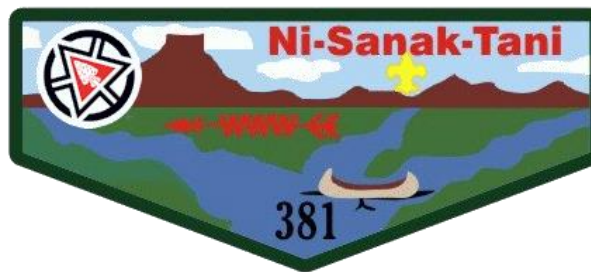


BSA Order of the Arrow
Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge #381
www.ni-sanak-tani.org



May, 2017

Congratulations! Your son is a candidate for the honorary camping society of the Boy Scouts of America, the Order of the Arrow. The OA, as it is called, is a national brotherhood of Scout honor campers that originated in 1915. The purposes of the OA are to recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit, to promote Scout camping, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Candidates for the Order of the Arrow are chosen not only for what they have done, but also for what they are expected to do in serving the welfare of others. Because your son was selected for candidacy by the unique method of being elected by his peers, we are sure that he is well worthy of this honor.

Your son will become a member of our OA lodge, Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge #381, during one of our induction weekends. There are two opportunities coming up to participate in the induction: **Weekends** (Fri–Sat) **June 9-10** and **August 4-5, 2017**. The Ordeal will offer a unique opportunity for him to reflect on his personal commitment to the principles and purpose of the Order of the Arrow. It is undertaken by every new candidate and is a meaningful and inspiring experience that will not soon be forgotten.

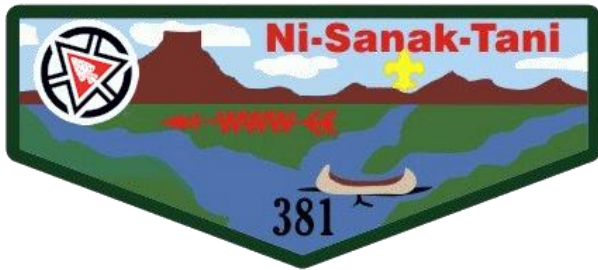
Induction in the Order of the Arrow will open many new doors for him. Our lodge participates in many events every year. Last summer, our Arrowmen joined 200 other youth and adult Scouts at a regional week-long environmental service project, with several of our own Arrowmen on staff. This summer, we're attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference, with 15,000 to celebrate the Order's Centennial. This fall, we'll attend the Section Conclave at Phillips Scout Reservation, in northern Wisconsin, with 400 other area Arrowmen. In addition, the OA provides some of the most valuable youth (and adult) leadership training and opportunities available. These events will build on the knowledge he has already received during his Scouting experience. This is truly an exciting time for him and your family. His active participation will be appreciated.

Please feel free to contact Harvey Geary, Lodge Adviser, at (608)-792-4144 or hgearyjr@gmail.com if you have any questions concerning the Order of the Arrow. Thank you for your support of your son and of Scouting.

Sincerely,

Sam Patschull, Lodge Chief

Harvey Geary, Lodge Adviser



Ni-Sanak-Tani Lodge #381

Ordeal Weekend Information

Where: Camp Decorah, Holmen, WI

www.gatewayareacouncil.org/camps/decorah.htm

W7520 Council Bay Rd, Holmen, WI

(US-53, just south of the Black River Bridge, and Galesville, WI)

Arrive: Friday evening between 7 - 8pm.

We will be serving a **spaghetti dinner** to the candidates.

Check-in: Training Center Building, just east of the main parking lot.

Bring a current **Medical form (parts A & C)**, or

have your parent/guardian come in with you to fill one out on-site.

Depart: Saturday evening, around 7pm.

Wear: your Class A Scout Uniform.

Bring: 1) Poncho or Ground Cloth

Sleeping Bag

Pencil/pen and small pad

Pocket Knife

2) Pack/duffle with...

Flashlight

Work clothes and gloves

Rain Gear

Water Bottle

Basic personal care items

(toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, towel, washcloth)

Spending money for OA Trading Post

Do Not Bring:

Snacks (animals love to chew open packs for them),

Personal Electronic Diversion Items (CD player, Radio, GameBoy, etc.)

Ni-Sanak-Tani Ordeal Registration

Send/Deliver to Scout Service Center, or bring to registration:

Name _____	Order of the Arrow
Address _____	c/o Gateway Area Council
City/State/Zip _____	2600 Quarry Rd.
	La Crosse, WI 54601
Phone _____	Troop/Crew _____
Email _____	
	Qty: Cost: Total Cost:

“Nipachton” Ordeal (June 09-10)

Youth Ordeal (under 21 on 1/1 of that year)	_____	x \$45 =	_____
Adult Ordeal	_____	x \$55 =	_____
After Fri. 6/02, LATE FEE:	_____	x \$5 =	_____ ***O1

“Wuliechenummen” Ordeal (August 4-5)

Youth Ordeal (under 21 on 1/1 of that year)	_____	x \$45 =	_____
Adult Ordeal	_____	x \$55 =	_____
After Fri. 7/28, LATE FEE:	_____	x \$5 =	_____ ***O3

Total Enclosed (remember any late fees, or we'll add them for you at check-in): _____

Circle the items you are interested in, or have professional/hobby knowledge of...

Δ Program	Δ Inductions	Δ Communications	Δ Administration	Δ Finance
Δ Fellowships	Δ Ceremonies	Δ Publications	Δ Event Registration	Δ Trading Post
Δ Banquet	Δ Dance Team	Δ Web Site	Δ Calendar	Δ Budget
Δ Help at Camporees	Δ Regalia/Sewing/Crafts	Δ Roundtables	Δ Member Database	Δ Fund-raisers
Δ OA Day Of Service	Δ Unit Elections	Δ Where To Go Guide		
Δ Service Projects	Δ Tribe Relations	Δ Computers		Δ Balance checkbook
Δ Camp Work Days	Δ Call-outs (<i>youth!</i>)	Δ History	Δ Leadership Training	
Δ Ordeal Support	Δ Drumming	Δ Museum/Display	Δ Mentoring	Δ Pub. Relations
Δ Ordeal Elangomat	Δ Sand Art	Δ Graphics Arts	Δ Work in own District	Δ Photography/Video
Δ Camp Staff	Δ Skills training	Δ Public Speaking	Δ Awards	Δ _____
Δ Community Service	Δ Ceremonial firelays	Δ Scout Recruiting	Δ Event Cooking	Δ Event driver (<i>adults!</i>)
Δ Ways&Means	Δ Cub Crossovers			Δ Cub Recruiting