



JOURNAL 550



The official newsletter for the Menawngihella Lodge.



• DATES •



- Sep. 7; 2 - 4 pm
- OA Dance and Drum Practice
- Sep. 15 ; 1pm
- OA LEC Meeting
- Sep. 13 - 15; 6-7pm
- OA Fall Induction
- Sep. 28 - 29; 5pm
- Vigil Weekend & Breakfast
- Oct. 5; 2pm
- OA Drum and Dance
- Oct. 18 - 20; 6pm
- OA Fall Social
- Nov. 1 - 2; 1pm
- OA Patch Trade-o-ree
- Nov. 2; 1pm
- OA LEC Meeting ; OA Dance and Drum Practice
- Nov. 8 - 10; 5pm
- OA Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)



CHIEF 'S CORNER



We are thrilled to welcome 35 new members to our order following a highly successful Induction weekend, which saw over 80 members in attendance. I am incredibly proud of the dedication and hard work of all the volunteers who made this event a success. I'm eagerly looking forward to our next service weekend!

Thank you,
Nick Joseph, Lodge Chief



TRADING POST

Check out our current merch!

Tees– S-XL:\$20, 2XL:\$23, 3XL:\$25

Winter Social Patch 2024– \$5

Lodge Belt– \$30



The two totems Kabeezunk and Bucky, who are featured in the Trade-o-ree patch



After much careful consideration from contest judge Brady Teets, a winner of the Trade-o-ree Patch Contest was picked! Journal 550 congratulates Thessaly Troilo on her awesome patch design and contest win! The patch contest’s theme was “Face Off”, inspired by the Bucky Beaver and Kabeezunk totem that stand in Camp Mountaineer’s dining hall! In our interview with Thessaly, she stated that the patch was inspired by the Buc-ee’s and K-mart logos. When asked about her creative process, she answered saying, “I wanted to choose two opposing sides and thought of the Buc-ee’s logo in the process, which led to me thinking about making the Kabeezunk logo too.”

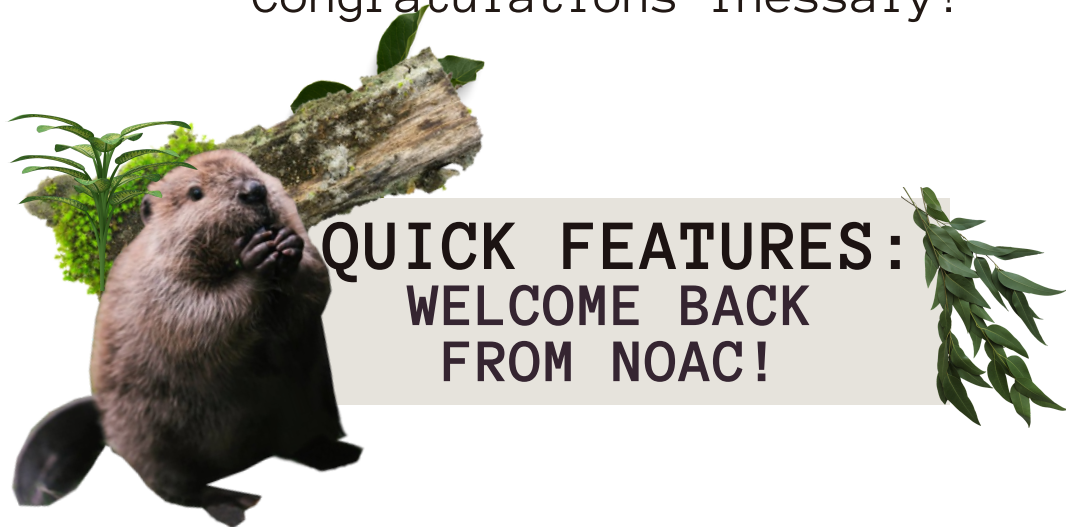
Sadly, Thessaly Troilo has announced that she will not be able to attend the Trade-o-ree, but she wishes all the best in patch trading to those going! During our interview she expressed her excitement for winning and congratulated the other submissions and their artists. We asked if she had any thoughts about the other patch designs that were submitted while she was designing her own, she answered, telling us that she “couldn’t wait to see what the other designs were like!”

When asked if she had a quote, she left us with this: “Good job to the other participants! Lorelei and Charlie’s designs were cool too!”



Thessaly Troilo’s winning design

Congratulations Thessaly!



