

# Panther Press



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## Panther Press November Edition - 2025 !

The Panther Press sends out a quarterly newsletter that gets you up to date on anything Kanwa tho related! Stay tuned in for updates from the Panther Press to make sure you are in the loop! In this months edition we will cover, the Winter Banquet, WCOC, Brotherhood Weekend, Fall Fellowship & FCOC wrap up and much more!

Stay up to date on all things Kanwa tho with our Facebook and Instagram pages!



## Winter Banquet 2026

Arrowmen! Save the date for our annual Winter Banquet that will take place on January 3rd, 2026 at Roma Lodge. This is an opportunity for Arrowmen to gather and reflect on an amazing year. We'll celebrate our 13th anniversary, recognize Arrowmen who have gone above and beyond, enjoy great food, and look forward to another exciting year. Registration for the event is now live on the website and will cost \$30.00! We would love to see you all there!

Be like our past Chiefs and register online today for Kanwa tho Lodge's Winter Banquet! Come celerbate a great year!

Register at: [Kanwatho.org/Winterbanquet](https://Kanwatho.org/Winterbanquet)





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# ORDER OF THE ARROW

Dear, Brother's

I first want to thank all of you that have attended our past couple Lodge events which include LLD and our Fall Fellowship! I know I had an amazing time and I hope you did as well! But if you couldn't make it, don't fret, coming up on January 3rd is our Lodge's Winter Banquet at Roma Lodge, and I would love to see all of you there! This is an evening of fellowship, amazing food, and the chance to recognize your fellow Arrowmen for their outstanding service to the Lodge. Then coming up at the end of January is our Section's G9 Winter Council of Chiefs! This event takes place the 24th-25th and at the Kalahari Resort and Water Park in the Wisconsin Dells! At this event you can help plan for the 2026 Section Conclave! Then after the business meeting, we have the chance to explore the amazing waterpark the resort has to offer! Keep an eye on your email and the Lodge social media pages for more information! Make sure you invite the Arrowmen in your troops to these events! Thank you all!

Yours In Brotherhood,

Kadyn Barsch  
Lodge Chief - 2025/2026





# Trading Post Updates!

The newest item in the lodge trading post are the flannel pants. The pants are 100% flannel in a red and black buffalo plaid with the lodge seal embroidered on the left front hip. We received them just days before Spring Conclave, but they are now available for purchase on the online or at the Winter Banquet trading post at: \$40.00 per pair! We also have 2 brand new Lodge Flaps! (Our Ceremonies Bowl Fundraiser Flap & the Three Harbors Council 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scouting Heritage Museum Flap! These are 2 very cool patches and you should get yours today!



## Chapter Highlight of the Press:

This is Aaron S. he is the Eluwak Chapter Chief! Aaron is a brotherhood member and hails from Troop & Crew 595, out of West Allis in the Aurora District. Aaron has been to countless Kanwatho events and before his Chapter Chief election he was always at every chapter meeting. Aaron also has staffed NYLT and was a Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 595.

“Hello Arrowmen! The Eluwak chapter had an amazing time at our chapter Halloween party. I hope to see you all at our next one! We had fun playing Gaga ball, painting pumpkins, and so much more! I even brought my polaroid camera and took an amazing collage for you all. We hope to see all of our Eluwak Chapter meet again in November and December!”





# Upcoming Chapter Meetings!

Want to get more involved in the OA? The easiest way is to start going to chapter meetings!

You'll meet members from other units in your district, learn about local service opportunities, and have a lot of fun! Going to your local chapter meetings is a great way to get more involved in the lodge! Join us at your chapter's next meeting:

## Eluwak:

Hello Eluwak! The chapter had an amazing time at our chapter Halloween party. We hope to see you all at our next one! We had fun playing Gaga ball, painting pumpkins, and so much more! I even brought my polaroid camera and took an amazing collage for you all. We hope to see more of our Chapter in November! We plan on putting on a Can Drive at the November meeting so make sure to bring non-perishable goods! We hope to see you there!

## (Aurora District)

St. Rita's Church in West Allis – 6:30 p.m.  
November 3, 2025  
December 1, 2026  
January 5, 2026  
February 2, 2026

## (Southern Shores)

Greendale MS - 6:30 p.m.  
November 19, 2025  
December 17, 2026  
January 21, 2026  
February 18, 2026

Tehink Sipu meets on these days at the Greendale Middle School!

Jackson S. our new Chapter Chief would love to see you at our next meeting. If you are in the Southern Shores District (Tehink Sipu), then make sure to follow the Tehink Sipu Instagram page and stay up to date on all things chapter related on our Instagram page!

