

The Red Bird

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TA TSU HWA LODGE



2025 LODGE OFFICERS

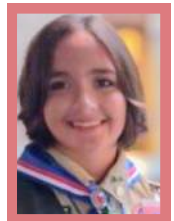


Hi! My name is Jake Stalb, and I have the honor of serving as our Lodge Chief for the next year. I'm very excited for this opportunity to work with so many of you. Together, I am confident that we will be able to carry out a vibrant lodge program."

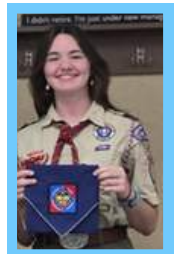
"Hello, I'm Jaxon Davis. I am an Eagle Scout from troop 153 in Scissortail district and a Vigil Member of our order. I have been serving on the ceremony team for the last four years, generally portraying Meteu. As your Lodge Treasurer, I am going to be working to revise our Coup Program and increase the variety of items sold in the trading post."



"Hello! I am Samantha Meagher, the Lodge Vice Chief of Administration. I am an Eagle Scout out of Troop 8 and a Venturer in Crew 8. My plan for this term is to support and build on current events and service opportunities to make them more accessible, fun, and rewarding. My wish is for every Arrowmen to feel welcome in this Lodge and I hope to support everyone in their journey as best I can."



"Howdy!
My name is Adelaide R. Warden, and I am serving as your Lodge Secretary for 2025. I am incredibly excited to have the opportunity to work with you all to build up our lodge, our units, and each other."



Hello, I'm Mackenzy Robbins, your vice chief of program for 2025! I'm an Eagle Scout from Troop 603 and a Sea Scout in Ship 623. Super excited to dive into our lodge's programs this year! I want to improve communication, plan some awesome events, and make sure everyone has a blast. Let's make this year one to remember!



MAJOR EVENTS

Calendar Dates and Details:

[Tulsa T- Town Trade O Ree](#) - 02/28 at 10:00am to 03/01 at 2:00pm.
Location TBD.

OA Spring induction - 04/04 at 7:00pm to 04/06 at 10:00am.
Located at Hale Scout Reservation ([1 Camp Tom Hale, Talihina, Ok 74571](#))

Section Conclave - 05/02 - 05/04 -
Details coming soon!

Fall Fellowship - More Details
Coming Soon!!

Council Camporee - 04/25 to 04/27
at Zink Scout Ranch ([14667 Zink Ranch Rd, Skiatook, Ok 74070](#))

Regular Events/Meetings:

All Lodge Executive Council Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Donald W. Reynolds Scout Resource Center. ([4295 S Garnett Rd, Tulsa, OK 74146](#)).

Will Rogers Chapter Meetings:

All Will Rogers Chapter meetings take place on the second Thursday of every month from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Their meetings fluctuate between Tahlequah and Claremore.

Redbud Chapter Meetings:

All Redbud Chapter meeting takes place on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Central Church of the Nazarene in Tulsa

Scissortail Chapter Meetings:

All Scissortail Chapter Meetings take place on the third Thursday of every month from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at Berry Hill Baptist Church.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION,
PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW:
[SCOUTINGEVENTS](#)





SCISSORTAIL CHAPTER

Chapter Update: Scissortail chapter is thriving, and we are functioning really well right now. I was busy, so I was not at the first meeting with our new leadership. Austin and I have been leading the unit elections, and those are going really well.

Individuals that I think have been outstanding are: Samatha Meagher, Jaxon Davis, Austin Swinford, and me. We have all been putting a lot of work into our chapter. Our meetings have been mostly fun based and learning based. Our next meeting is going to be a career meeting where we will bring in people to teach us about their careers. But to sum everything up, everyone in our chapter is doing an amazing job, and we have big plans for our future. - Seth Holmes - Scissortail Chapter Secretary

REDBUD CHAPTER

Hello Ta Tsu Hwa Lodge!

In the Month of January, The Redbud Chapter has been focused on training and scheduling unit elections! So far, our chapter has conducted two unit elections and plans on more in the future! If you are interested in serving on an election team feel free to reach out! Thank You!