From July 29th to August 4th, a group of 6 scouts from Lodge 550 went to NOAC! Daniel Flowers, Lori Ludas, Nick Joseph, Lorelei Namsupak, Tyler Garbrick, and Charlie LoPinto-Ludas flew to Denver, Colorado to attend NOAC in Boulder, Colorado! NOAC provided this group with the opportunities to patch trade, win pickleball tournaments, attend parties and shows, participate in educational and informational panels and classes, and more! We asked each participant what their favorite part was, and here’s what they had to say!

Nick Joseph – “ I’m gonna have to say the shows. “

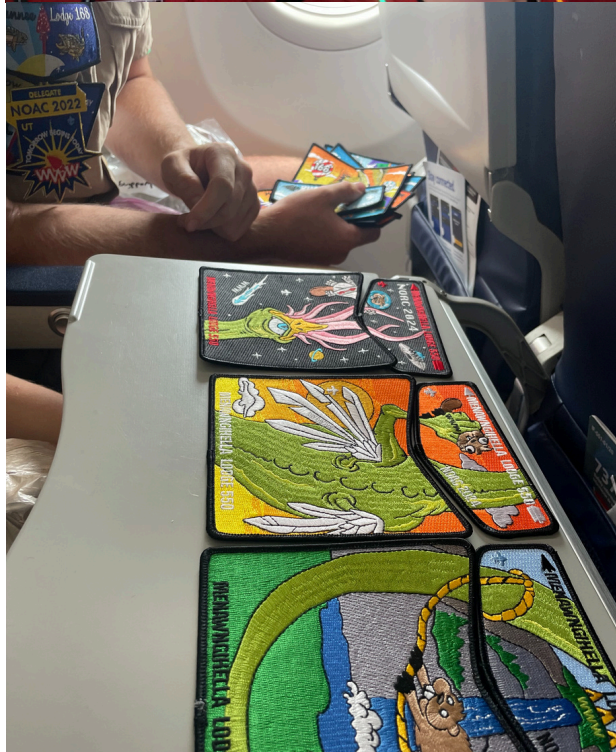
Lori Ludas – “ A couple things: Seeing you all meet all these important people and meeting Julie Seton. “

Lorelei Namsupak – “ I really liked patch trading and meeting new people. A couple other lodges had really good patch sets. “

Daniel Flowers – “ Watching the youth learn new skills and grow! “

Charlie LoPinto-Ludas – “ Making new friends, honestly! “

Tyler Garbrick – “ I liked the shows. “





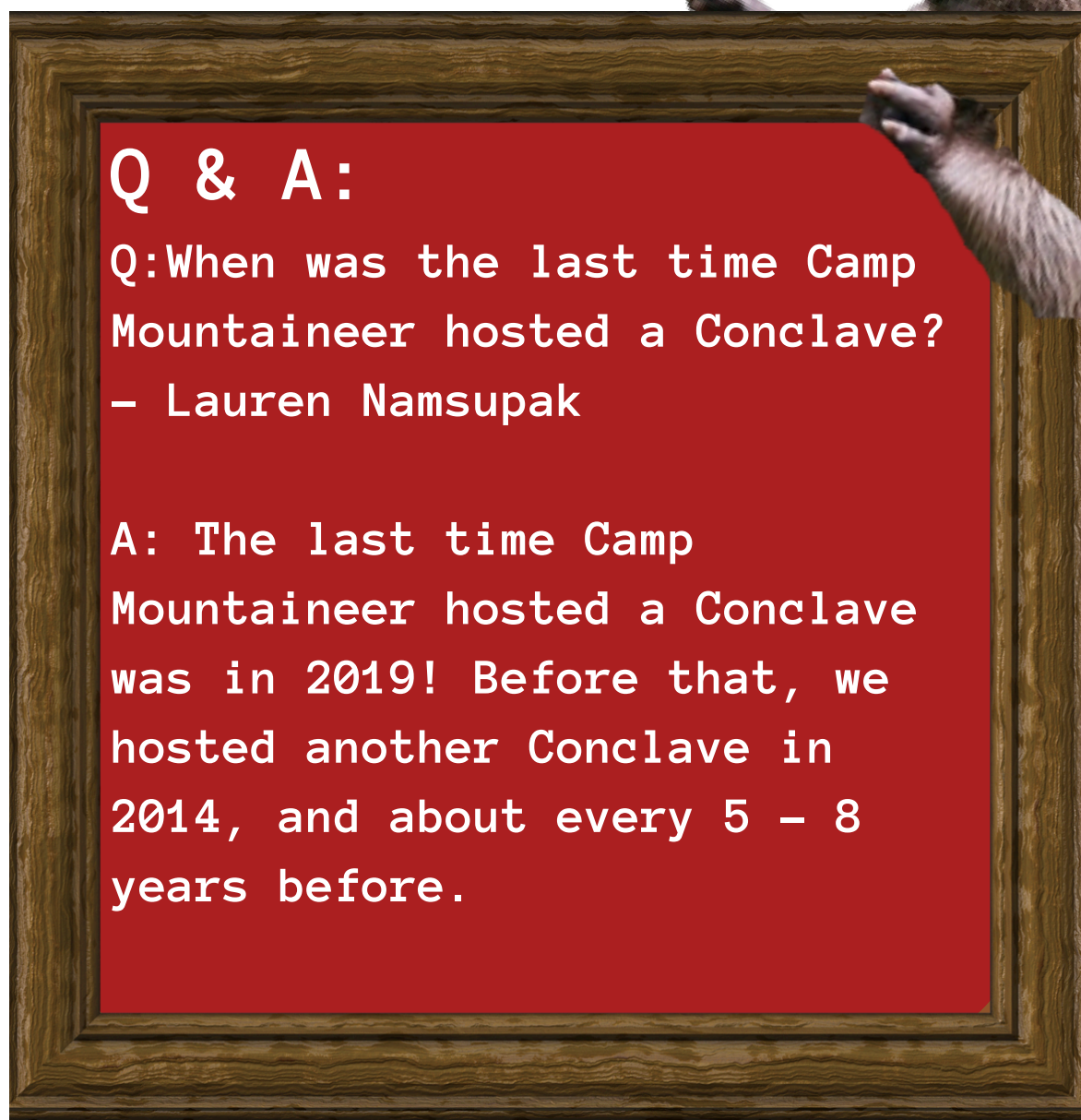
QUICK FEATURES: SPECIAL SHOUTOUT!



