

The Red Bird

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TA TSU HWA LODGE



Induction - Elangomat **ELANGOMAT**

Elangomat translates to "Friend," Your Elangomat during the Induction welcomes you into the order. The Elangomat's purpose is to guide you throughout your induction and teach you the way of an Arrowman. Being Diligent, Kind, Calm.

Your Elangomat brings you along your path to Brotherhood starting at your Ordeal. Most people see their Elangomats again as their Nimats during their Brotherhood ceremony; so it's important for them to keep in touch.

The Elangomat is responsible through their friendship to not just guide a candidate through their ordeal but also through their journey as an ordeal member.

An Ordeal members job is to focus on serving their unit; an elangomat works with ordeal members to see opportunities to serve and live out the principles of the OA in their daily lives.

Their leadership can help the candidates find confidence and courage in themselves to strive to be all they can be and to set the example for other people back in their unit, chapter, and daily lives.

If you are interested in being an Elangomat, please register as such in the link below:

<https://scoutingevent.com/488-91117>

MAJOR EVENTS

Calendar Dates and Details:

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](#))

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

Fall Fellowship - More Details Coming Soon!!

Section Conclave - 05/02 - 05/04 at
Camp Rockefeller, Damascus

Arkansas. Dont forget to regsiter!!

<https://g4.aa-scouting.org/conclave/>

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:

<https://scoutingevent.com/calendar.php?OrgKey=BSA488>





SCISSORTAIL CHAPTER

We're doing good and functioning. Unit Elections have exceeded my expectations, and we now have a sign with the OA obligation on it. Long story short, we have no flaws, and we are doing great

Seth Holmes - 2025 Scissortail Chapter Secretary

REDBUD CHAPTER

Hello Arrowmen! Throughout the months of February and March the Arrowmen of the Redbud Chapter have been serving on the Unit Elections team and learning new material at our chapter Meetings! Here at our chapter we encourage our Arrowmen to step up as leaders by helping out or leading unit elections! Now onto our chapter meetings! In the Month of February, we conducted a Unit Election training and had some fun playing out a mock Election! At our March meeting, Arrowmen learned more about Elangomats/Nimats and service frameworks such as Messengers of peace and the National Honor Patrol Award! We are so excited for the next upcoming months!

Sam Gamble - 2025 Redbud Chapter Secretary



WILL ROGERS

Chapter Report: In March, we have done our Chapter Meeting at the JM Davis Arms and Historical Museum with a youth head count of 13. We enjoyed snacks and got to see a lot of cool historical items. In this month, we will be holding troop elections for Troops 99 on March 24th, and Troop 18 on March 31st.

Cian Hass - 2025 Will Rogers Chapter Chief

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ceremony Team Committee:
Cian Hass
(cianhass@icloud.com)

"We are ready to perform the best ceremony's yet"

Ranger Corp Committee:
Austin Swinford
(austinswinford2006@gmail.com)

"We're looking for youth and adult volunteers to help run projects. "

Culinary Committee: Gabe Space
(Spaceblod27@gmail.com)
"No report this month"

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

Lord Baden Powell

Interested in getting involved? Reach out! We would love to hear from you!

Dance Committee: Lilie Sutherland
(princesslillieannabelle@gmail.com)

"No report this month"

Brotherhood Committee:
Ryan Medlock
(ryanmedlockscouting@outlook.com)

"No report this month"

Committee Reports Continued:

Vigil Committee: Andrew Buss (bsa.andrew.aa@gmail.com)

“The Vigil committee oversees the selection of new Vigil Honor members each year and puts on the annual Vigil Weekend event in March. We are committed to providing a meaningful induction experience for our Vigil candidates, and we will continue to do so as we work through changes in the OA at the Lodge and National levels.”

Communications Committee: Adelaide R. Warden (adelaide.r.warden@outlook.com)

“The Lodge Communications committee is currently working on our goal to formulate and distribute communications and publications on opportunities that are available to us as arrowmen.

There are many opportunities for service and growth within the Communications Committee. All arrowmen who are

- Reviewing all communications sent out by LodgeMaster.
- Gathering and drafting news/updates from units, chapters, and committees to include in the newsletter
- Promotion and communications strategy
- Messaging and Communications to the Section, Regional, and national level
- Access to section, regional, and national opportunities
- Coordination with/supporting unit elections/relations committees at the chapter level
- Developing support to arrowmen serving as OA unit Representatives to fulfill their responsibilities, unit leadership development, program, retention, and community engagement.

Committee Reports Continued:

**Inductions Committee: Garren Forst
(garrenforst@icloud.com)**

“The Lodge Induction Committee has been working diligently on the upcoming 2025 Spring Induction.

This particular Induction Weekend we have thoroughly reviewed the experience we are providing to those who go through the Ordeal. Our goal is to ensure that those who are continuing their induction journey into the Order of the Arrow, leave their Ordeal having a solid understanding of the Ordeal's teachings.