## Tehink Sipu

## Wikiak Sabbeleu

The Wikiak Sabeleu Chapter is excited to announce their upcoming Thanksgiving Cook-Off, taking place on Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 PM at Somers Fire Station #1. This friendly competition is a great way to share fellowship, showcase your cooking skills, and enjoy the spirit of the season with fellow Arrowmen. They highly encourage all members to participate. Whether you're preparing a dish, helping to serve, or just coming to enjoy the food and company, they appreciate your attendance. Please refer to the email sent earlier in October by Cutler Evans for full event details, including how to contribute. They look forward to seeing everyone there for an evening of good food, good fun, and good fellowship!

## (Red Arrow)

Somers Fire Station No. 1 - 7:00 p.m.  
November 13, 2025  
December 11, 2026  
January 8, 2026  
February 12, 2026

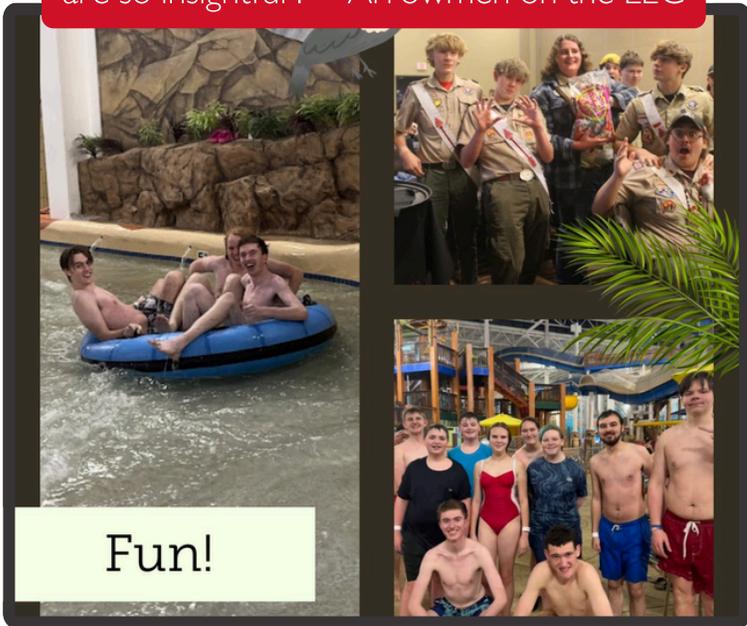




# Section G9 Winter Council of Chiefs!

The Section G9 Winter Council of Chiefs will take place on January 24-25, 2026 at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. We are encouraging all lodge members to join us there. Over 200 Arrowmen typically attend for a day of great training, workshops, and Conclave planning. This is a great fellowship event to network with various Arrowmen from around the section. This is also a unique event because one of our own is in Section Office! Madilynn Puetz our past Lodge Chief is the current Section Chief and would love to see as many Kanwatho Arrowmen at WCOC!

"WCOC is a blast and its my favorite Lodge event! The trainings are the best and are so insightful!" - Arrowmen on the LEC



Fun!

Additionally, the Lodge stays overnight at the Kalahari with waterpark admission included in the stay! \*\*At WCOC 2026 we as a Lodge will be provided brand new information about our ever evolving Order. This summer our Lodge Adviser and Delegate learned and were able to experience the new "Induction Experience" that will soon replace what we call our "Ordeal process". If you want more information about this new Induction Experience and where you can experience it yourself; COME HAVE A PARTY IN THE KALAHARI!! The Overnight night fee is \$110.00 - Conference only fee is: \$35.00. Car pools are available as well. Registration is currently live at:

[www.Kanwatho.org/WCOC](http://www.Kanwatho.org/WCOC)



Winter Council of Chiefs 2025  
Safari at the Kalahari, January 24-26

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Every summer the Order of the Arrow offers five different treks across the four National High Adventure bases. All the treks come at a discounted rate compared to a normal high adventure trip! Each program starts out the same: when Scouts first arrive, they meet other Arrowmen going on the trip and then head out to a worksite where they will volunteer by helping maintain and build new trails that Scouts will use for years to come. Then participants spend the second half of their trip completing a High Adventure program of their choice, planned fully by the crew! No other trips offer the freedom you get when creating your own schedule.

