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It's 2024 In Eswau Huppeday!

From left to right, the 2023 Vigil Honor member are David Boggs, Tori Charles, Rob Duncan, Jeremy Fisher, Elliot Gant, Caleb Mulholland, and Shawn Polizzo

IT'S A NEW YEAR... - ALEX FLOYD

It's a new year in Eswau Huppeday, and a new theme too! This year, arrowmen are encouraged to reminisce about their favorite movies and TV shows. Every event will have a different theme, so be sure and attend everything to see them all!

Speaking of themed events, 2024 is going to be a busy year! We have Carolina Indian Seminar, Beaver Day, Spring Fellowship, Conclave, three ordeals, NOAC, and Fall Fellowship! Registration is already open on the website for the full year. And if you're going to attend quite a few events, be sure to buy a 2024 passport!

First off, we have Beaver Day on the weekend of March 2nd. Our very own cook team will be serving lunch on Saturday!

Later in the month, we will have Spring Fellowship on the weekend of March 22nd. Everyone be sure to sign up for a long weekend of fun and fellowship!

Conclave is also close this year, hosted by the Catawba Lodge at Belk Scout Camp, this is about the closest Conclave will get without Eswau hosting it. This year, Conclave will include Paddleless Kayak Racing, a Chariot Race, a Knot Tying Relay, a Boulder Wall, a Canoe Race, a BMX Bike Relay, Ultimate Frisbee, Tug-o-war, and much more! Remember, Caleb is determined to win the Spirit Award this year. So get your Disney themed outfits ready, and bring plenty of caffeine. Because Eswau is on the way!

On the weekend of May 17th, we will have our first ordeal of the year. Remember, you don't have to be an Elangomat to attend. You can always come for a day of volunteering and reminding inductees to remember their vows! In case you can't make it to the May ordeal, we also have ordeals on the weekends of June 7th and August 9th.

That's right folks, NOAC is once again knocking on our door. This year, it's at the University of Colorado Boulder from July 29th to August 3rd. NOAC is full of fun for everyone. This includes training sessions, patch trading, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Finally, Fall Fellowship is scheduled for the weekend of September 13th. This will be the final camping weekend of the year and will be full of fun activities. There will be chapter competitions, amazing food, and more. Also, the Vigil Honor will be bestowed upon several deserving brothers at this time, so be sure to attend!

Lodge Leadership Development and Winter Banquet's date/time are still TBD.

And we can't forget Carolina Indian Seminar! This happened on the weekend of January 19th at Mitchell Community College. There were activities of all sorts – ranging from Pow Wows to Wood Burning to Beadwork to Dance Competitions, there was something fun for everybody!

2023 In Review THE NABBYS – ALEX FLOYD

The 2023 Nabby of the Year Award went to David Boggs for misspelling “Eswau” on Section election ballots. He did this so much, the Section Advisor asked if he knew what Lodge he was from!

However, David wasn't the only Nabby winner. Pepper Smyth made a legendary “your mom” joke, Noah Hocking was gaslit into making bug juice from a mop bucket, Caleb Mulholland broke his elbow in the (newly renovated) gaga pit, Sebreana Pearson almost backed into Kevin Goettge's car, and Zane Mask destroyed a scout's hopes and dreams after dropping the handicraft sign on their pottery project. Talk about embarrassing!

Some honorable mentions include Andrew Salisbury backing into a tree, Ian Miller creating a “Cars 2” quote, and Laci Smith projecting a campfire onto the screen for the Beaver Day campfire program.

This leads one to wonder... What does 2024 hold in store? Be sure to start documenting, and have nominations ready for the 2024 Nabby votes!



Entering 2024

Your new leadership team

Newly elected Lodge Officers at 2023 Fall Fellowship. (Left to right: Tanner Berg, Win Batten, Caleb Mulholland, Griffin Duncan, Camden Majocha, Ian Miller.)

LODGE LEADERSHIP – ALEX FLOYD

Elected Officers:

- Lodge Chief: Caleb Mulholland
- Vice Chief of Program: Tanner Berg
- Vice Chief of Administration: Griffin Duncan
- Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs: Camden Majocha
- Lodge Treasurer: Win Batten
- Lodge Secretary: Ian Miller

Program Chairs:

- Activities Chairman: Wyatt Hager/Amelia Hollar

- Cook Team Chairman: Wade Matthews/George Potts
- Service Chairman: Ben Garmon
- Training Chairman: Kayleigh Jo Hatley

Administration Chairs:

- Communications Chairman: Alex Floyd
- Membership Development Chairman: Patrick Garmon
- Unit Elections Chairman: Shawn Polizzo
- Camp Promotions Chairman: David Boggs

American Indian Affairs Chairs:

- Ceremonies Team Chairman: Sam Williams
- Drum/Sing Team Chairman: Gavin Duncan

Special Committees:

