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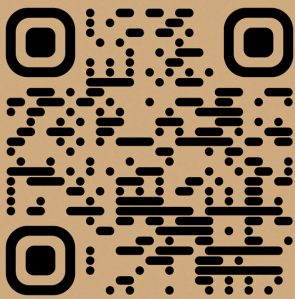
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Lenape Lodge

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Message from the Chief

In the Order of the Arrow, it isn't just youth leadership; it is true leadership. No place is more evident than Lenape Lodge, where young Arrowmen assume the reins to take the lodge toward success. Their leadership infuses energy and fresh ideas into the lodge and gives it a sense of ownership that keeps it vibrant and forward-looking. This dynamic is powered by one simple belief: the lodge belongs to the youth. From event planning to setting long-term goals, the youth do it all. This places youth leaders into the limelight, helping them to develop skills, where they learn how to manage not just tasks but, more importantly, interact with adults and peers. Youth leaders bring a unique dimension. Since they have the best relationships with their fellow Scouts, leaders better know what will interest the members and how to keep them involved. They understand what resonates with their lodge, and their capacity to relate to others on a peer basis encourages an open atmosphere where everyone's creativity is valued. It is this sense of belonging and respect that binds the lodge together in unity and participation. But with all this, youth leadership is not without its challenges: it means assuming leadership responsibility at a young age, juggling responsibilities, making hard decisions, and learning from mistakes. It is these challenges that forge strong leaders who surmount obstacles and drive the lodge toward new heights. Youth leadership is not an obligation, but it is a driving force behind the strength and growth of Lenape Lodge. As more young Arrowmen continue to step up and lead, the lodge's future remains steadfast and promising. The true strength of Lenape Lodge lies not only in its leadership but also in the legacy being built for those who will follow. "Recognize that the hand on your shoulder, like the quiver from which you were drawn, represents those who need you." -Allowat Sakima.



Michael Esimio
2024-2024 Lodge Chief



Come to the next event to see our favorite Banana Chief!

Upcoming Events

Fall Fellowship

- 11/1-11/3/2024

Holiday Bash

- 12/20/2024

Lodge Banquet

- TBD

OA Service Weekend

- 3/7-3/9/2025

Spring Induction

- 3/28-3/30/2025

Spring Fellowship

- 5/2-5/4/2025

OA Service Day

- 6/7/2025

Lodge BBQ

- 6/27/2025

Conclave 2025

- 8/6-8/10/2025

Fall Fellowship 2024

Howdy everybody! If you recently got inducted into our Lodge, then congratulations! The Order of the Arrow is a great program with a lot of amazing benefits that you can take advantage of. Now, I know that Ordeal isn't the most enjoyable experience, but let me tell you we've got a lot more fun stuff in store. We've been hard at work planning our next event, Fall Fellowship! Fall Fellowship will take place at Pine Hill Scout Reservation from November 1st-November 3rd. Saturday morning will feature some brief training to help you become more active in the lodge, while the afternoon will be an incredible fall festival, where you can lasso hay bale horses, make caramel apples and scarecrows, walk through a haunted house, and more! Fellowship is a great opportunity to meet other Arrowmen, learn more about the Lodge, and just have a great time! I still remember my first fellowship almost a year ago. I had just gotten inducted, and I barely knew anybody, but I wanted to get more involved in the Lodge. The training that morning inspired me to serve on the Communication & Technology Committee as well as an Elangomat, and the Arrowmen Olympic activities in the afternoon were a blast. Based on my experience, I can confidently say that Fall Fellowship is an awesome experience that you won't want to miss, so don't forget to sign up!

-Joey P.

Holiday Bash 2024

Arrowmen, mark your calendars for one of the most exciting events of the year! Lenape Lodge is hosting our annual Holiday Bash on Friday, December 20th, at Pine Hill Scout Reservation, and it's shaping up to be a night filled with unforgettable activities, fellowship, and plenty of holiday spirit.

Whether you haven't been to an event for years, or if you were just inducted today, or you just want to enjoy a festive evening, this event has something for everyone. Expect fun games, creative challenges, and maybe even a surprise or two! The Holiday Bash is the perfect opportunity to wind down from the year, celebrate the season, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood that make our lodge so special.

Come out to celebrate the holiday season, and celebrate the 10th anniversary of Lenape Lodge! Included in the event fee is a Special Edition Holiday Bash Patch! Registration opens soon so don't forget to register!

-Daniel S.



Adviser Minute

As we move from summer into fall I want to say how impressed I've been with the speed with which your LEC has taken on its responsibilities. On multiple fronts, at many different levels, your youth leadership team has jumped in with both feet to improve Lodge operations by "getting back to the basics." The LEC has gone from zero to sixty in no time at all. In just 3 months they've set up our new website (have you seen it?), updated our standard operating procedures, and revamped our Lodge rules.

Additionally, they're planning our fall induction weekend, fall fellowship weekend, and the holiday bash. Your LEC has helped me learn so much regarding social media, Google Drive, and more.

