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DATES

- April 5 - 7 OA Spring Brotherhood Induction
- April 7 LEC Meeting/Drum, Dance, and Ceremonial Practice
- May 4 LEC Meeting/Drum, Dance, and Ceremonial Practice
- May 17 - 19 Conclave at Camp Manatoc
- June 1 LEC Meeting/Drum, Dance, and Ceremonial Practice
- June 7 - 9 OA Summer Service Social
- June 16 - 20 Cub Resident Camp - Details to come
- June 23 - 29 Scouts BSA Resident Camp
- June 30 - July 6 Resident Camp Week 2
- July 7 - 13 Resident Camp Week 3
- July 29 - Aug. 3 NOAC

CHIEF'S CORNER



Hello Menawngihella Lodge, as chief it has been an absolute honor to serve you and serve as the lodge's youth representative so far this year. I'd like to thank every member for their cheerful service at our past events, and hopefully future events. I just have one message, take what you learn in the Order of the Arrow back to your units and teach it to younger scouts, this is one of the most important reasons we have the order.

Thank you,
Nick Joseph, Lodge Chief

TRADING POST

New Merch!

Tees- S-XL:\$20, 2XL:\$23, 3XL:\$25

Belts- \$30

Beanies- \$20

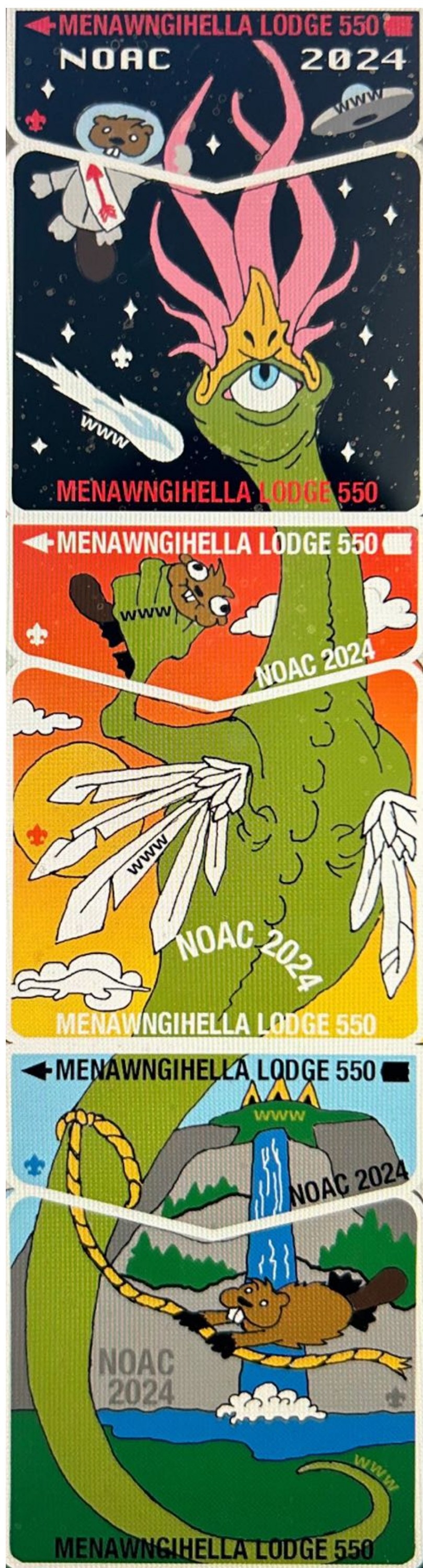




FEATURE: GET READY FOR OUR NOAC 2024 PATCH SET!

