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How to Up Your Involvement in Our Lodge - Griffin D.

So you have been in the lodge for some time now, and you are curious about how you can get more involved? Here are several opportunities. First, join a committee. We have ten permanent committees: Activities, Training, Service, Cook, Membership Development, Camp Promotions, Ceremonies, and Drum/Sing. Each committee does something different that might be right for you! If you are more creative, Activities, Communications, and Training may be perfect for you! With Activities, you can help design patches, plan fun games, competitions, and activities, and help brainstorm themes for the next year. With Communications, you can help design newsletters, social media posts, videos, take pictures, and generate new promotional strategies. With Training, you can help plan training cells for fellowships and conclaves. You can either help find fun training cells or make your own.

If you are more interested in interacting with others, Cook, Membership Development, and Unit Elections might be perfect for you! With the Cook team, you will join a fantastic team, make new friends, and serve food to all of your brothers in the lodge. In Membership Development, you can be an Elangomat or Nimat or help our new extended Elangomat program. In Unit Elections, you can help reach out to units to schedule elections, conduct elections, and help encourage those who are elected to come to the ordeal.

If you are more interested in American Indian Affairs, Ceremonies, or Drum/Sing, it may be perfect for you! With Ceremonies, you can perform ceremonies, help with the transition to the new ceremonies, help with the callout ceremonies, and help the ceremonialists with fire cleanup. With Drum/Sing, you can learn new songs, play the drum, learn some history and American Indian cultural traditions, and play at various OA events.

If you are more interested in organizing events, Service or Camp Promotions might be perfect for you. With Service, you can help

brainstorm new service projects and coordinate ordeals. With Camp Promotions, you can help create new Promotional materials for camp, like a program guide, help with camp promotions dinner, and various other initiatives.

Second, become more active in your chapter. Each chapter hosts monthly meetings. You can begin by attending these chapter events, but you can also help plan future chapter events, outings, camporees, etc.

One last potential way to get involved is to promote and attend lodge events. Reach out individually to your friends in the OA, members of your chapter, members of your troop, etc., and invite them to a lodge event you will be attending. While it is always great to make new friends at lodge events, it is also nice to see some familiar faces, so begin by inviting some! Sometimes, members stop coming because they don't feel a sense of belonging, but by reaching out to them, you might help them rekindle their interest in the OA and create a new friend!

Now you have this information, what are you going to do with it? How will you become more involved? If you have any questions about how to join committees, get in contact with lodge leadership, or hear about future lodge events, please reach out to me at eswauchief@gmail.com. Yours in Service,

Griffin Duncan

Word From Our Lodge Advisor- David C.

Brothers
I want to encourage our youth to please learn about the OA High Adventure opportunities. As honor campers, a highlight for all of us would be a trip to one of Scouting High Adventure bases!

<https://oa-scouting.org/high-adventure>

By agreeing to service at the bases, you are able to attend at a reduced rate for a longer time!



One of our Lodge is the conversion to a new induction sequence. While information specifically continues to be withheld until members from our lodge attend a national induction training weekend, we have recently had a FAQ page added to the National OA website:

<https://oa-scouting.org/resources/inductions/new-induction-information>

You may find answers to questions about the steps we will be taking to meet years goal of being ready to induct new members.

Congratulations to our newest Brothers inducted in May and June!

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David C
Lodge Advisor

Word From The Treasurer- Hallie E.

At our August Ordeal, there will be a vote held on a new Standard Lodge Flap. People from our lodge have submitted designs, and I, as treasurer, picked what I think were the best of the designs submitted. (see next page for designs) Another new addition to the store may be socks, this depends on how many from our lodge would buy them and at what cost. These socks would be less than the regular BSA socks and would represent Eswau Huppeday. Newer items at the store include seat pads that are lightweight and come in handy for ceremonies! These seat pads are also great for backpacking. The Lodge Store was also given a bin of patches, which we now sell for \$5. These patches are older, and some are very rare. Come check out the store at August Ordeal and be a part of Voting for YOUR new Standard Lodge Flap.



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OUR CAMP- BLASE S.