Everyone in our Lodge should be proud because over the past month we supported two major Council-sponsored events. At Traumapalooza we helped Scouts learn how to manage first aid "hurry cases," serving as the "victims" while the Scouts were graded on their performance by adult leaders. At Cub Scout Fun Day we ran the concessions stand, raising over \$1200 to support our youth contingent to go to the 2025 conclave in Puerto Rico.

I am grateful to every member who comes out and supports our Lodge. I'm reminded of a conversation that I had last week with some friends of mine. All of them had a child in Scouting. Some earned their Eagle rank, some did not. But each of them asked me why I was still involved, since my kids have aged out. I said for me, it's gratifying to see the youth of the Lodge grow, mature, and expand their leadership abilities. I'm totally awestruck by you!

Keep up the great work. I look forward to seeing you at the fall induction weekend, fall fellowship, and the holiday bash.

-Mrs. Linda Estacio

Associate Adviser Minute

Hello Brother Scouters! As the Lodge Adviser has mentioned, she has been most impressed with the level of maturity and responsibility demonstrated by our Lodge youth leadership. They are going back to the fundamentals to ensure that our Lodge runs more efficiently.

Their leadership is a reflection of the Lodge Adviser's vision to "get back to the basics." It's also an inspiration for us as adult mentors to follow their example! We are steadily achieving that goal. We've asked for and have gotten responses from several adult Arrowmen who will serve as mentors for several program functions, advising the various Vice Chiefs and heads of program activities (Culinary, Ceremonies, etc). Significantly, we have established a Medical Team in keeping with Council guidance to have an organized medical coverage policy and staffing. We currently have seven members and encourage other adult Arrowmen with medical training to join us. But there are more adult coordinator roles we hope to fill in the areas of Property, Fundraising, OA Unit Representatives, Camping Promotion, and Activities/Service. We're also looking for adults to help in other supportive roles. I invite any adult OA brother interested in volunteering to contact me. Remember Allowat Sakima's admonition, "Those who chose you, need you." Thanks for your consideration!

-Mr. Emmanuel (Manny) Estacio



NOAC 2024 Recap- Dan S.

Starting on July 29, 2024, 9 members of Lenape Lodge embarked on their journey to the University of Colorado, Boulder for the National Order of the Arrow Conference, or NOAC for short. Over the course of a week, our Arrowmen participated in multiple trainings, a plethora of games and activities, enjoyed amazing evening shows, and met Arrowmen from around the nation. The fun never ended and the sadness on the way home from the event was real. The Conference would not have been a success without all of the staff members, and Lenape Lodge had 6 staff members go to the Conference for the entire week to work in various areas, including the Trading Post, the Medical Building, the Shows Arena, and many more!



Join the Trading Post Staff! - Joey P

Greetings Brothers! I hope you are having a wonderful day! My name is Joey P. and I am our Lodge Treasurer. As you all know, our lodge trading post is open at Inductions, Fellowships, the Holiday Bash, and plenty of other lodge events. We carry all the luxurious Lenape Lodge apparel you could ever want, as well as patches, bolo ties, stickers, and more. Proceeds from the trading post help to fund lodge events, subsidize Conclave, and much, much more. The trading post is an integral part of our lodge, and now, we need your help! I'm looking to build a team of trading post staff to help with the setup, operation, pack up, and planning for the trading post. If you're interested, please fill out our [Getting Involved Form](#) on lenape8.org or DM me on Slack. Thank you for your time, and I hope you have a great day!

Earn Some OA Awards! - Emelia B.

As all reading this are aware, there are many awards within Scouting. There are nearly 150 merit badges, ranks, palms, and programs that should be an award in itself. Scouting has lots to offer everyone of all ages. As an Arrowman in Lenape Lodge, you can earn the Arrowman Achievement award, Service Chenille Award, Ceremonialist and Ceremonies Supporter Awards, the Elangomat Award, and the Silver Feather Award. All of the Lodge awards are explained in more detail on our Lodge website. Although, the basis of the Order of the Arrow is not to get awards; instead it is centered on your participation and your service in our lodge. If you are interested or think you qualify for any of the above awards, feel free to reach out to us using the contact form on the website.

Become a Unit Rep - Sam N.

Hello Arrowmen! Have you recently wanted a new position in your lodge or unit? Look no farther, sign up to be an Order of the Arrow Unit Representative, and be the liaison between the Lodge and your home unit. There are no requirements for this position, simply keep them informed with upcoming OA events like ordeals, Holiday Bashes and Conclaves. You'll also be in tasked with planning your unit election for those eligible to join the OA in your unit. You will even receive an exclusive newsletter once a month that outlines announcements you can make at your next troop meeting. Your main goal is to encourage and preserve the relations between YOUR unit and OUR lodge, Please talk with your SPL or Unit Leader and have them fill out the Unit Rep Change Request form on the Lodge website.