“ We are proud to recognize Ana Galvez-Tolia for her remarkable contributions as a member of the Order of the Arrow. Ana demonstrated exceptional community spirit by initiating a fundraising campaign to support renovations at her church. With creativity and dedication, she crafted homemade dog treats and sold them to the congregation, successfully raising funds. Ana's efforts exemplify the values of service and leadership, making her a standout member in our Lodge and community. ”

– Nick Joseph, Lodge Chief

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



Q & A:

Q:When was the last time Camp Mountaineer hosted a Conclave?
– Lauren Namsupak

A: The last time Camp Mountaineer hosted a Conclave was in 2019! Before that, we hosted another Conclave in 2014, and about every 5 – 8 years before.

Service



Thanks for all the hard work done during this past ordeal August 9th – 11th! From trail crew to clearing out old maintenance and everything in between, camp is looking good! Congratulations to our new Arrowmen, welcome to the Order of the Arrow!

Arrowmen,

I enjoyed seeing everyone at the Summer Induction weekend. We had an amazing weekend welcoming 35 new Arrowmen into our Lodge. Lots of smiles and laughter were abundant this weekend. We even celebrated two Arrowmen's birthdays: Miah and Luke. Our next opportunity for fun and service will be in September and I hope to see many of you attend. Congratulations to Ryan, Nick and Luke as the 2025 Lodge officers. I look forward to advising and working with you over the next program year.

A big thank you to Rick, Bev, and Tony for the donated food.

During our Sunday meeting we were presented with an amazing opportunity that the Council VP of Programming reported to us about a pancake breakfast during Geowoodstock in May 2025. All proceeds from the pancake breakfast will go to the Lodge. This is a huge fundraiser potential for us and a great community service. More details to come as we receive the information.

Lastly, I continue to work with our community to do our best in finding a tribe or Native American authority for our Lodge to partner together. I hope to have more direction at our next meeting.

I leave you with this, our Obligation is meant to guide us in our everyday lives. If we apply the concepts everyday, they will lend to our success within the Lodge

Yours in Brotherhood,
Lori Ludas
Lodge Adviser

LODGE ADVISER SHORT



SCOTT'S SNIPPET

The past couple of months have seen fantastic call-out ceremonies at Camp Mountaineer during the summer camp program, culminating with the recent Induction Weekend being the most attended in the last five years with more than 30 new members completing their Ordeal! Welcome to all the new members!

Although cheerful service is a vital part of the Order of the Arrow's mission, don't forget to have fun along the way and grow in leadership and relationships with others in the lodge. I hope to see you all at upcoming events this fall.

Scott Hanson
Supreme Chief of the Fire

