

## 2024

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***Officers served from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024***

Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge 70 sponsored the Old North State Council Trade-O-Ree held at Jamestown Presbyterian Church on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Patch traders and collectors from across the region gathered to buy, trade, and sell Scouting memorabilia. This successful event was led by Jason and Smith Hardy, longtime collectors of local Scout patches. Many lodge members participated in this renewal of the trade-o-ree. A date has been set to hold the event again in 2025.



On Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, lodge members gathered at Winterplace Ski Resort in Ghent, West Virginia for “Arrowmen on Skis”. Brothers spent the day skiing, snowboarding, and tubing. Everyone that participated reported having a great time on the slopes of Winterplace.



The 2024 Spring Fellowship was held on March 8 – 10 at Cherokee Scout Reservation. Lodge members embraced the Western theme for the event. There were lots of Cowboy hats, boots, and western gear seen all over camp. During the weekend there were Western-themed games and activities. Chapters competed to determine which was the best in the lodge.

During the weekend a group of history-minded Scouters gathered to help re-activate the Old North State Council History Committee. Many important topics were discussed and the group concluded with a visit to the Scout Museum.

The lodge made preparations to participate in the upcoming E8 Section Conclave. Members competed in Quest events, Singers and Dancers prepared for American Indian Activities competition. On Saturday night the lodge enjoyed a delicious dinner and an evening of fun and fellowship.

The E8 Section Conclave was hosted by Wahissa Lodge 118 at Camp Raven Knob on April 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. The lodge continued its Western theme to show the group’s spirit and enthusiasm. There were Cowboys everywhere! The lodge issued a special flap for delegates to the event.



Scouts and Scouters arrived on Friday afternoon and early evening and set up camp at our usual Raven Knob conclave home next to a creek



near the Nature area, beyond the Arena. The evening kicked off with a big show and lots of spirit shown by the 800+ Arrowmen from six North Carolina lodges. Following the Opening Show Vigil OA members were invited to a rededication ceremony at the G. Kellogg Hale Lodge Building.

On Saturday the morning was dominated by AIA and the OAX. Numerous exhibitors presented a variety of displays from antique guns to a glass blower, law enforcement officers with patrol cars to reptiles and other animals. There were food exhibitions with lots of delicious samples. The Camp Raven Knob Museum was also available for visiting.





American Indian Activities held a morning full of training. Arrowmen learned about beadwork, featherwork, mirror boards and roaches. There were sessions on men's fancy dance, choker and shawl construction. The air was filled with the beat of the drum as overviews of singing was presented to beginners and advanced participants. Youth could make their own drum stick. These sessions were all held near the camp's beautiful dance arbor.

Also in the morning there was AIA competition in Pow Wow Team Dance and Southern singing. After lunch the Individual Dance Competition was held. Many lodge members participated in the competition and the lodge tradition of success continued with several dancers receiving honors for their performance.



A patch auction was held in the early afternoon followed by the Quest for the Golden Arrow. Lodge teams competed in a variety of creative events. Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge 70 members performed well, but did not win. At 4:00pm youth conclave attendees gathered to elect the slate of Section Officers who will serve for the coming year.

Saturday evening kicked off with supper in the Dining Hall located on top of a mountain in camp. A Pow Wow was held at the Dance Arbor followed by the Saturday Night Show. The program was entertaining although some of us missed the smell of smoke from a campfire and seeing Indians in canoes paddling across the camp's beautiful lake. Youth enjoyed the Carnival celebration and dance party following the show. Patch collectors made trades and worked to obtain all of the lodges' new issues.

The weekend ended on Sunday morning in the Dining Hall following breakfast. It was a wet and rainy morning so the Section moved the worship service and closing ceremonies indoors. Awards were presented, outgoing section officers were thanked for their service and new officers were sworn in. Everyone was thanked for attending and prayers were said for a safe trip home. The event ended with the singing of the song of our Order.





On May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> the lodge held its Spring Induction at Cherokee Scout Reservation. Scouts and Scouters who had been selected to be candidates for the Order of the Arrow had an opportunity to go through their Ordeal. A group of dedicated Brothers gathered at camp to provide service, act as Elangomats, and help prepare the property for the coming summer camp season. Several important projects were completed.



Cherokee Scout Reservation opened its summer camp season on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The camp is served by 70 dedicated and well-trained staff members. Many of the staff are Brothers in Tsoiotsi Tsogalii Lodge 70. Again this year the lodge issued a flap as a fundraiser to support the camp. The beautiful design coordinated well with a Council Shoulder Strip (CSP) and the patches issued for campers and staff members.

During summer camp the lodge held a reception one night for Order of the Arrow members. Many troops from out-of-council spent a week at Cherokee Scout Reservation and the lodge welcomed OA Brothers from those lodges as well. Brothers were recruited to assist with the Tap Out ceremony held as part of the Thursday evening Campfire program.

On Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> the lodge held its Vigil Call-out ceremony. Arrowmen that were selected to receive the Vigil Honor were announced and recognized during the Campfire program. A reception was held in the Dining Hall to congratulate the newly chosen Vigil candidates.



On July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup> the Order of the Arrow is holding its National OA Conference at the University of Colorado in Boulder. A small delegation and several staff members will represent the lodge at this special event. The lodge issued a special two-piece set for the occasion.

