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# SMIL-O-GRAMS

The official newsletter for the Oconomowoc Lodge.

## DATES

Oct. 3-5; 6pm on 10/3 at Sandscrest	OA Fall Fellowship / Officer Elections
Nov. 7-9; 5pm on 11/7 at Sandscrest	Lodge Leadership Development (LLD)
Dec. 6; 5 - 8 pm Location: TBD	OA Winter Banquet
Jan. 10-12, Times: TBD; @ Camp Mountaineer	Winter Social
May 8-10; 6pm on 3/8 at FSSR	OA Spring Induction Weekend
Mar. 27-29; Times: TBD; @ FSSR	OA Spring Fellowship



## EDITOR'S NOTE:



Hello all! My name is Lorelei Namsupak and I'm the editor for *Smil-o-grams*, originally *Journal 550*.

This edition of *Journal Smil-o-grams* has two "Chief's Corner" and two "Lodge Adviser Short" because of our two Co-Chiefs and Co-Lodge Advisers.

The two "Chief's Corner" have been moved to a different page due to lack of space on the front page :-)

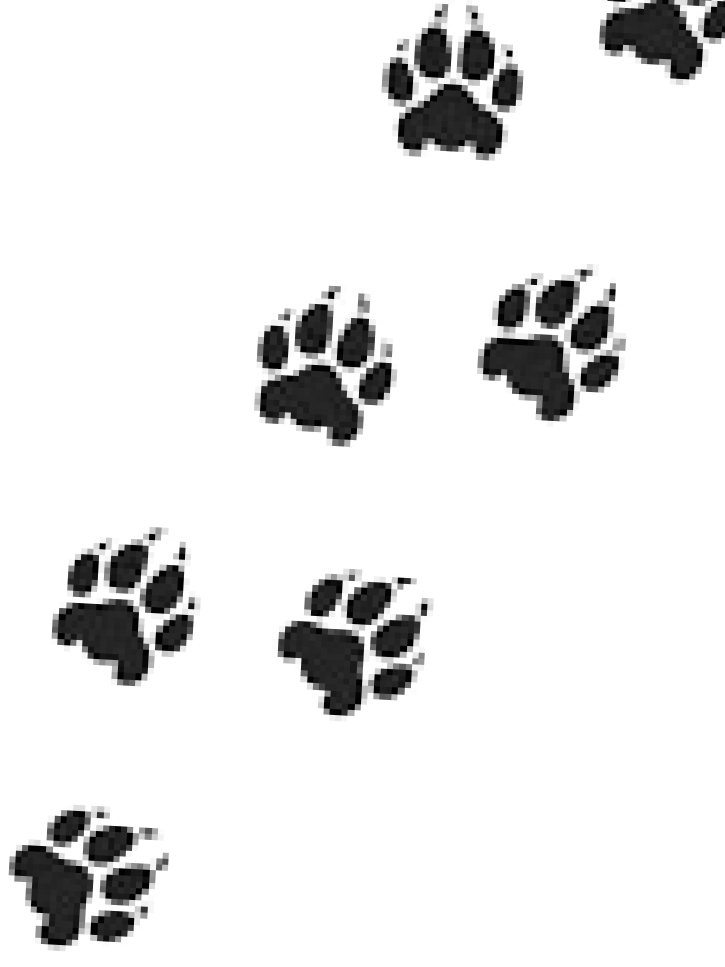
This edition marks the launch of the new "Member Feature" section!

Thank you for reading *Smil-o-grams*, and for your continued support!

## TRADING POST

New t-shirts, stickers, and hats for the new lodge will be available in-person at the OA Fall Fellowship. Items will be available online after the October weekend.





# Member Feature: Allie Castillo



Hi! My name is Alexandra Castillo, and I am the Elangomat Chair for Oconomowoc Lodge! I think the OA is super fun because you get to hang out with your friends and do service for your community! We get to do all kinds of activities with all sorts of different amazing organizations! I think it's really cool to get to be behind the scenes of setting up camps such as Fort Steuben and Camp Mountaineer. I also really enjoy being on the LEC because it's incredibly rewarding to get to plan and coordinate with others to make awesome things happen! Such as induction weekends, service weekends, socials, and more! Being on the LEC is definitely a great way to be more active in the Lodge, so I highly recommend it! Finally, I believe the OA is important because it teaches you how to overcome hardships and challenges. You learn how to persevere even through irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities!



## Service



Thank you to all those who did service this past Induction Weekend on September 12th - 14th. Lots was accomplished that weekend!

Congratulations to those who earned their Ordeal or Brotherhood!

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

**Q & A:**  
**Q:** Where will the next Conclave be held?  
**A:** The next Conclave will be held at Camp Arrowhead in Ona, West Virginia on May 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026!