-Sam Gamble - Redbud Chapter Secretary



WILL ROGERS

Will Rogers Chapter of the Ta Tsu Hwa OA lodge had several fun meetings in 2024. For some of the Claremore meetings we went to Ralph's Mini Golf, the J.M Davis Gun Museum and even had a Christmas Party with a gift exchange.

Our Fall Fellowship was at Camp Garland and had fun activities like 9 Square, football, and a game of catch with a Frisbee. 2024 was also the year of NOAC, National Order of the Arrow Conference, where Arrowmen from Will Rogers, Scissortail, Redbud and all over the nation went to the University of Colorado in Boulder to attend classes, meet new, and old, faces, and scream, laugh and sing at the evening shows put together by the amazing NOAC staff.

Other than all the fun stuff, we went over elections, workdays, and important dates and events to come in the year. We concluded all the 2024 meetings with the OA Banquet at the First Baptist Church in Tulsa. In short, 2024 was an exciting year for the Will Rogers Chapter full of fun activities and more. Lets all hope 2025 is even better for the Will Rogers Chapter.

- Anthony Sheffield - Will Rogers Chapter Vice Chief

COMMITTEE REPORTS

In the future, all standing committees of the Lodge will have a section on this page to report on their progress and how to reach them, if you are interested in involvement or just curious about what goes on.

“The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond.”

Lord Baden Powell

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ADVISOR

**IN THE FUTURE WE WILL
HAVE OUR COMMITTEE
CHAIRS AND THEIR
ADVISORS LISTED.**

ADVISOR'S CORNER

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

NLS (NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR).

WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND YOUR LEADERSHIP HORIZONS. AND...ROAD TRIP!

THIS IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEEKEND IN THE OA TO LEARN HOW TO INCREASE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE MAKING PERSONAL BELIEF-BASED DECISIONS, PROMOTING RESILIENCE, AND CULTIVATING A GROWTH MINDSET. ARROWMEN WILL BRING THESE NEW SKILLS BACK TO STRENGTHEN THE LEADERSHIP WITHIN THEIR LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

WILL YOU BE TIRED, OH YEAH!

WILL YOU HAVE FUN, OH MOST CERTAINLY!!!

WILL YOU LEARN NEW SKILLS TO MAKE YOU A BETTER LEADER, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!

AS A NEW OFFICER THIS IS YOUR TIME TO LEVEL UP!

STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!

**STEVEN MULLEN
TA TSU HWA | LODGE ADVISER**

ANOUNCEMENTS:

**OA MEMBERSHIP CARDS:
ALL MEMBERSHIP CARDS CAN BE PICKED UP FROM YOUR CHAPTER ADVISORS.**

**REDBUD: CHRIS GIDEON
WILL ROGERS: JASON SCHUBERT
SCISSORTAIL: JASON DILL**

SUMMER 2025 OPPORTUNITIES



Order of the Arrow Trail Crew

an opportunity to join other Arrowmen in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch.

Under the direction of the Philmont Conservation Department, experienced Philmont staff members with strong

Order of the Arrow backgrounds will lead participants on a two-week trail crew and trek. The first week focuses on trail construction and maintenance under the guidance of Philmont trail crew foremen.

The second week is a seven-day backpacking trek that is designed by the participants. The program is not simply building trails and hiking as it is ultimately a journey that challenges Scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

High Adventure

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

NAYLE is an expansion to NYLT's ethical decision-making and team building skills. This program holds up the ideals of selfless service and is held at the four high adventure camps.

NAYLE will help guide your journey to become a true servant leader, able to develop the members of any team you lead. Scouts attending must be 14 but not yet 20 years old, hold a unit leadership position, and have completed NYLT.

Learn more here:

[Scouting Resources](#)



PATCH TRADING: FOSTERING FELLOWSHIP AND SCOUT SPIRIT

PATCH TRADING IS A CHERISHED TRADITION IN THE SCOUTING COMMUNITY, WHERE SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS EXCHANGE PATCHES, PINS, AND OTHER SCOUTING MEMORABILIA.

