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Then click on the OA link to take you to the Lodge Website.



## SECTION CON- CLAVE "KNIGHTS OF THE RED AR- ROW"

This year our conclave is being hosted by Blue Ox Lodge at Gamehaven scout ranch near Rochester, Minnesota. The theme is Knights of the Red Arrow. The dates for this opportunity to connect with arrowman from five different lodges from across the section are September 18-20. So, what do you do at a conclave? There are lots of good training sessions, an authentic pow-wow, games and more fellowship than you can imagine! Come take your place at the roundtable with the Knights of the Red Arrow!



## NOAC '09

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana this year. The official dates are August 1-6, 2009. We are sending a contingent from the Sac-N-Fox Lodge. Nine thousand arrowman gathered at one council fire at the same time, WOW!

## HIGH ADVENTURE WITH THE OA

The Order of the Arrow offers arrowman between the ages of 16 to 20 years of age 3 high adventure opportunities; Wilderness Voyage at Boundary Waters, OA Philmont Trail Crew and OA Ocean Adventure at Sea Base. If you are looking for a unique chance to provide service and have tons of fun at a high adventure base, this is for you. For more information go to: [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Spreading of the Ashes - June 21 at Camp Ingawanis.
- Session I- June 21-27
- Session II- July 5-11
- Session III- July 12-18
- Session IV- July 19-25
- Gathering of the Ashes- July 24/July 24
- Outpost WSR- July 26-31

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## 2008-2009 LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lodge Chief.....	Adam Grayson
Vice Chief of Elections.....	Kieran Cowden
Vice Chief of Ceremonies.....	Grant Stevens
Vice Chief of Communications.....	Ethan Hubbard
Co-Vice Chief of Communications.....	Brandon Nelson
Lodge Secretary.....	Daniel Coulthard
Lodge Treasurer.....	Chris White
Lakeland Chapter Chief.....	Garrot Griffioen
Sun Rivers Chapter Chief.....	Michael Schwake
Twin Rivers Chapter Chief.....	Robert Starr
Wabuha Chapter Chief.....	Allan Busch
Cub Scout Chairman.....	Josh Boehmer
Vigil Chairman.....	Matt Even
OATTR Coordinator.....	AJ Griffioen
Lodge Advisors.....	Tim Cook, Allan Degenhardt, Eugene Even, Russ Even, Rob Grayson, Aaron Hobert, Andy Iehl, Danny Harper, Bruce Merfeld, Bob Paulson, Bill Schmid, Gary Stattler, Scott Toppin, and Cortney Webber.

The most worthwhile thing is to try and put happiness into the lives of others.  
- Lord Baden Powell -

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.  
- Albert Schweitzer -



**OFFICER REPORTS  
LODGE CHIEF**

Fellow Arrowmen,  
My name is Adam Grayson and for those of you who don't know me, I am the lodge chief this year. We just had our spring fellowship and we couldn't have asked for a better weekend, well besides the rain. I just wanted to thank all the people that came and who helped Camp Ingawanis get ready for summer camp. Speaking of summer camp, we are gearing up for another exciting year of camp. I want to invite you all to come to the Spreading of the Ashes on June 21st. This ceremony marks the beginning of the summer ceremonies and is a great kick off to the summer camp season. Also during summer camp the call-out ceremonies will be on Tuesday nights and the induction ceremonies will be on Wednesday nights. I highly recommend going to these ceremonies as you will learn more about the Order of the Arrow by watching the ceremonies you already have been through. To close the camping season there will be the Gathering of the Ashes on July 24th. Here we put the ashes from the campfire into an urn which we will then spread next year. It is an exciting time of year for us in the OA and I suggest that you get involved and get active.

Yours in Brotherhood

Adam Grayson

Lodge Chief.

**TREASURER**

Friday evening, April 17th, 35 Arrow men checked in for Spring Fellowship 2009, some for their first time. The evening was filled with socializing, board and card games, snacks and much fellowship. Another 20 arrived in the morning for a hardy warm breakfast and day of cheerful service and brotherhood. Much service was indeed accomplished including brush cleanup from tree harvesting, wood chipping, and preparing the Trading Post for remodeling. I understand that some unexpected things were also cleared out of the Trading Post. Another real success of the weekend was the Brotherhood workshop conducted by our Lodge Chief. Adam helped prepare 16 to make their conversion to Brotherhood and learn more about our Lodge and Order. This was a great group that did themselves proud. Our traditional Brotherhood hike started right on queue with a light rain. It forced the ceremony inside but did not dampen their spirits. Congratulations and welcome to you all. The evening meal was up to the standards of quality and quantity of Chuck Hogg and his crew, as was all the meals. We really thank the cooks for being so dependable and earnest in their endeavors. They really are always there making the events go smooth. This was followed by an exciting fundraising auction conducted by Steph Becker. Many beautiful and interesting items were auctioned to raise scholarships for the upcoming Wood badge Course. Over \$400.00 was raised thanks to OA taking part. It was great to have at least six female Arrow men share in the Fellowship. They really added to the event and diversity. We encourage all aspects of the Lodge to be active; youth, male and female. This is our Brotherhood. This is what makes our Lodge Fellowships successful brotherhoods of cheerful service. So be sure to get to all our Lodge events. It really is our Lodge. It really is your Lodge. A total of 11 more dues were collected to help support the effort we set each year. If your dues are not yet paid for 2009 please get that \$10.00 in to the office. It is very important as we support camping and strive for quality lodge. Thanks to all who made this Fellowship a success. I was very proud to have been a part of it.

