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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR LODGE CHIEF

This past year, we had over 1,026 registrations for events we helped sponsor, including CIS and the Camp Day of Service. Our Ordeals alone provided over 1200 man-hours of service to the betterment of Camp Bud Schiele. Last year, over 400 people attended the Camp Day of Service, the largest amount in recent history, if not ever. In total, approximately 2,400 man-hours of service were given at Beaver Day alone. As many will remember, Hurricane Helene devastated our Camp in 2024. By early March 2025, we were still unable to camp, and half the camp was closed due to hazardous conditions. Beaver Day changed that. I could not be prouder of the way our council, and especially our lodge, stepped up to help our camp bounce back after Helene. The work done at the Camp Day of Service allowed Bud Schiele to open much sooner than originally anticipated. The cleanup, preparation, and set up during our May and June Ordeals meant that Camp would operate as it typically does. In fact, we received the comment during our NCAP assessment that had they not known we were hit by a hurricane less than a year prior to that point, they would have had no idea. This is a testament to the service that our lodge and the members of our council contributed to the council. We also purchased a few things for the lodge that benefited the council. We purchased a trailer to help our rangers, Daniel and Jake, haul heavy equipment that helped clean up debris from the hurricane and complete many other projects, like constructing a new parking lot and installing a temporary office at the site of the health lodge that was lost to the storm. We also continued operation of the Schiele's Wheels program at summer camp, which this year included the new addition of remote control vehicles. This is a popular, value-added program offered to the camp at no cost to the council. The lodge purchased all of the equipment necessary for this program and also provided the staff and staff training to be able to run it all week of summer camp.

Perhaps the most valuable service our Lodge did last year was the service we gave to members of our own Lodge. We were able to donate to cover the costs of a memorial service for Ed Detorres, a former lodge advisor, who passed away last year. Another example of the service we gave to our own members is the friendships that were fostered and created in the last year.

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It brings me immense joy to see members from our lodge laugh, talk, play games with, and enjoy spending time with other members from our lodge. We created friendships that extended beyond troop and chapter boundaries, and to me, this is some of the most important service our lodge does. I look forward to seeing the many ways our lodge will continue to provide service and embody the three W's of the Order of the Arrow: Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

Yours in service,  
Griffin Duncan



## BEAVER DAY 2026

Our most recent event was Beaver Day on March 7th. At Beaver Day everyone does service to our camp, Camp Bud Schiele, and helps get the camp ready for summer. At this event there are many service projects going on at once so the work is done faster and it's more efficient that way.

## A WORD FROM ACTIVITIES CHAIR

Eswau Gone Fishing! Be looking forward to awesome fishing patches, shirts, and fishing related games/activities from Spring to Fall. Bring your fish spirit this year at Conclave and I'll catch you there!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH 20 - 22**

**APRIL 24 - 26**

**MAY 15 - 17**

**JUNE 5 - 7**

**AUG 7 - 9**

**SEP 18 - 20**

**SPRING FELLOWSHIP**

**CONCLAVE**

**MAY ORDEAL**

**JUNE ORDEAL**

**AUGUST ORDEAL**

**FALL FELLOWSHIP**

## Why service in the Order of the Arrow is important

Service in the OA is important due to it being the main idea within the program. All the brothers come together to work on service projects all at once. It's not all about service either. Others have made friends that they wouldn't have or have done new things they wouldn't even try without the OA. The Order of the Arrow was created to improve leadership opportunities for others, but its main theme was service. Service can either be a big thing or even just a small project, but it makes a difference to others in some shape or form. During a service project everyone is brought together since they are doing the same task and it makes a connection between them all. The Order of the Arrow sets the main idea of cheerful service and it's shown throughout every service project the organization or even just a stand alone. The service helps improve our daily lives and our communities.

## LODGE COMMITTEES

Over the past year our lodges and committees have been busy helping us run smoothly.

First up are the program committees, these committees help plan the lodge events. One of such committees is the Activities. This committee helps plan the events that occur throughout the year and help design the lodge patches along with the religious service. Another of these is the Cook Team, they plan, cook and serve all the food served at lodge events. Third on this list is the Service Committee. This committee organizes the service projects at Ordeals and Beaver day. They also oversee clean up after activities. Final on this list is the Training Committee, they plan and teach the training cells at lodge events.

There is also the Administration Committees, these do work that is not seen but help the lodge greatly. Communications is one of those committees. They are in charge of publications on the website, newsletters, and the social media posts. They keep the lodge up to date about upcoming events and how past events went. Another one is Membership Development, they plan the ordeals and help encourage people to participate in lodge activities. Furthermore there is also the Unit elections committee, they run all elections throughout the year. Camp Promotions is another important committee. They help make sure camp runs smoothly. They do this by advising camp within the lodge and working on staff. The final committee on this list is History. While this is a relatively newer committee its work is still important. They work on going back through the years and recording events and officers that affected our lodge.

Next are the AIA or American Indian Affairs committees. One of the two is the Ceremonies committee. The Ceremonies committee does the ceremonies at Order of the Arrow callouts, Ordeals, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremonies. The other one is the Drum and Sing committee. The Drum and Sing committee do the music at all the Order of the Arrow events.