



# Flight

## Spring 2020



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Wulapeju Lodge Newsletter: Spring Edition

Wulape-Welcome to the Spring Flight!:

It's crazy to think that we are already almost a year through this season! We as a Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) have been working hard to bring you the most fun and entertaining events this year!

We want to give you a great experience at all of our events from the Chapter meetings all the way up to NOAC! To achieve this great experience we have all been working diligently to give you new merchandise, memes, patches, activities, and anything else you can think of! However, we can't do this by ourselves, we received a lot of this inspiration from the National level's effort at keeping the Order of the Arrow alive and thriving. To see what this fancy new program is, check out page #3. I was also personally inspired by our sister-lodge, Bigfoot, based out of Madison, Wisconsin's Glacier's Edge Council. If you are curious about what I learned when I visited their Winter Banquet, called Yeti-Fest, check out page #5. Just a quick reminder that all of the great Order of the Arrow events coming to you can be found easily to the right.

This LEC is revamping Wulapeju Lodge, making it full of more fellowship, cheerfulness, and service than ever before! I would like to say that I am very proud of the arrowman that I work with and am very excited to be seeing all of our hard work unfold at our future events.

Before I conclude, I would like to thank Jake B., our Vice Chief of Communication, for putting tons of work into this very newsletter. Thank you Jake and keep up the great work.

Also, I insist you read through the whole Flight for an insight on who the Vice Chiefs are and what they are working on, the events that are coming up, and to check out the memes!

Yours in WWW,  
Garrett D.

Wulapeju Lodge Chief

### Officers:

- Lodge Chief  
Garrett D.
- Vice Chief of Activities  
Zander S.
- Vice Chief of Administration  
Jeremiah D.
- Vice Chief of Communication  
Jake B.
- Vice Chief of Finance  
Aidan K.

### Save the Date!

Spring Fellowship	Jun. 5- 7
NOAC	Aug. 3- 8
Grant Pilgrimage	Sept. 25- 27



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## **Vice Chief of Activities**

Hello Wulapeju,

My name is Zander and I am the 2019-2020 Vice Chief of Activities. All is going well and I am very excited to put on the Spring Fellowship and Fall Conclave for you all. The plans are coming together very well and I believe you will have a great and unforgettable time at these events. I'm very excited to see you all there and have a future full of fun. Go Wulapeju!

-Zander

## **Vice Chief of Administration**

I am Jeremiah, I am the Vice Chief of Administration. For the rest of the year I want to focus on getting more trainings done throughout the lodge such as elangomat training, oa rep training, LLD, and many others. I would also like to work with the chapter chiefs to get more trainings done at the chapter level.

## **Vice Chief of Finance**

Hello everyone, My name is Aidan K. and I am the current Vice Chief of Finance for Wulapeju Lodge! I am super excited to be apart of this lodge team and I have a bunch of ideas that I want to pitch to the lodge for the trading post and I want to get lodge belt buckles for the lodge, I cannot wait to see how this year is going to play out, it is going to be a lot of fun!

## **Vice Chief of Communication**

Wow!!! This flight is really jam-packed with some great info so I will keep this short so you can keep reading. I'm Jake, the Vice Chief of Communication and my main goal is to communicate with all of you about everything that is happening in the Lodge. I hope you like what the LEC has been working on recently and I welcome any feedback that you have to improve the Flights!

## **Virtual Elections**

Pursuant to the National Committee the conduction of Unit Elections will be extended until July 1, 2020. The National committee will also allow units to conduct unit elections virtually. If your unit is currently meeting virtually, please contact your Chapter Adviser and set up a unit election. Please email your chapter advisers below to set up a meeting.

Mawat (Wanchanagi) – Denny Johnson – scoutmaster601@gmail.com

WWW (Arrowhead) – Jim Connors - jcnco@tds.net

Gokhos (White Eagle)- Steven Diehl- sefd117@gmail.com

Kishwaukee (Sycamore)- Dan Koleno- dkoleno58@gmail.com

Westassa (Wetassa) – David Hanson- vigilespan@yahoo.com

## OA Thrive

From 2018 to 2019, the Order of the Arrow nationally suffered its most significant membership loss to date of 12,030 people. That's 12,030 missed opportunities, 12,030 lives that we no longer have the opportunity to impact, and 12,030 fewer members of our brotherhood. We are going to bring that decline to a halt.