Yours in WWW,  
Lauchsoheen Mallahxit Achgindamen

**SUN RIVERS CHAPTER CHIEF**

Dear Sun Rivers OA members,  
Recently our chapter has finished our OA elections and have had our OA one day of service at George Wyth state park. We got done what was planed for us and more. Unfortunately, we could have gotten more done if we had more participants we only had eight people there to help clear small trees and helped paint the shower house. Now I would like to thank the people who helped me with elections: Bill Schmid, Gene Even, Ryan Rottinghaus, Shane McFadden, Adam Choplin, Steve Schwake, and Stephen Schwake. I would also like to thank all of the Sun Rivers Scoutmasters for their cooperation with getting their elections done. I would also like to thank the people who helped at our one day of service and who helped so we could have a one day of service.

Michael Schwake,  
Sun Rivers Chapter Chief

**VIGIL WEEKEND  
AUGUST 22-23  
WINNEBAGO SCOUT RESERVATION**

All Vigil Honor Members are welcome and Candidates will keep their Vigil this weekend. This will be a time of friendship and fellowship. So come on out and reconnect with the Lodge.

**2009 Vigil Weekend Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Weekend: \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Form to:  
  
 Vigil Weekend  
 Winnebago Council  
 2929 Airport Blvd.  
 Waterloo, IA. 50703



## CAMPING PROMOTIONS

Greetings Fellow Arrowmen,

The 2009 camping season is upon us and it should be a great one too! This year at the Ingawnis Adventure Base should be one of the best ones yet! We have some really cool activities planned for Scouts of all ages!

In addition to summer camp, we offer year-around camping experiences at our Council Camps. But if you're looking for something different, I encourage you to consult the *Sac N Fox Where to Go Camping Guide*. This reference is full of places to camp; state parks, county & private campgrounds and the amenities available at each of these locations. This useful publication is available at each of our Scout Service Centers.

Family Camp is coming up July 3rd through the 5th at the Winnebago Scout Reservation. This is a great opportunity to come and camp in an informal format with lots of fun and fellowship. The pool will be open and all the other fun stuff going on everyday! For more information check out our web page at [www.winnebagoobsa.org](http://www.winnebagoobsa.org).

Hope to see ya there!

Yours in the Brotherhood of Scouting,

Rob Grayson

Mantowagan Ktemque

"Spiritual Beaver"

Camping Promotion Advisor Sac N Fox Lodge 108

### 2009 Dues

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Induction Dates: Ordeal \_\_\_\_\_ Brotherhood \_\_\_\_\_ Vigil \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$10.00

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Mail Form to:

OA Dues  
Winnebago Council  
2929 Airport Blvd.  
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## VICE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS

Fellow Arrowman,

I am Ethan Hubbard and just recently received my Eagle. This is the first issue of the season, which I apologize about but we had some technical difficulties with the smokes. So sit back and enjoy these Smoke Signals and if any comments or suggestions please feel free to email me at: [hubby@netconx.net](mailto:hubby@netconx.net)

Yours in Brotherhood,

Ethan "FRED" Hubbard

## TWIN RIVERS CHAPTER CHIEF

Thank you for participating in a successful election season. Your cooperation to this point has made both our lives easier to deal with. I hope to continue having such a positive relation with all of the troops.

Yours in Scouting,

Robert Starr, Twin Rivers Chapter Chief

## 2008-2009 CHAPTER CHIEFS

District	Name	Phone # 1	Phone # 2	E-Mail	Hometown
Lakeland	Garrot Griffioen	(515) 602-333		<a href="mailto:garrbygriffioen@yahoo.com">garrbygriffioen@yahoo.com</a>	Belmond
Sun Rivers	Michael Schwake			<a href="mailto:m.schwake@yahoo.com">m.schwake@yahoo.com</a>	Cedar Falls
Twin Rivers	Robert Starr	(641) 228-8017		<a href="mailto:bobothenerd@hotmail.com">bobothenerd@hotmail.com</a>	Charles City
Wabuha	Allan Busch	(319) 830-6283		<a href="mailto:allanbusch18@yahoo.com">allanbusch18@yahoo.com</a>	Shell Rock

Do you have questions about 2009 elections, whether your dues are paid, when chapter meetings are, or how to get youth from your troop involved with OA? Simply contact your chapter chief and they can get you squared away!

### SUMMER CAMP 2009

Though it seems summer has barely ended, preparations are already beginning for both Cub Scout and Boy Scout in 2009. One excellent way to make new friends, serve the lodge, gain hands-on experience working with kids, and have the adventure of a lifetime is to serve on camp staff at either Winnebago Scout Reservation or Camp Ingawanis.

We are sorry to announce that Colleen Grayson and Carol Meyer will not be returning this year for Cub Camp. But we do have two new leaders, Dave Kuehner as Camp Director and Anne Webber as the Program Director.

Serving as Boy Scout Camp Director (Camp Ingawanis) will be Gary Statler, a lifelong Scouter who served as Camp Director of WSR and Ingawanis during the 1970s. Serving as Program Director will be another familiar face, Ben Hobart.

Staff applications, dates, and leaders guide are currently available on the council website ([winnebagoobsa.org](http://winnebagoobsa.org)). Look for more information about summer camp in upcoming issues of the *Smoke Signals*.

### ORDEAL & BROTHERHOOD

- Ordeal cost will be \$45 with a \$5 late fee if not turned in by May 31.
- Brotherhood will cost \$20.

