC Selection Committee will convene to select those members that will represent the Lodge at NOAC 2024. Lodge members, both youth and adult, will be selected based on their commitment to the Lodge, Scouting background, and the required youth to adult ratio. Any Arrowmen not selected will have their \$150 deposit refunded. We will do our best to accommodate all requests to attend the conference, however, we will likely be limited in the number we can take with the Contingent. We will also maintain a waiting list if we do not obtain enough initial roster spots.

If you are interested in attending NOAC 2024, but are concerned about the cost of the event, please reach out to Eric Shea, Lodge Adviser, before October 1st to discuss your situation directly.

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WUNITA GOKHOS 50TH ANNIVERSARY PRE-ORDER ITEMS

Celebrate the Lodge's 50th Anniversary with anniversary merchandise.

Pre-Order 50th Anniversary Merchandise and pick it up at the Lodge's 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sat., Sept. 23, 2023 at Camp Mack.

Place your pre-order online at: padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow

Pre-Order deadline is Friday, September 1.



BSA Medical Forms Required on ALL Lodge and Section Weekends!

This is a reminder that official BSA Medical Forms are required for all OA weekends for all participants.

Although activities on OA weekends are not comparable to high adventure trips, sometimes people get sick or injured -- a nasty cut finger, a fall causing a swollen foot. We want to take the necessary precautions and be ready for that quick trip to the hospital for an x-ray or a few stitches. Should something happen, the Lodge health officer will need your medical form

so your parents or guardian can be contacted, and the health care providers have your current medical information.

If you have a current medical form, there is no need to get another physical, simply make a copy of your form and bring the COPY to the weekend. You can get the copy of your medical form back at the end of the weekend. Medical forms not picked up at the end of the weekend will be shredded. Since medical information can change, the Lodge does NOT keep medical forms from event to event. We want to ensure we have current information.



2023 Unit Election and Summer Camp Call-Out Recap

This past winter and spring our Lodge Election teams conducted in-person elections at 49 units throughout our council. At summer camp, our ceremonies team participated in seven call-out ceremonies.

In all, 83 youth were elected, and 11 adults were nominated into the Order. We look forward to welcoming our newest members at the Fall or Spring Ordeal Weekends.

We would like to offer a big THANK YOU to our 2023 Summer Camp "Camp Chiefs" Preston Good and Ryan Graczyk. They did a great job coordinating the call-outs this year. They ensured the ceremony principals knew their lines, contacted unit leaders as they arrived in camp to confirm that those elected would be present at callouts, built the campfires, cared for the regalia, and collected call-out forms after each ceremony. These responsibilities were in ADDITION to their normal duties as camp staff members. Each ceremony included the ceremony principals who memorized their lines and added the drama that makes our call-out ceremony so special. Finally, we recruited over 70 piters (helpers) who were critical to the callouts. Thanks to everyone involved. Because of these individuals, we continue to have the reputation of conducting one of the best callout ceremonies in our Region.

We'll see you all next summer!

2023 Lodge Family Banquet

On Sunday, May 7 at Camp Mack, our Lodge recognized our members with several annual awards including the Lodge Officer's Awards and Arrowman of The Year Awards.

The Lodge also gave special recognition to Beth Katz and Maguire Younes with the Founders Award. Introduced at the 1981 National Order of the Arrow Conference, the Founder's Award recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for Arrowmen who demonstrates that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

We also recognized Ben Wohlberg with a James E. West Fellowship. The Lodge contributed to the Council's endowment fund as a way to recognize Ben's years of dedication to the Lodge and the Scouting program.

The Lodge would like to thank Simon Bowen for again serving as the Banquet Chairman and for all of his efforts putting together a great event!



Troop OA Rep Position

The Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth serving his troop as the primary liaison to the troop's lodge or chapter. He meets the unit's needs by providing a communication and programmatic link to and from all Arrowmen, Scouts who are not presently members of the Order, and adult leaders. These efforts are meant to assist the unit and its members in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, and at the same time fulfilling the lodge's role in the Strategic Plan of the Order of the Arrow of being an integral part of the council. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

If you are interested in becoming your troop's OA Rep, talk to your unit leader about how you can help.

