

THE TIPI

Moving into the 2024 Lodge Year: Winter Banquet and Upcoming Events!

Hello Occoneechee Lodge!

I hope you're all having a wonderful holiday season so far. As the Lodge finishes the 2023 year, there is one more event for us to celebrate and welcome 2024. Winter Banquet is a time to reflect on the past year of scouting and brotherhood, as well as share fellowship with our members in

OA, family, and friends. There will be a toy drive, delicious food, awards, and so much more!

As we move forward into this new year, let's talk about all of the upcoming events and opportunities there will be in the Lodge.



Starting in March, we open the Lodge year with our Spring Pow-Wow. At this event, there will be fellowship, patch trading, a pow-wow, AIA competitions, service projects, and the opportunity for Ordeal members to do their Brotherhood Trail. Next, in April, we have the Section E8 Conclave, hosted by Wahissa Lodge at Camp Raven Knob this year. Conclave is the biggest event of the year, where every Lodge from our section is invited to share a weekend of fun, including many activities such as training opportunities, AIA competitions, section



elections, patch trading, and much more! For all Occoneechee members attending, be sure to show up and show out to our theme, "Occoneecheeville", inspired by Jimmy Buffett's "Margaritaville".

Then, in May, we have Spring Inductions. This is where we will welcome our first Ordeal

candidates of the year, do service projects, patch trading, and have fun at Thunderfest! If you are an Arrowman who is interested in getting involved in the Lodge, Spring Inductions also provides a great opportunity for you to serve as an Elangomat! In



August, Trade-O-Ree and Gentgeen are two of

our Lodge events that take place on the same weekend. Trade-O-Ree is a smaller event that is put on by the Lodge's Finance group where you can come to learn more about patch trading for a day. Gentgeen is an event for those who want to learn more about the AIA in our Lodge. All day there are sessions on ceremonies, dances, crafts, and more. Next is Fall Fellowship in September, where there will be the Ordeal, Brotherhood Trail, Vigil call outs, Lodge elections, patch trading, service projects, and Thunderfest! This is also a good opportunity to get more involved with the Lodge, as you can serve as an Elangomat, Nimat, or even run for a Lodge leadership position. In November, the Lodge will hold LLD (Lodge Leadership Development), Where all Lodge members can spend a weekend learning about leadership and being trained to serve effectively in leadership positions. And finally, in December, we will have another Winter Banquet to celebrate the 2024 year. As we celebrate at Winter Banquet and reflect on the previous year, let's also take time to think about the new year, and how we will make 2024 the best year yet!

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