



# THE NATOWA



Cheerfully Serving The Arrowmen of Kon Wapos Lodge, Bay Lakes Council

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## Calling All Elangomats!

My Brothers,

As I am sure you know, Spring Conference is only a month away! With this in mind, there are a few things which can help make your Chapter's conference go as smoothly as possible:

1. **Be there!** There is plenty of cheerful service to be done to get our Council camps ready for the summer season. Also, there will be food, fun, and fellowship. Register at [www.baylakesbsa.org](http://www.baylakesbsa.org) under Leader Resources à Order of the Arrow.
2. **Be an Elangomat!** Help our new brothers as they undergo the four challenges of the Ordeal. Guide them as a friend, and set an example of cheerful service for them. For more information, contact your Chapter Chief.
3. **Don't Be There Alone!** Invite your Arrowman friends and OA members in your troop or crew to join us! If everyone brings a friend, we can not only accomplish more Cheerful Service, but also have more fun with more Arrowmen.
4. **Bar your sash!** If you are an Ordeal member, and you were inducted at least ten months before your Spring Conference, make sure you sign up to complete your Brotherhood Interview and get some bars on your sash. Talk to your Chapter Chief for more details.

The following Chapters are responsible for these camps:

- Anikwa (KC) and Beshkno (LS) — Camp Rokilio, Kiel, WI (May 30 – June 1)
- Mahwow (NL) and Muk (VY) — Bear Paw Scout Camp, Mountain, WI (May 30 – June 1)
- Mahng (HL) — Camp Hiawatha, Munising, MI (June 6 – 8)
- Mekek (TL) and Witcawa (LL) — Camp Twin Lakes, Waupaca, WI (June 6 – 8)
- Wesmianiw (GW) — Gardner Dam Camp, White Lake, WI (June 6 – 8)

Remember that you do not have to go to your Chapter's conference, and you can always sign up to go to two weekends. Each Spring Conference has a fee of \$20.00 associated with it, and late fees do apply, so register early! Golden Arrow and Silver Arrow members, don't forget to register even though you already paid, and remember you would need to pay for the second Spring Conference you attend.

I look forward to seeing you soon as we enter this new inductions season!

Yours in Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui,

**AJ Reicher**, *Kon Wapos Lodge Nimat/Elangomat Chair*

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### **Spring Conference Registration**

Spring Conference is a Chapter-run event that is held at every Bay Lakes Council summer camp. It's main focus is Cheerful Service. There are opportunities to complete your Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil that weekend. Remember, Golden and Silver Arrow members must still register for the event. All members will be charged the \$5 late fee after the regular registration period (see individual camp registration page for details.)

[Rokilio \(May 30-June 1\)](#)

[Bear Paw \(May 30-June 1\)](#)

[Gardner Dam \(June 6-8\)](#)

[Twin Lakes \(June 6-8\)](#)

[Hiawatha \(June 6-8\)](#)

# CHAPTER REPORTS

## ANIKWA CHAPTER

Our last meeting in April was a success. We had a guest speaker from the District Advancement team, Lynn Bryan, come to talk about the Life to Eagle process. We had more than twenty Arrowmen at the meeting, as well as a number of parents. Don't forget to sign up for Spring Conference! (#SignUp) If you went through your Ordeal last year, it's time to do your Brotherhood. We are also looking for people to be Elangomats at Spring Conference. Please let me know if you are interested, or if you have any questions about Brotherhood. At our May meeting, we will be having a movie night, food and fellowship.

**Ryan Ballering**, *Anikwa Chapter Chief*

## BESHKNO CHAPTER

We will be having a pizza party at our May Chapter meeting. Our Spring Conference is in the works. Our chapter is also planning for the Call-Out ceremony at Lakeshore District's Spring Camporee. Two people from our chapter are already signed up for NLS and NLATS, talk to a Chapter Officer, Adviser, Lodge Officer or Adviser if you want to go!

**Tanner Bolden**,  
*Beshkno Chapter Chief*

## MAHNG CHAPTER

Mahng Chapter has been working on the organization after the merger. Planning for Spring Conference is coming along and we are also working on a t-shirt for the chapter.

**Mahng Chapter Leadership**

## MAHWOW CHAPTER

Mahwow Chapter is well on its way for planning for Spring Conference at Bear Paw Scout Camp. We are also making a Chapter t-shirt.