I am proud to say that our dedicated team has made several quality-of-life improvements to this year's Spring Induction. All of which aim to improve their experience as they take the next step along their induction journey into the Order of the Arrow. We are committed and strive for continuous improvement and growth within our committee and the lodge's Induction Weekends.”

Trading Post Committee: Jaxon Davis (Jxn.dvs13@gmail.com)

“ The trading post committee has been working to give the coup bead program new life. As of now, we are ready to announce the program's new name: Beads Expressing Arrowmen's Dedication and Service (BEADS). We will be announcing more about the BEADS program soon, but don't worry. Most coup beads are included in the new BEADS program, and any others that have already been purchased can be grandfathered in and still worn. ”

Opportunities to Serve:

Serving as a Nimat:

Earning your Brotherhood rank in the Order of the Arrow shows your deeper commitment to the OA's values of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. It signifies your growth as a leader and as a scout. If you already have your Brotherhood rank, you can become a Nimat by supporting new members and guiding them through their Brotherhood journey, if you wish to be a Nimat please reach out to your Chapter Chiefs and Advisers. Also be sure to register for the next induction to get your brotherhood hope to see you there!

W.W.W Ryan Medlock | Brotherhood Chairman



ANOUNCEMENTS:

**The Order of the Arrow
defines an active arrowmen as
a dues paid member who is
active in their unit.
Don't forget to pay your dues!**

<https://scoutingevent.com/488-89635>

Gateway Section 4 **(Southern Region 8) Conclave**

A Section Conclave is an event that is hosted by a lodge once a year. It is a time when approximately 200 arrowmen from lodges from all over our Section (Gateway Section) will come together to fellowship, train, and learn about how to better their own lodge.

Section Conclaves are famous for and worthwhile for multiple reasons. It is a time for arrowmen and lodges from across our sections have the opportunity to meet and share in fellowship together

At a section conclave you spend an entire weekend with other arrowmen experiencing and enjoying exciting activities, opportunities for growth and challenges all of which are designed to inspire leadership and friendship. You get to take trainings on things that will help you in real life.

Topics might include, managing stress, college applications, and employment as well as OA and scouting related trainings.

At section conclaves, you also get to see and potentially meet our order's national officers in person.

This coming conclave you may have the opportunity to meet our first female national officer, Haley Flores.

The 2025 G4 (Gateway Section) section conclave will take place on May 2nd - 4th at Camp Rockefeller in Damascus Arkansas. It will be hosted by Mixti Wanaxe Lodge.

Please click the link below to for information and to register:
registration.oa-scouting.org/Event/1284



ADVISOR'S CORNER

Elangomat, the word means friend. The first contact of the new inductees on their journey in the OA is Ordeal. This role, as a new members friend, will define how they see and more importantly experience the OA first hand.

The Elangomat is the reflection of the lodge, the OA, and the obligation. The Elangomat fulfills many different roles during the induction weekend.

They carry out the function of a crew and are a model to the candidates, a guide, a support, a mediator and most important is their intentional development of personal relationship with each member of their crew.

This role is not an easy role. The Elangomat embodies the spirit of cheerful service and brotherhood at the highest level.

So, what makes a strong friendship? Here are some characteristics of a strong friend:

1. Empathetic: the ability to think about what someone else is going through and put themselves in their shoes to try to comprehend their experience from their perspective.

2. Selfless: knowing when to put others before themselves, being well grounded, thoughtful, and willing to take action to help.

3. Trustworthy: knowing we can confide in each other; this understanding creates the deepest of relationships.

4. Commonality: knowing and sharing in common interests. Whether it be a hobby, sport, values, religion, goals, education or scouting, commonality allows for immediate connection.

5. Diverse: different ideas, new perspectives, others' experiences help us to grow, learn more about ourselves and challenge us to be a more well-rounded person.

6. Cooperative: active listening, communicating and collaborating are traits of all successful teams and relationships.

7. Humor: knowing how to bring a smile to someone can lift the spirit and bring life meaning. Humor can provide comfort, joy and hope.

Early connection with our new inductees is crucial during check in and development of the crews. Remembering our induction weekend can help us have commonality with our new candidates. Being that example of cheerful service throughout the induction weekend makes all the difference in how they see this experience.

Elangomats provide the pathway for others to begin their journey in the OA.



Spring Camporee

Come one come all to the council camporee at Zink Scout Ranch! This camporee challenges, educates and inspires scouts of all ages. From range and target activities to fishing to climbing or just love to be outdoors, there is something for everybody. It will be an amazing experience for everyone with physical activities and learning too.

If you are a water lover we have canoeing, kayaking, and fishing. If you are eager to learn more you will love the Native American education and hands on activities. There is even climbing and high adventure activities for those who love to go up.

Join us for the Spring 2025 Camporee – it's an experience you won't forget!

**Link to sign up:
<https://scoutingevent.com/488-93928-220894>**