# CHIEFS' CORNERS

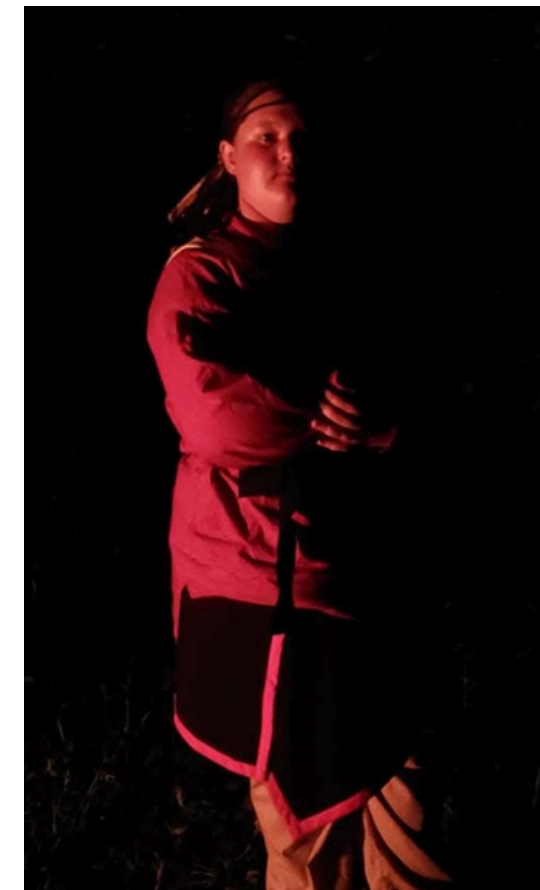
Hello, my fellow Arrowmen!

For those I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is Maddy Yaron, and I am one of the Co-Lodge Chiefs for Oconomowoc Lodge. I am ecstatic for a new beginning together as one lodge. Throughout the next few months, we have many fun events for you!

First coming up quickly is our Fall induction held at Fort Steuben Scout Reservation on September 12-14th. There, we will welcome our brothers, both new and old, while also providing service to our camp. Our next event will be held at Sandcrest Scout Reservation on October 3-5. This will be our Fall Fellowship. This is a social weekend where we will hold fellowship, games, exciting activities, service, and our new LEC elections. You do not want to miss out on this event. Make sure to save the date!

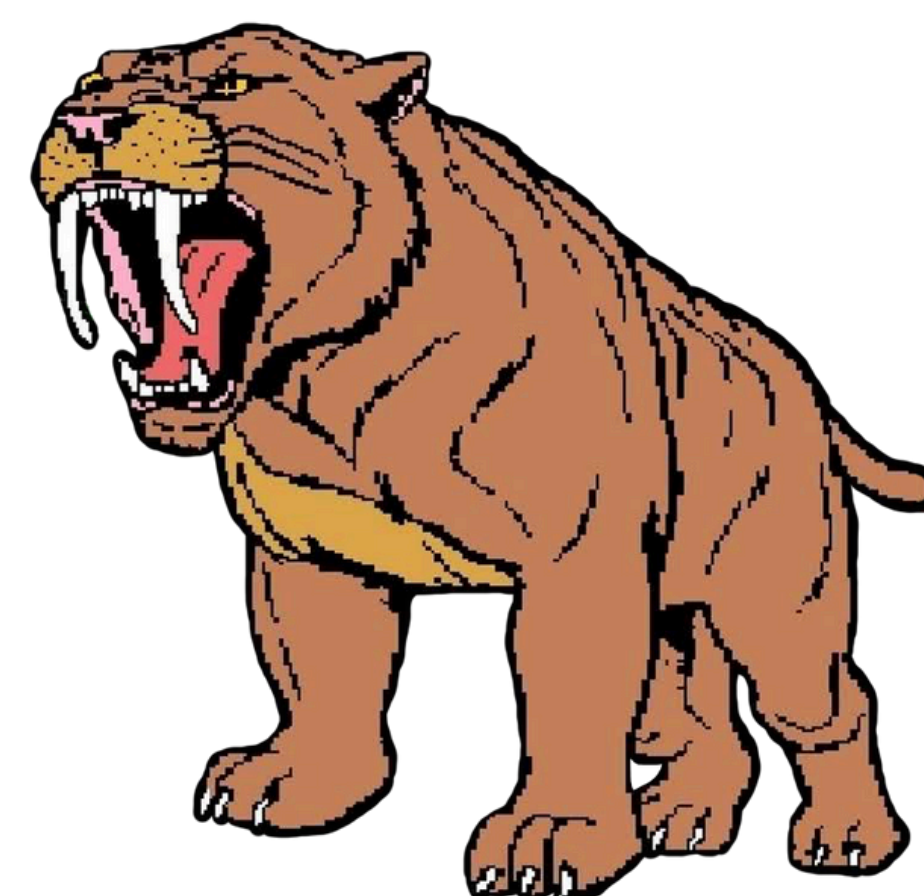
I invite you to join us at these upcoming events. Thank you, and I can't wait to see you there!