See you at Spring Conference!

**Jared Kennedy**, *Mahwow Chapter Chief*

## MEKEK CHAPTER

In the past month Mekek chapter began focusing on many of their annual service projects. In April, the Chapter met at Camp Maywood Wilderness for a day of service. We had over 30 people present, and got much done despite the weather. In May, we will be assisting the veterans in Oshkosh in placing flags on the graves of deceased service men and women. Additionally, Mekek chapter is very excited for Spring Camporee, as we have been preparing for the callout, and are excited for it. We are also looking forward to Spring Conference in June.

**Ernie Kretzmann**, *Mekek Chapter Chief*

## MUK CHAPTER

Our next activity is on Thursday, May 8th. It will be at the Rail Road Museum in Green Bay. It is the Boy Scout Community Resource Fair for scouting. We hope to educate other Boy Scouts on what the OA is. Any help from 4-10 would be greatly appreciated!

Please keep in mind the Spring Conference is fast approaching. We need many volunteers from Elangomats to ceremonies team members to just general help. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

The t-shirts are in! Official Muk chapter t-shirts will be on sale at the May meeting. S-XL \$10.00; 2XL \$13.00; 3XL \$15.00. Plan on getting yours on the 10th! Mark Your Calendars! On May 8th Muk Chapter will be having another meeting at Grace Lutheran Church.

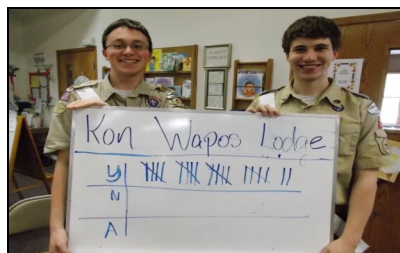
Any questions please feel free to contact me, muk.kon.wapos@gmail.com

**Mike Laes**, *Muk Chapter Chief*

## WITCAWA CHAPTER

At our last Chapter Meeting, we had a game night. Six members were in attendance. We are planning a water station for a half-marathon in Fond du Lac Memorial Day Weekend. Chapter Members from the Fond du Lac area are planning on attending Spring Conference at Rokilio because of the Walleye Weekend in Fond du Lac that interferes with our weekend at Twin Lakes.

**Spencer Starks**, *Witcawa Chapter Chief*



**#ThrowbackThursday** | Now more than a year ago, the combined LEC's of Ag-Im and Awase Lodge met in Marinette, WI on April 6th to decide the fate of the new Lodge. They decided on a name: Kon Wapos. This name will last for years. The combined LEC voted unanimously in favor of Kon Wapos. Pictured left, former Ag-Im Lodge Chief, Rudy Mosca, and former Awase Lodge Chief, Alex Derr hold up a whiteboard displaying the results of the vote.

# National Order of the Arrow Conference 2015

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow, and is Scouting's second-largest national event. Over 10,000 Arrowmen from across our nation gather for an inspirational and unforgettable experience full of fellowship, training, adventure, and fun! This NOAC will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.

Kon Wapos Lodge is currently taking \$100 deposits to reserve your spot for the conference. The conference fee is \$500 plus travel expenses (see below). A payment plan is available and will be announced in June 2014. If you already made a \$50 deposit, only \$50 more is required to hold your spot.

The lodge has just passed the total prices for NOAC 2015 including registration and round trip transportation [leaving Sunday Aug 2 and returning Saturday Aug 9] on a coach bus.

**#SignUp**

**The cost is based on your age on August 3, 2015**

	Under 18	18 to under 21	21 and Over
Registration	500	500	500
Transportation	<u>  5</u>	<u>  30</u>	<u>  75</u>
Total	\$505	\$530	\$575



Our Legacy Rock is complete for the #LegacyProject. A huge thank you to Halquist Stone in Sussex, WI for donating the stone!

**Merchandise available at Spring Conference and Summer Camp**

- Red Kon Wapos Lodge NOAC t-shirts
- 2014 Kon Wapos Activity Set
- OA Bolo
- Kon Wapos Standard Lodge flaps
- Misc. Awase Lodge event patches (Conf, Jambo, etc.)
- NOAC fundraiser patch
- Kon Wapos Award (Cub and Boy Scout)



**Vigil Callout** | At Spring Conclave, the Lodge premiered it's Vigil Callout Ceremony. This ceremony calls out the distinguished youth and adults in the Lodge and prepares them for what lies ahead. Presented in front of the whole Lodge, the four Principles told the now Vigil Candidates of what they have done to be there, and what to expect going forward.