- NOAC Contingent Leader: Cole Majocha
- Vigil Selection Chairman: Elliott Gantt

Chapter Chiefs:

- Nvyaosani: Laci Smith
- Occonoluftee: Wyatt Hager
- Tsungani: Connor Wilson
- Suwali-Nuna: Kaden Oriente

Lodge Advisors:

- Lodge Advisor: David Cody
- Vice Chief of Program Advisor: Tyson Berg
- Vice Chief of American Indian Affairs Advisor: Kevin Gantt
- Lodge Treasurer Advisor: Abbie Teeple
- Lodge Secretary Advisor: Karen Laws
- Activities Advisor: Jacob Hollar
- Cook Team Advisor: Chris Rasmussen
- Service Advisor: Thomas Williams
- Training Advisor: Marty Lowder
- Communications Advisor: Rob Duncan
- Membership Development Advisor: Cris Keener
- Unit Elections Advisor: Junior Sherrill
- Camp Promotions Advisor: Sebrena Pearson
- Ceremonies Team Advisor: Junior Sherrill
- Drum/Sing Team Advisor: Aaron Laws
- NOAC Advisor: Kevin Goettge

Chapter Advisors:

- Nvyaosani Advisor: Paul Seyler-Schmidt
- Occonoluftee Advisor: Rob Duncan
- Suwali-Nuna Advisor: Kevin Goettge

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Chiefly Speaking...

CALEB MULHOLLAND



My dear brothers,

I am very excited to address you all in the first edition of the 2024 Elogamgussit! This newsletter is a long time coming, and I’m thrilled our communications committee has revamped this historical feature of our Lodge program! For the first newsletter of 2024, I want to share with you my vision for the lodge, and what YOU can get out of the Order of the Arrow.

At the beginning of the year, I shared my vision for Eswau Huppeday lodge with the Lodge Executive Committee. We decided our collective vision was “To be the best Lodge in the Section, providing a welcoming atmosphere that trains and equips Arrowmen to return in service to their units. We will strengthen the hearts of our units, by strengthening the hearts of our Scouts.

Together, I now that all of us can make this vision a reality. Together, we CAN make a difference, and we CAN change lives for the better. During 2024, we will hold lots of exciting events and activities that will impact the future of our arrowmen. From Fellowships to Ordeals, we will provide a home for scouts and foster a sense of belonging with each of them.

I’m excited and thrilled to lead our lodge into this upcoming year, and I know that through the principals of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service, we will make this year the best year Eswau Huppeday Lodge has every seen!

Keep the fire burning, friends.



Event Spotlight: National Leadership Seminar

From left to right, Laci Smith, Alex Floyd, Zane Mask, David Boggs, Elliot Gant, and Caleb Mulholland in front of the NLS logo (note that Laci was cold and covered up her uniform).

AN INCREDIBLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY – ALEX FLOYD

On the Weekend of January 27th, EsEAU Huppeday sent 6 arrowmen to National Leadership Seminar (NLS) in Columbia, SC. In addition to Laci Smith, Alex Floyd, Zane Mask, David Boggs, and Elliot Gantt participating in the course, Caleb Mulholland served in a position that we all know him to excel in – the tech guy!

At NLS, the learners gained valuable knowledge on how to better understand themselves, and in turn become better leaders. By the end, they were no longer NLS learners. They were NLS leaders. And you can become a better leader through NLS as well! Sign up for this amazing opportunity today at <https://registration.oa-bsa.org/>.

Ask Nabby

High Adventure Bases

Hey Nabby! I really want to attend Philmont Scoutranch, but I really can't afford it. Is there some way I can attend a high adventure base for less money? Sincerely, "Anyone With An Average Income"

Hello, "Anyone With An Average Income", I hope this newsletter finds you well. Yes, there's still hope for you to attend Philmont! There is a program for Philmont Scoutranch called the Order of the Arrow Trail Crew Trek! This costs only \$450, and

includes 14 days and nights on the trail! For reference, a 12 day Philmont trek will cost \$1575 in 2024, and \$1675 in 2025. Talk about a price difference! Not to mention, a typical trek only lasts for 7 to 12 days, and the Trail Crew Trek lasts for 14! This experience will allow you to hike at Philmont and experience the joy of cheerful service!

This service is also offered for Northern Tier in the form of an OA Wilderness Voyage or an OA Canadian Odyssey for \$325 respectively. The OA Summit Experience at Summit Bechtel Reserve is also available, but only youth between the ages of 14 and 18 may take advantage of this. Unfortunately, the OA Ocean Adventure at Florida Sea Base will not be offered in the year of 2024.

As you can see, the OA offers many cost-effective options to attend a high adventure

base. These services are only available for arrowmen, and many people are unaware of them. Be sure to spread the word! Sincerely, Nabby

If you would like to ask Nabby a question, contact Alex Floyd.



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