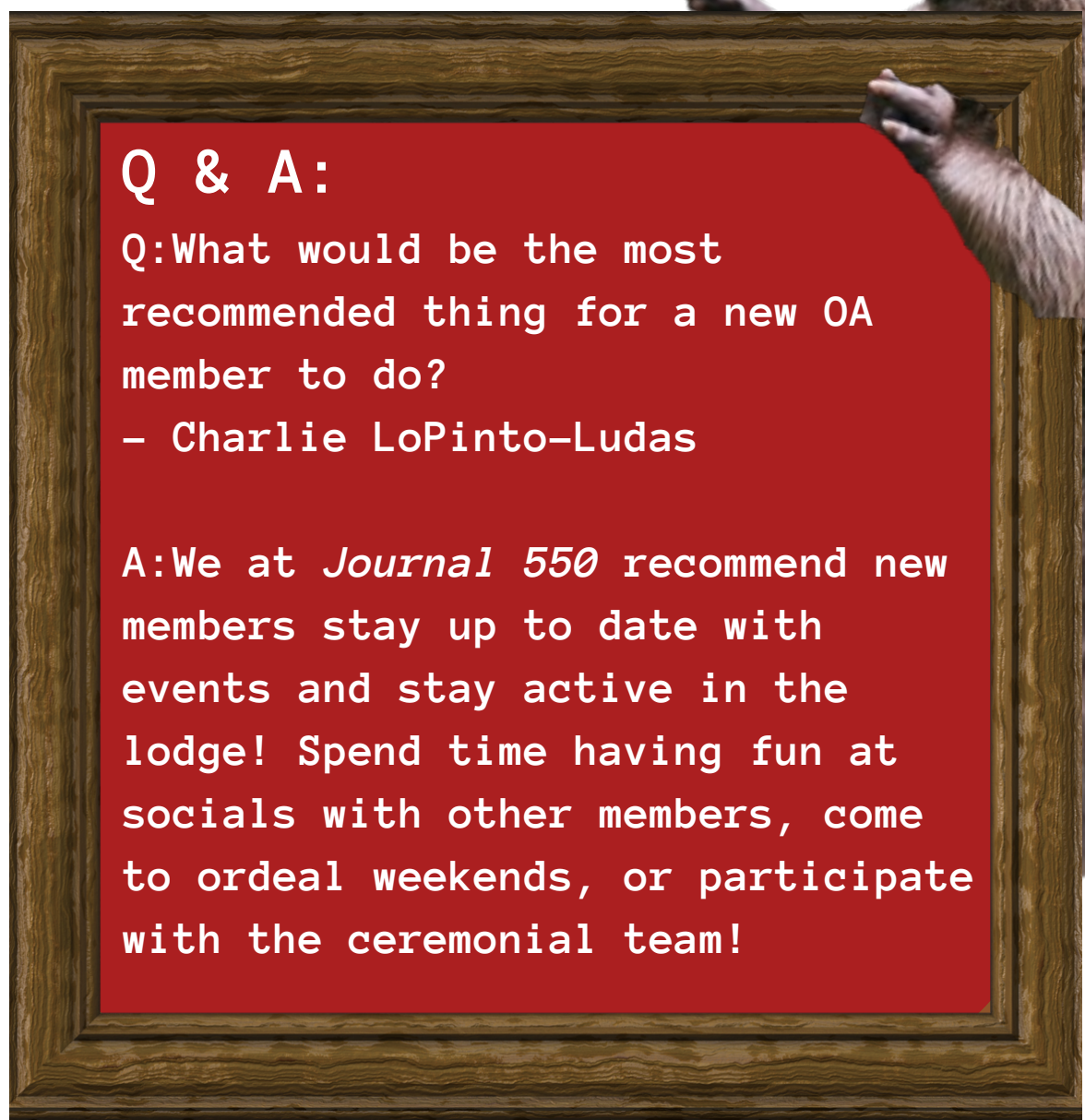
Menawngihella Lodge's NOAC patch design is out and will hopefully be available for purchase soon! As for ordering and pricing details, we don't have them quite yet, so be on the lookout! NOAC 2024's theme "Reaching New Heights" is seen in this three patch set as your eyes follow the Snallygaster, a cryptid from West Virginia and Maryland, and Bucky Beaver, our Lodge's mascot, on their journey up to space! Starting at the bottom in the mountains, then heading up to the sky during sunset, and finally reaching space, the progression of this story is certainly a unique one!

For those interested in ordering and maybe those not yet entirely convinced here are some of the patches features (*Features are subject to vendor approval as they have not yet been confirmed by the vendor themselves, but were asked of the vendor)! In the space patch, the comet, the stars, and the sclera of the Snallygaster will glow in the dark! The UFO will be metallic, and participants (ONLY the people going to NOAC) will receive a special patch set, one with a purple border! A little bit more about the creators and designers, Charlie LoPinto-Ludas and Lorelei Namsupak, created this patch originally with the idea of including Mothman, a log, and a chief. To the left of this paragraph, you can see the comparison, with the original rough draft on the left, and the finalized version on the right. Of course, many thanks to Bob Britten who helped clean up the patch and suggest a focus point!



A picture of Lorelei Namsupak (Left), Bob Britten (Middle), and Charlie LoPinto-Ludas (Right) is shown with them holding the original patch design. In an interview with Charlie LoPinto-Ludas, she made sure to note that "It was super fun and I couldn't have done it without Lorelei." At a later interview with Lorelei Namsupak, she made sure to mention that "It was lots of hard work, but it was all worth it. I'm super happy that I got to work on this with my friend Charlie, she really kept the process moving during the long nights of drawing over call."

WANNA SUBMIT A QUESTION? CLICK THE BEAVER HOLDING THE Q & A BOX!



Q & A:

Q:What would be the most recommended thing for a new OA member to do?

- Charlie LoPinto-Ludas

A:We at *Journal 550* recommend new members stay up to date with events and stay active in the lodge! Spend time having fun at socials with other members, come to ordeal weekends, or participate with the ceremonial team!

LODGE ADVISER SHORT



Our Council is made up of 12 counties and the Order of Arrow brings scouts from all around these counties to interact through fellowship and fun. It has been a pleasure getting to see the youth and adults continue to grow, enjoy fellowship, and have lots of fun together. April 5-7 starts our next journey of new Brotherhoods who will seal their membership and commitment in the Order of Arrow and our Lodge. We are currently in the process of scheduling Unit meetings for OA Elections and Promotions. The Lodge is going to be even more involved with OA nights, service, and call-outs during resident camp. We are the honor society of the Boy Scouts of America and service to others is part of who we are. I encourage as many of you if not all to take advantage of these opportunities and attend these events to strengthen our Brotherhood through many hands. If you have not been as active in the Lodge, now is the time to get back and enjoy why you are a member. I look forward to what this year brings us with fellowship, resident camp, inductions, and so much more!

~ Lori Ludas, Lodge Adviser



Service



Thank you to all those who came to help out and participate at the Empty Bowls event! Service is a great way to participate in the lodge, socialize with other members, and helps more people know about and recognize the OA and the service we do! So, thank you to those who gave up their time to help the community!

SCOTT'S SNIPPET



“Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.” That is just a part of the purpose of the Order of the Arrow. For many decades, the Menawngihella Lodge has done exactly that and inducted countless Scouts and adults to be a part of the “brotherhood of cheerful service.” As we approach the spring and summer seasons when troop elections will take place followed by call-out ceremonies at summer camp, be a voice of the OA in your troop and help others understand the added activities, leadership positions, and service opportunities that come with membership. Members of the Order of the Arrow are some of the best individuals that Scouting has to offer and are examples for others. I’ll look forward to seeing you at an upcoming lodge event or this summer at Camp Mountaineer!

~ Scott Hanson, Supreme Chief of the Fire

