

## Upcoming Events:

- Jun. 3- Lodge Workday 8AM @KSR
- Summer Camp Weeks-  
Week 1: June 18-24  
Week 2: June 25-Jul. 1  
-Wed. Nights are OA  
Nights, and Fri. Nights are Callouts.
- July 31- Vigil Nominations are due Forms available at <https://tiny.caddolodge149.com/info>
- Aug. 5- Summer Bash @KSR
- Aug 17 – Lodge Business Meeting, 7:00pm @Norwela Scout Office

### REMINDER:

2023 dues must be paid to attend and participate in events. Visit <https://tiny.caddolodge149.com/2023Dues> to pay your 2023 dues!

# The Smoke Signal: Spring Edition

Visit our Lodge Website at [caddolodge149.com](http://caddolodge149.com) for more information.

## Highlights:



The **Section G3 Conclave** took place at Camp Perkins in Wichita Falls, Texas this year, and was an amazing opportunity for fun and fellowship for all of our Arrowmen! See more about this event on Page 4!

We took part, in collaboration with Akela Wahinapay Lodge, in our **Lodge Leadership Development** training. This event was a great opportunity for current and future leaders of the Order of the Arrow! See page 2 for more photos.



Congrats to our Spring Ordeal Class of 2023! We had an amazing time celebrating your induction into our Order at our **Spring Fellowship**! See more on Page 3!

## Social Media Links

Want to stay updated on the latest events and news? Follow us on our Social Media Platforms!



@oacaddo149

Here we post Reminders, Updates, and photos from recent events as Posts and Stories.



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Here we also post Reminders, Updates, Highlights, as well as any Documents or Files that are made available to our Arrowmen.



Our newest program, Slack, is what we use for all of our communication between Arrowmen and the various committees and teams within our lodge. Here, we post any and all information about various events, reminders, and photos. The link to join this platform is <https://tinyurl.com/OACaddoSlack> or you can scan this QR Code:



## Lodge Leadership Development



In February, Arrowmen from our lodge, as well as Akela Wahinapay Lodge took place in a joint Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) Weekend.

Three of our Arrowmen, Ben, Rachel, and Mr. Alexander, led training courses to help our leaders and future leaders in developing their own leadership styles and learning methods to help them with their leadership. Youth from Akela Wahinapay taught us classes about Ceremonies and Dance and put on a “mini powwow” which allowed the youth to demonstrate what they had learned.

Our Section Vice Chief at the time, Ben H, also joined us, and gave a special Section G3 presentation to promote the upcoming Conclave. Overall, this was an amazing experience full of excitement and fun, and we look forward to doing it again next year!



## NLS/DYLC



**The National Leadership Seminar (NLS)** is a weekend conference aimed to enhance the leadership skills of the OA's key youth and adult members as they work to prepare themselves to become better leaders both inside and outside of the Scouting program.

**The Developing Youth Leadership Conference (DYLC)** is made to deepen an advisor's capacity to develop youth leadership within the lodge. This includes fostering a growth mindset, promoting resilience, providing constructive feedback and many more beneficial topics. The dates for all NLS/DYLC Seminars can be found at <https://oa-bsa.org/program/national-calendar>.

**Due to an increase in price, the Lodge will now pay \$225 of the \$280 cost. The closest Conference will be held in Dallas on Nov. 10-12.**



## Lodge Trading Post

Summer is almost here, and we know of just the place to buy some super stylish and comfortable outerwear: **The Lodge Trading Post!**



The Lodge Trading Post is a way to help support our Lodge and look cool doing it. You can find shirts, vests, jackets, hoodies, hats, and even a backpack that will help show your support for our Lodge.



To purchase this awesome merchandise just visit: <http://caddo.sgtradingpost.online/>

## Spring Fellowship

We appreciate all of our Ceremonialists for performing this Spring. Congratulations to Rachel and Angel for earning their Black Sashes for their continued service to the team.



We had a total of 492 service hours to Kinsey thanks to the leadership and guidance of our Elangomat Team. We are so grateful for all that they do to ensure that our Ordeal Candidates are able to join our Order.

Thank you to all of our members who attended. We had a total of 17 new Ordeal Members and 5 new brotherhood members. We had some amazing food thanks to our wonderful cooks as well as some fun and fellowship.



More photos from Spring Fellowship can be found at <https://caddolodge149.com/fellowships/>.





Mr. Altimus, our Lodge Advisor, became a member of the OA in the late 60s. Within our Council, he was a board member for a number of years, was appointed by the board to be the Council President for 3 years, was VP of Properties for several years, and is currently serving as VP of Endowment and also as the Lodge Advisor for Caddo Lodge. When asked what his favorite memory from either the OA or Scouting was, he replied, "Scouting provided me with leadership, values, and outdoor skills which I have used all my life." We also asked what he looked forward to seeing in the lodge over the next year, and he said, "Continued growth in the lodge, opportunities for the lodge members to attend various events across the region, continued education and experiences allowing for personal advancement on what each lodge member wants to get out of his/her time in the lodge."

## Section G3 Conclave



Our Section Conclave, which is our Annual Gathering of members from 9 different lodges, was held at Camp Perkins in Wichita Falls, TX. Our Arrowmen had an amazing time getting to take part in Competitions, Training, Fellowship, and Fun!

One Lodge Secretary, Rachel A., was elected to be our 2023-2024 Section G3 Vice Chief. She will represent our lodge as well as the other 8 Lodges in our Section throughout this next year.



Daniel and Andrew had an incredible time competing in ARC Competitions. (left) Amelia performed in the Powwow and won Third Place in Ladies Traditional Dance. (right)





## Reminders:

June 3rd, we will be having a Lodge Workday to help prepare for Summer Camp. It will start at 9AM and go to 3PM. This is a great way to help the Summer Camp Staff as they prepare an amazing program for youth attending our Summer Camp Program this year.

We are still looking for Arrowmen to be a part of our various Lodge Committees! Whether it's Ceremonies, Elangomats, Membership, Communications, Service, or Camp Promotions, we want your help! Each of our Committees is a vital part of our Lodge, and they work year-round to ensure that each area of the Lodge is running smoothly. If you would like to become a part of one of the Committees, each out to the respective Committee Chairs, or to our Lodge Chief.

## Council Events



March 10-12, our Annual Council Cub-o-Ree was held out at Kinsey. Thank you to all of the Arrowmen who served on Staff. The Cub scouts had a great time, and we can't wait to do it again next year!

This year is the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kinsey Scout Reservation**. To help celebrate this occasion, we will be having our annual summer camping season this June. For first year campers, **Kinsey Scout Reservation** is the perfect place to start your Scouting Journey with our high-quality Trail to First Class Program. For returning campers, our Summer Camp offers over 50 different Merit Badges for you to earn and enjoy, as well as fun extra activities such as our Aquatics Program and Shooting Sports Program.



One of the most rewarding experiences in Scouting is serving on **Summer Camp Staff**. It's an opportunity to live Scouting and share your experiences with younger scouts, and work alongside some of the best Scouts our program has to offer. **For those interested in being on Summer Camp Staff, you must be 14 to be a Counselor in Training (CIT) and 15 or older to be a paid staff**

**member.** All staff members can earn merit badges if they wish to do so. If you are interested in being on staff, please fill out the Staff Application found on our website at <https://caddolodge149.com/summer-camp/>.

If you have any other questions, please reach out to **Scott Alexander**, at [ksrsummerprogram@gmail.com](mailto:ksrsummerprogram@gmail.com).

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