On October 19th, 2019, the lodge gathered the Lodge Executive Committee and other arrowmen desperate for a change to watch a live nationally-broadcasted Order of the Arrow webinar called OA Thrive. This webinar addressed the issues occurring and gave us three categories to set goals for. These are our goals from OA Thrive:

### Unit Election Goals

- Reach out to the units that have not yet completed their elections over the last three years
- Ensure all units hold elections to recognize and induct scouts
- Create an informational pamphlet and letter to hand to unit leaders after elections

### Induction Goals

- Revamp the lodge's "New Ordeal" pamphlet outlining the lodge and chapter events
- Mail congratulatory letters to new ordeals and their parents
- Make the "Welcome to the OA" part of the weekend more entertaining and informational

### Activation Goals

- Create a new role of "Ordeal Chief" that will mentor our new arrowmen through the year
- Revamp elangomat program to ensure ordeals are knowledgeable of current lodge and chapter events
- Create more engaging and entertaining lodge events while keeping the values of this Brotherhood of Cheerful Service

Will you help our Order thrive? If you are at all interested in more information or an opportunity to help, contact us at: [oyalodgeadvisor@wulapejul40.org](mailto:oyalodgeadvisor@wulapejul40.org)

## Ceremonialists wanted!

Hello everyone my name is Dylan B. and I'm the ceremonialist chair for the lodge; this year I'm looking to have great ceremonies with both old and new ceremonialists. If you're interested let me know through [oyalodgeadvisor@wulapejul40.org](mailto:oyalodgeadvisor@wulapejul40.org). This year I hope to have taught the next generation of ceremonialists which will not only make ceremonies great this year but for the next few years. I can't do the ceremonies by myself please let me know if you're interested.

P.S. only youth within the OA can do ceremonies (21 or under)

## WANTED: Chairmen

We are working our hardest over at the council office and in our homes to give you all the best program that the Order of the Arrow has to offer. However, we are slightly short-staffed and are having to move some responsibility from empty chair positions to other chairs and chiefs that already have their plates full. The chair positions we currently have open are on the next page as follows:



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## Publications:

Do you enjoy reading the flight? Would you like to spice up the lodge pamphlets or handouts? Does making posters, fliers, and brochures a fun thing to do? Would you like to give back to the lodge and gain some experience for life in the process?

If you answered “yes” to any of those questions then the Publications chair is the perfect opportunity for you to help Wulapeju Lodge thrive and have a great time doing so.

## History:

Patches is one of the main reasons many scouts engage in Order of the Arrow or in their council activities. What if I said that we had a chair that would mean directly interacting with every single Wulapeju Lodge patch every created!? As the History chair, you would not only be doing this but also coordinating their departure out of the council office to special events! You would also be keeping records of the crazy, fun stuff that Wulapeju Lodge does! Now if I weren't the Vice Chief of Communications then this is exactly what I would be doing!

Will you help our Order thrive? If you are at all interested in more information or an opportunity to help, contact us at: [oalodgeadvisor@wulapeju140.org](mailto:oalodgeadvisor@wulapeju140.org)

## Memes

When an Ordeal candidate is going through their Ordeal but starts talking



When a normal scouts starts asking where the bathroom is but you are going through your Ordeal and can't talk



Arrowmen after being inducted into the Order of the Arrow



Me: \*cheerfully works hard in silence for one entire day\*

Ceremonialists:



## Hold up, Bigfoot is real!?

Yes, he is and I saw him over at Bigfoot Lodge's Yeti-Fest!

Hey Arrowman,



If you didn't know or it didn't come to mind, there are actually other Order of the Arrow lodges besides Wulapeju! This was a huge culture shock to me when I attended NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference) in 2018, where I discovered that there were almost 300 other lodges! One of these lodges is right above us and stationed right in Glacier's Edge Council's wild urban and rural land; the land where the Bigfoot lurks!

Bigfoot Lodge is home to many personal friends of mine, many of which were made a couple months ago when I attended Bigfoot Lodge's Winter Banquet called Yeti-Fest on January 4th at Ed Bryant Scout Reservation in Mauston, Wisconsin. At Yeti-Fest they had a "Magic" theme which lasted all day long! I was very nervous when I walked in the door cause I only knew their Lodge Chief, Kolden, and Lodge Advisor. However, I was welcomed with tons of smiling faces as scouts were playing the "Magic the Gathering" card game and adults were standing around chatting enjoying some coffee. I was very pleased to be handed a free complimentary "Bigfoot Lodge" coffee cup in which I could fill UNLIMITED HOT CHOCOLATE!!