This program is highly recommended for any Arrowmen who want to get out and explore all the High Adventure bases that BSA has to offer at an affordable price, and gain experiences that regular trips never have the opportunity to do. Did you know you can earn Triple Crown award for a discount as well! If you're interested in the program or in signing up, reach out to our SNARE committee at [SNARE@Kanwatho.org](mailto:SNARE@Kanwatho.org) and visit [oa-bsa.org/high-adventure/](http://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure/)



Members seeking to achieve the OA Triple Crown Award can complete any three of the five OAHA programs as long as they do so at three separate bases!





# Fall Fellowship Wrap-Up

Kanwa tho Lodge, thank you for a truly amazing Fall Fellowship! We would like to give another big congratulations to our new Brotherhood and Ordeal members who took the next steps in their induction at Fall Fellowship! They joined other members to clean up and provide service around ODKT and partake in fellowship activities! We would also like to give another shout out to Squire's Pumpkin Patch! They provided Pumpkins for Arrowmen to paint for FREE, they are an amazing business and if you are looking for a Pumpkin to carve you should support Squire's Pumpkin Patch!



## Section G9

# Fall Council of Chiefs

Arrowmen and Advisers from Kanwa tho headed down to the Kane County Cougars Stadium in Geneva, Illinois for Fall Council of Chiefs! FCOC was a fun packed day discussing the new Conclave theme: Conclave in the Heartland! As well as discussing different topics such as the new Induction Experience put on at NCOC. We cannot wait till next year!





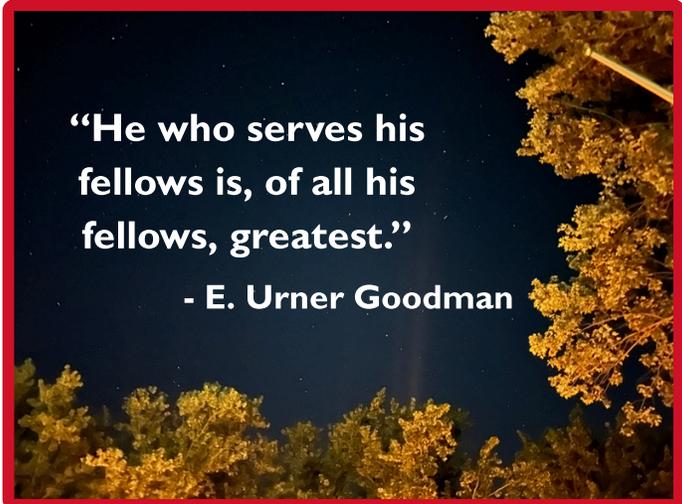
# Choose to Serve Cheerfully.

I've come to realize that the world feels heavier than it used to. It's easy to see the division, the noise, and the exhaustion that seem to sit just beneath the surface of everyday life. People talk less and argue more. Compassion feels like a lost art. And yet—somewhere in all of it—I still believe in the quiet, stubborn power of cheerful service.

To serve cheerfully is no small thing in a weary world. It is not blind optimism or forced positivity. It is an act of courage. It is saying, "I will still choose kindness, even when it's easier to close myself off." It is a conscious choice to bring light into places shadowed by indifference or anger.

Leadership, too, is a choice—an action, not a title. You don't need a position to make a difference. You only need the willingness to act when something needs doing, to listen when someone needs to be heard, to give when others pull back. True leadership is born not from authority, but from compassion; not from status, but from service.

In the Order of the Arrow, we are reminded that cheerful service is our greatest calling. But I think it's also our quiet rebellion against the cynicism of our times. When the world tells us to focus on ourselves, we choose to give. When others complain, we roll up our sleeves. When people grow numb to need, we stay awake to it.



**“He who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest.”**  
**- E. Urner Goodman**

Serving cheerfully doesn't mean pretending the world isn't broken—it means believing that service can help mend it. It's the understanding -that one good act, offered freely and with love, ripples farther than we can ever see. It's the belief that how we treat each other—here, now, in small moments—matters deeply.

When I wear the sash, I'm reminded that cheerful service isn't seasonal—it's a way of being. It's found in the early morning hours at camp, in helping a new Scout tie a knot for the fifth time, or in listening—really listening—to someone who needs to be heard. It's in the choice to act when it would be easier to scroll past, walk away, or assume someone else will handle it.

The world may be troubled, but cheerful service keeps us human. It reminds us that joy and purpose can still coexist with struggle. It invites us to be steady lights in uncertain times. So even now—especially now—choose to lead. Choose to serve. When the world feels heavy, carry your share of it with a cheerful heart. Leadership isn't about how much power we hold, but how much hope we give.

In those who Cheerfully Serve,

*Tyler Gerds*

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Communication Adivser - Kanwa tho Lodge #636