You can find even more information about the Troop OA Rep position by going to this link on the National OA website: <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/troop-representative>

Arrowmen of the Year - Youth



Landon Ford, Maguire Younes, Sam Davis

Founder's Award



Beth Katz, Maguire Younes

Lodge Officer Award



Tristian Stark

Arrowmen of the Year- Adult



John Cook

James E. West Fellow



Ben Wohlberg



Fall Service Day Sat., Nov. 4 at Camp Mack

If you are looking for reason to get out and enjoy the crisp fall weather, have some fun, and help Camp Mack get ready for the winter, come to our Fall Work Day! We will gather at 8:00 AM at the Maintenance Building. We'll spend the day cutting and splitting firewood for units to use during the winter camping season, and a few other projects around camp! The Lodge will provide lunch for volunteers. Register online at padutchbsa.org/programs/order-of-the-arrow. We hope to see you there!

Opportunities for New Members

Welcome new members! Congratulations on your induction into the Order of the Arrow or "OA," the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order's first purpose is to recognize those, like you, who have been chosen by your peers as one who exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.

Exciting opportunities for service and leadership are available to you in whatever manner you choose. You now have the opportunity to take part in ALL Order of the Arrow activities including OA High Adventure, local leadership roles, and opportunities for Lodge and community service.

The easiest way a new member can become active in the Lodge is by coming to events. If you come to events, you will be asked to help in some way; as an elangomat or to help on service projects. Coming to events is typically the best way to help you find what you want to do in the Lodge. If you would like to take a more proactive approach, contact a chairman of one of the committees that interest you – their contact information is on page 2 of this newsletter. Each of the committee chairmen will be reaching out to those of you who signed up at Fall Ordeal to get you involved!

Welcome Our 2023 Vigil Members!

This past Spring, five of our members received their Vigil Honor.

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 Lodge would like to congratulate our newest Vigil Honor members Landon Ford, Sam Davis, Brock Ford, Matt Stark, and Simon Bowen

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition is 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: their Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, the Scouting community and our Scout Camps.

Again, congratulations to our newest Vigil members!



Above is the 2023 Vigil Class left to right: Landon Ford, Sam Davis, Brock Ford, Matt Stark, and Simon Bowen

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2023 Section E11 Conclave



During the weekend of June 2nd through 4th, 45 members of Wunita Gokhos Lodge traveled to Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation for the annual Section E11 Conclave. Kittatinny Lodge 5 was an excellent host providing superb activities, facilities, and great meals! The "An Inner Planetary Ordeal" theme added fun to the weekend. Our contingent had a great time in fellowship and fun with the other Lodges in our Section.

Our lodge participated in the Saturday games and competitions and had a strong showing in the volleyball, kickball, and ultimate Frisbee competitions.

During the closing Section business meeting, our Lodge Chief, Maguire Younes ended his term as Section Secretary. Thank you, Maguire, for your outstanding service to the Section. While Maguire finished his term, Simon Bowen, our current Lodge Vice Chief was elected as Section Vice Chief!

In 2024, our Lodge will host the E11 Conclave! We've already begun recruiting volunteers for key positions and we'll be asking all our Lodge members to step up and pitch in to help get ready to host an awesome Conclave for our Section. Our Lodge always hosts an incredible Conclave.

The 2024 Conclave will be held at Camp Mack on May 31, June 1 and 2. The Lodge will be sending out more information and details on how you can help early this Fall.

Lodge Refund Policy

As a reminder, the Lodge has an official refund policy that applies to all events the Lodge hosts. If you register for an event, but cannot attend and cancel before the registration deadline, you will receive a full refund. If you notify us that you cannot attend after the deadline, but before the day of the event, you will receive a refund of your registration fee less the identified food cost for the weekend. If you notify us the day of the event that you cannot attend or just do not show up to the event, no refund will be issued.



Thanks to Friends of Camp Mack for being our 2023/24 Newsletter Sponsor



For over five decades, Camp Mack, has been a place where Scouts of all ages develop skills and friendships that last a lifetime. Camp Mack's goal has been to create a fun and exciting environment where everyone can learn and enjoy the outdoors.

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- Support camp property preservation and improvements via financial, material, and labor donations and fundraising efforts
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