After filling up on some very tasty hot cocoa, I visited their lodge trading post then attended a couple of their training sessions. They also had some fun activities like a "Magic the Gathering" contest, "Create-A-Spell" Contest (I lost), and a huge Silent Auction. They also held a brotherhood conversion ceremony which was cool to watch because in Bigfoot Lodge they don't actually use regalia like we do, they use their normal scout uniforms! After the ceremony we marched from the middle of nowhere back to the main lodge where I was amazed at the immense redecoration that had occurred over the last hour. Every table had been decorated with small magician's hats, black candles, and tons of playing cards.

This is when the more formal part of the entire event started. There I sat with some friends I had made and Patrick McIrnerney, the Central Region Chief. We had a fantastic dinner with a fancy chocolate-cherry pie. Afterwards, Kolden, dressed up as a magician, started the banquet program. During the program, he made sure it was fun by telling really punny magician jokes. I was very proud because there were so many awards that they gave out. Before wrapping it up, Kolden and his lodge advisor did a trick in front of everyone and his advisor unexpectedly smashed an egg onto Kolden's forehead! Everyone loved it and I could see that a community had developed within the Bigfoot Lodge. Everyone was welcoming of one another and no one ever had a frown on their face.

After a long day came a long drive home at night. I don't know whether it was me being so tired or the high heat I was blasting inside my car to prevent it from fogging up on the inside but I swear I actually saw two glowing eyes in the woods....Bigfoot? Was that you?

I had a great time and can't wait to visit Bigfoot again!

Yours in WWW,  
Garrett D.  
Wulapeju Lodge Chief



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## Canyon Camp

Hiking. Climbing. Kayaking. Just a few of the many things you can look forward to. Canyon Camp spells adventure with its crackling campfires, hilly terrain, Native American ceremonies, and whippoorwill songs at dusk.

Nestled in the Apple River Valley, just 30 minutes from historic Galena, Illinois and known for its strong tradition of excellence for program offerings, you will not find a better summer camping experience. Canyon Camp offers adventures that will last a lifetime. Learn more by visiting our website: [www.canyoncampbsa.org](http://www.canyoncampbsa.org).

Summer Camp 2020 registration is open at [CanyonCampBSA.org/register](http://CanyonCampBSA.org/register). We will be offering five weeks of traditional Scout camping and hope you will join us!

### 2020 Features:

- Opportunity to participate in a wide range of merit badges catering to a variety of skill levels and interests
- Canyon Ranger Program participants have the opportunity to fulfill First Class Requirements, work on skills in areas of camp, attend Pioneer Potpourri activities, and can even earn merit badges
- For older scouts and leaders, the Outdoor Wilderness League (O.W.L. for short) aims to bring high adventure to your week at Canyon. Activities vary from year to year but always aim to challenge you physically and mentally. Keep an eye on the camp schedule for this summer's program!
- Adult Leader Training Opportunities

## Camp Lowden

Camp Lowden is a full service scout camp located approximately 7 miles south of scenic Oregon, IL, on the Rock River.

The mission of Camp Lowden is to help Scouts along their Trail to Eagle while building moral and ethical leadership skills by instilling in participants the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

### 2020 Features:

- Leadership development for all participants through the patrol method and camp wide activities
- Wide range of merit badges catering to a variety of skill levels and interests
- New merit badges, Checkout [www.camplowden.org](http://www.camplowden.org) for details
- First Class Express program (intended for 1st year campers. Provides an emphasis on rank advancement while exposing first year campers to all areas of camp and allowing for the earning of at least 1 merit badge during their first year)
- For older scouts: a bike trip to see wild American Bison, ATV Riders Safety Course, Stand Up Paddle Board instruction going towards the Stand Up Paddle Board Award, and Golf Merit Badge
- Adult Leader Training Opportunities
- Opportunity to complete service projects/hours

Application to be part of camp staff for either camp can be found at:

<https://blackhawk.ihubapp.org/posts/24216/2020-summer-camp-staff-application>