The candidates will complete their Vigil at either Spring or Fall Conference.

# KON WAPOS LODGE

BAY-LAKES COUNCIL #635 WI-MI

## LODGE CALENDAR

### 2014

#### May

10: Rokilio Experience, CSW Rök

18: LEC (teleconference)

30- June 1:

Spring Conference

Rokilio, BPSC

6-8: Spring Conference

Twin Lakes, Gardner Dam,

Hiawatha

#### August

15-17: Fall Conference

Hiawatha, BPSC

17-23: ArrowPower<sup>2014</sup>, Haugen, WI

22-24: Fall Conference

GDC, Rokilio, Twin Lakes

#### September

12-14: Section C-1B Conclave, BPSC

#### October

10-12: NLS/NLATS, Camp Lake, WI

17-19: Fall Conclave, BPSC

(LEC & LBM)

#### November

16: LEC (teleconference)

#### December

7: LEC (teleconference)

## CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION

**Anikwa Chapter**– 1st Thursday of the month, LDS Church, West Bend, 7PM

**Beshkno Chapter**– 2nd Thursday of the month, Lakeshore Tech, Cleveland, 7PM

**Mahng Chapter**– *Contact Chapter Chief, Wes Matteson, for details.*

**Mahwow Chapter**– **NEW\*** 2nd Thursday of the month United Methodist Church,

Oconto Falls, 7PM

**Mekek Chapter**– 3rd Sunday of the month alternating between Zion Lutheran Church,

Oshkosh and Berlin Senior Center 6PM

**Muk Chapter**– 2nd Thursday of the month Grace Lutheran Church, Green Bay 7PM

**Wesmianiw Chapter**– 2nd Thursday of the month, Fox Valley Tech, Appleton, 7PM

**Witcawa Chapter**– 1st Thursday of the month at North Fond du Lac Community Center

7PM

## Lodge Adviser's Minute

We are very fortunate to have some excellent Scout camps within our council. The Order of the Arrow plays a significant role in maintaining and improving the camps. As Arrowmen, we are called to promote camping so we can get Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers to attend our camps. We have a long tradition of providing funds for camperships and materials for projects in the camps. We provide thousands of hours of man (and woman) power to the camps to prepare them for the summer season and make repairs and improvements.

We will be conducting Spring Conferences at 5 of our camps in Wisconsin and Michigan during two weekends in late May and early June. This is your opportunity to help fulfill your promise of cheerful service. We will need many Arrowmen to ready our camps. If you are eligible for brotherhood, consider sealing your membership in the Order of the Arrow. I ask everyone to warmly welcome the Ordeal candidates, who will be new members by the end of the weekend. You can play an important role with the Ordeal candidates by serving as an Elangomat. This is a great way for you to set an example for the candidates about what it means to be a servant leader in the Order of the Arrow. By serving in this special role, you not only benefit the new Ordeal members and the lodge, you will find deeper meaning in your own life about the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

I hope to see you at one of the camps during Spring Conference.

**Mike Mailand**, *Kon Wapos Lodge Adviser*

## Staff Adviser's Minute

This weekend we had our first Spring Conclave as Kon Wapos Lodge. For those of you that did not join us at Bear Paw, you really missed out. The weekend was full of fellowship, training, and a little business too. When many Arrowmen think of lodge gatherings, they think about our conferences. We are out at camp, we have fellowship and business, but the many focus is cheerful service. This is a very important of our Order and our camps, but it's just as important to gather for fellowship at conclaves. To have the full experience of being an Arrowmen you need to have the fellowship with your chapter, lodge, and section, as well as service to your troop, camps, council, and Order.

In just over a month, Arrowmen and candidates with entering our camps and providing that all important service to prepare for summer camp. As for the fellowship of our Order, we will have that as we welcome our new brothers at conferences, during summer camp, and again at our Fall and Section Conclaves. So check out the Kon Wapos page on the Bay-Lakes website to see when these events are so you can have the full experience of being an Arrowmen.