Goooooooooooooooooooo morning/evening Eswau Huppeday Lodge! My name is Blaise Shiver, and I am proud to be your Camp Director at Camp Bud Schiele. This summer, we have a lot of new and exciting changes that are coming to camp that we are excited for you to experience. In May, I spoke with our staff on what it means to be "Campers First" and that "Experiences Matter". That is our simple goal this summer. We strive to make sure that everything we do is within the mindset of "Campers First". So, get ready to dance, sing, and be entertained this summer. Already looking forward to 2027? I hope you are! You get a say in what we do at Camp! Look out for a link from your Scoutmaster in order to vote on the Camp Bud Schiele Theme. Results will be revealed in August! WE are also looking to add a new Range and Activities experience, along with a **NEW** High Adventure Program.

Interested in staffing next year, keep looking out for the staff application as it will be LIVE soon! I hope to see you this summer!



BADEN POWELL'S SCHEME- RON THOMPSON

August 9th, 1907. This is a date that many people may be unfamiliar with. This was the date that the first-ever "summer camp" ended. It was on this date that Lord Robert Baden Powell realized that his "scheme" had worked. This is the date that the scouting movement began to grow legs.

Baden-Powell was a military man from Great Britain. While serving in the British Military, Baden-Powell had written a book called "Aids to Scouting." It was a manual that was intended for army scouts to learn outdoor skills. But, when Baden-Powell returned home from South Africa, he found that it was being read by young teenage boys. This fact helped Baden-Powell develop his "scheme."

The "scheme" was tested when Baden-Powell gathered together 22 young men and took them camping to Brown Sea Island off the coast of England. The camp lasted nine

days. The schedule was jam-packed full of outdoor skills and activities, including tracking, pioneering, signaling, and first aid, to name a few. There was also a focus placed on ideals like loyalty, honor, and citizenship. When the nine days were over, Baden-Powell knew that he had something wonderful.

Here we are, 119 years later. We are still going camping. We are still teaching and practicing outdoor skills. We are still dedicated to teaching high ideals. From 1907 to 2026, summer camp has remained the cornerstone of the scouting movement.

As summer is now upon us, scouts from all over are preparing for a summer camp adventure. Summer camping is an experience that will remain with you for the rest of your life. Skills will be taught, lessons will be learned, friends will be made, fun will be had, and memories will be formed.

Here's hoping that your summer camp experience will be a great one.

SERVICE IN OUR LODGE- CARSON W.

Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. In the Lenni Lenape language, this translates to "A Brotherhood of Those Who Serve Cheerfully". Why is service important to our lodge? Each year, we complete many service projects at three ordeals and our Camp Day of Service. Together, we set up more than 260 tents, 520 cots, and mattresses at all the campsites. We move boats to the waterfront, power-wash bathrooms, spread mulch, and so much more. Then, at the end of the summer, we help take down camp. The Piedmont Council relies on our lodge to set up and take down camp. And to make it possible to run the camp. But service does much more than just support our camp. It strengthens us Arrowmen. Working side by side helps us break out of our cliques and build new friendships. and grow as a brotherhood. Through cheerfulness, we become a stronger lodge and better leaders.



UPCOMING DATES

- August Ordeal — **August 7-9th** at Camp Bud Schiele
- Fall Fellowship — **September 11-13th** at Camp Bud Schiele **CIS THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ORIGINAL DATES**
- Rescheduled — **October 9-11th** at Mitchell Community College

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TOP TEN THINGS YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR AT AN OA EVENT

1. It's going to rain all weekend
2. Um, your sleeping bag is in the lake again
3. Work projects will continue through the night
4. Good News! It will only be 101 degrees tomorrow
5. We have ran out of patches
6. I make a motion to amend the bylaws
7. Does this chicken taste furry to anyone
8. That's a good way to get a nabby
9. The path to the ceremonies ring is now a mudslide
10. Your tent is acting like a swimming pool

AUGUST ORDEAL-LOLA THOMPSON

Remember that the August ordeal is coming upon August 7th-9th, and you should attend. We would like to see you there. To all people who got into the OA six or more months ago and haven't earned your brotherhood, please come and take your test. We will be doing service and voting on our new standard lodge flap, so if you want your voice to count, ATTEND. Prepare to have a weekend full of service, fun, and fellowship. We would love to see you there.