Maddy Yaron  
Co-Lodge Chief



Our new lodge has entered an exciting new chapter as we officially merged with Onondaga to form one strong and united lodge. This past weekend we held our very first event together, and it was an incredible success—filled with fellowship, cheerful service, and the true spirit of the OA. I am proud of how our members came together as one, and I can't wait to see all that we will accomplish as we continue to grow in brotherhood!

Ryan Tayman  
Co-Lodge Chief





## LODGE ADVISER SHORT

Seeing over 100 arrowmen come together at the first Oconomowoc Lodge Induction weekend was wonderful! Camp thanks us so much for the service that was completed! I enjoyed watching new arrowmen and senior arrowmen fellowships happen.

We have at least one event each month this year for our lodge. I do hope to see our new inductees as well as all our members attend. Many members will have the chance to visit locations they have never been to such as Fort Steuben Scout Reservation and Sandscrest Scout Reservation.

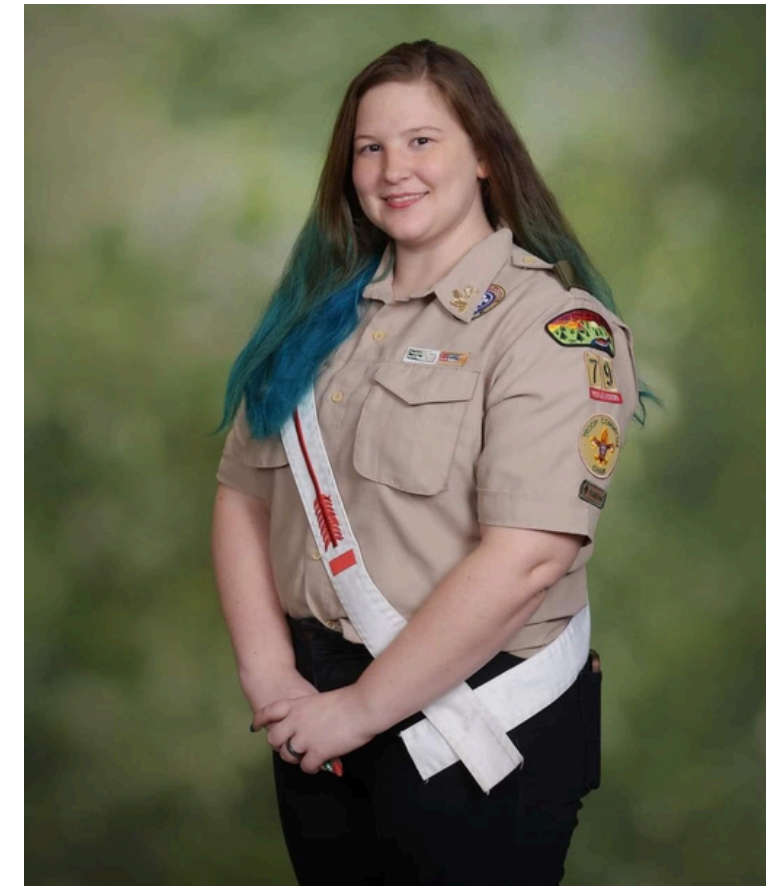
Our lodge has 22 counties and we look to service everyone. Come to the events which typically have a lodge meeting or lodge executive committee meeting that Sunday to give ideas on what type of events you'd like and where you'd like events to happen. Come join a committee and/or just make more friends.

Don't forget elections for Chief, Vice Chief, and Secretary will be happening on Sunday, October 5 at Sandscrest Scout Reservation. Letters of intent to run for Lodge Chief should be submitted to myself and Beth Yaron by Friday October 3.

Lori Ludas  
Co-lodge Adviser



## LODGE ADVISER SHORT



Welcome to the Oconomowoc Lodge! It is so exciting to see that we have built a new lodge that we will get to fill with fellowship and traditions of our own!

With all the changes it can feel very overwhelming but that doesn't mean that they aren't good changes or changes that can't be incredibly positive! It has been a great experience to work with the youth and see the different styles of leadership and communication shine! As we continue to grow as a lodge I hope to see connections deepen and expand as we progress through this process! Each and every member is so important to the betterment of this organization!

Continue to trust and build up one another and I am sure that great things will be in our future!

I look forward to meeting all of you and working with all of you! There are so many things we will get to look forward to together!

Beth Yaron  
Co-lodge Adviser



## SCOTT'S SNIPPET



We have officially begun the next chapter of the Order of the Arrow's legacy in North Central West Virginia and the Upper Ohio River Valley with the founding of Oconomowoc Lodge on August 1.

A total of 221 members have been recognized as the founders of this new lodge and are eligible to receive a complimentary lodge flap at one of the three fall OA weekends.

I am excited to see the Oconomowoc Lodge carry forward the vision of the OA within the Mountaineer Area Council – to be the reason Scouts want to stay in Scouting.

Scott Hanson  
Supreme Chief of the Fire



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