**Mike Alberts**, *Kon Wapos Lodge Staff Adviser*

## Central Region Update

The Central Region is abuzz with new developments this year under the direction of our fantastic Central Region Chief Ricky Angeletti. While we unfortunately had to cancel the American Indian Seminar, we've revamped a lot to strengthen our National Leadership program. We continue to work to prepare our 2015 ArrowTour program, ArrowPower 2014 and of course Section C-1B Conclave! The Region will also be creating a new way to support American Indian Affairs within Lodges throughout the Central Region.

**Alex Derr**, *Section C-1B Chief*

## Where's Waldo? The Flap and Shout-outs!

Our lodge flap is hidden somewhere in the newsletter. Find its location, and send an email to [konwapos.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:konwapos.secretary@gmail.com). Everyone that responds before the next edition is released will get a shout-out in the next edition!

There is an example of what it looks like below.

Nota Bene: The flap is not on a uniform or page three.

Last month's winner: Matt Seidl

Last month's location: Page two, bottom picture on the top half of the page.

Happy Hunting!

**Preston Podolske**, *Lodge Secretary*



## Arrowman B-I-N-G-O at Spring Conclave

At Spring Conclave, everyone had an opportunity to play Arrowman Bingo, a game in their program for the week-end. There were prizes for both youth and adults. Below are the winners for both groups. Congratulations to all!

Youth:

Tyler O. of Beshkno Chapter

Ryan B. of Anikwa Chapter

Jared K. of Mahwow Chapter

William V. of Muk Chapter

Adults:

Jeff B. of Beshkno Chapter

Jeff P. of Mahwow Chapter

Phil W. of Witcawa Chapter

Erick K. of Mahng Chapter

Heide E. of Mahng Chapter

Prizes included play-doh, army figures, and puzzles.

**Preston Podolske**, *Kon Wapos Lodge Secretary*

## Chiefly Thoughts

My Brothers,

In my previous letters throughout the past year, I have addressed the first two W's of order, brotherhood and cheerfulness. Now it is time for me to address the last, and often the most difficult principle to master, service. As we spring blossoms into summer, our Order finds itself in the prime time for service around the lodge and section. Two of the best ways that I can think of spending this summer through service is at a spring conference, and later on ArrowPower 2014. Service does not end when the camp projects are finished, though, there are opportunities every day to serve, which goes along with the Boy Scout slogan of doing a good turn daily. This good turn does not have to be anything over the top, it just means that you went out of your way to serve. Remember brothers, as the mighty chieftain explains, membership in our order is not given for what you have done, but what you are expected to do in the future. This summer, I challenge all of you, go out, serve you fellow brothers, and thus promote and exemplify the third and most important principle of our order, service. I hope to see you all on the trail in the coming months, and I hope you all have a fantastic summer!

W.W.W.

**Alex Pond**, *Kon Wapos Lodge Chief*

## End of the Scouting Year

As most of you may know, the end of the Scouting year is coming fast. With only about a month left, Troop meetings will wrap up and Summer Camp will be here before you know it. But just because this is the end of the Scouting year, doesn't mean the Natowa will end. The next issue will come out on the first Thursday of July, July 3rd, then resume its normal schedule in September. Below is a list of upcoming issue dates.

July 3rd, September 4, October 2nd, and November 6th.

Stay tuned to the Lodge Facebook page for up-to-date information over the summer and heading into the beginning of the next Scouting year.

See you in July,

**Kon Wapos Lodge Communications Team**

## NLS Staff

Last month, I had the opportunity to staff the April NLS in Parkville, MO with three other C-1B Arrowmen. We met great leaders, taught and even learned a bit ourselves. Most of all, I was reminded how important a role NLS can play in the life of an Arrowman. Luckily, Wisconsin will be hosting the next NLS near the Illinois border. I encourage anyone who has never attended this great program to take the lead and go for it. It truly has the potential to change your life for the better.

**Alex Derr**, *Section C-1B Chief*

## LEC Minutes

Have you ever wondered what happens at Lodge Executive Committee meetings? Or you are unable to attend them? Well, I have a solution for you! As the Lodge Secretary, I take notes at the LECs and publish the summary of the meetings (called minutes) every month. Stay tuned to the newsletter and Facebook for minutes from all of the LECs.

[Click/tap here](#) for the April 2014 LEC minutes.

Yours in Brotherhood,

**Preston Podolske**, *Lodge Secretary*

# Scenes From Spring Conclave



# Spring Conclave (feat. Kon Wapos Lodge)