THESE PATCHES OFTEN REPRESENT PARTICIPATION IN DIFFERENT SCOUTING EVENTS, SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS, OR SPECIFIC TROOPS AND COUNCILS. PATCH TRADING PROVIDES A FUN AND ENGAGING WAY FOR SCOUTS TO CONNECT, SHARE EXPERIENCES, AND CELEBRATE THE RICH HISTORY OF SCOUTING.



TRADING RESTRICTIONS

WHILE PATCH TRADING IS GENERALLY A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE, THERE ARE A FEW KEY RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDELINES THAT ENSURE FAIRNESS AND RESPECT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY:

- 1. NO BUYING OR SELLING: TRADING PATCHES FOR MONEY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED WITHIN SCOUTING. THE FOCUS IS ON THE SPIRIT OF EXCHANGE, NOT FINANCIAL GAIN. THIS RULE PREVENTS EXPLOITATION AND ENSURES THAT PATCHES RETAIN THEIR VALUE AS SYMBOLS OF ACHIEVEMENT AND CAMARADERIE, NOT AS COMMODITIES.**
- 2. RESPECT FOR PATCHES: SOME PATCHES, SUCH AS THOSE THAT ARE RESTRICTED OR LIMITED EDITION, MAY HAVE SPECIFIC RULES REGARDING TRADING. SCOUTS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO PRESERVE THE MEANING BEHIND THESE PATCHES AND ENSURE THEY ARE NOT UNFAIRLY TRADED.**
- 3. NO FORGERIES OR REPRODUCTIONS: IT'S IMPORTANT TO AVOID TRADING FAKE OR UNAUTHORIZED PATCHES. SCOUTS SHOULD ALWAYS BE HONEST ABOUT THE PATCHES THEY ARE OFFERING, ENSURING THAT TRADES ARE GENUINE AND MEANINGFUL.**
- 4. FOLLOW EVENT-SPECIFIC RULES: MANY SCOUT EVENTS OR JAMBOREES MAY HAVE THEIR OWN SET OF TRADING GUIDELINES. FOR INSTANCE, SOME EVENTS LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PATCHES YOU CAN TRADE OR SET SPECIFIC TIMES AND PLACES FOR TRADING TO AVOID CHAOS AND MAINTAIN ORDER.**

PROMOTING FELLOWSHIP AND SCOUT SPIRIT



PATCH TRADING PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN PROMOTING FELLOWSHIP AND REINFORCING SCOUT SPIRIT. BY ENGAGING IN TRADES, SCOUTS MEET OTHERS FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, REGIONS, AND CULTURES.

IT ENCOURAGES MEANINGFUL INTERACTIONS, WHERE SCOUTS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES, LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER, AND BUILD FRIENDSHIPS THAT CAN LAST A LIFETIME.

AT ITS CORE, PATCH TRADING REPRESENTS THE VALUES OF SCOUTING—COMMUNITY, RESPECT, AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. THE EXCHANGE OF PATCHES IS OFTEN MORE THAN JUST ABOUT THE PATCHES THEMSELVES; IT'S ABOUT THE STORIES BEHIND THEM AND THE CONNECTIONS THEY HELP CREATE.

WHETHER IT'S THROUGH SWAPPING A PATCH FOR ONE EARNED AT A LOCAL CAMPOUT OR TRADING A RARE ITEM FROM A NATIONAL JAMBOREE, EACH EXCHANGE IS A TESTAMENT TO THE SHARED BOND OF SCOUTING.

BY PARTICIPATING IN PATCH TRADING, SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE IDEALS OF SCOUTING—RESPECT, KINDNESS, AND INCLUSION—WHILE STRENGTHENING THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF THE SCOUTING COMMUNITY. IT'S A FUN AND MEANINGFUL TRADITION THAT HELPS ENSURE THE SCOUT SPIRIT LIVES ON IN THE HEARTS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS.