

# Duck Calls

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## Several Lodges Nationwide Report Loud Quacking at Indiana University Campus

On July 28, 25 delegates from Wahunsenakah Lodge travelled from Newport News, VA, to Bloomington, IN, for five days of fellowship with brothers across the nation at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC 2018).

The ride to NOAC was a story in itself. On the first day, after an eight-hour ride, the Lodge sets up camp in the Daniel Boone National Forest. The next day, after an early rise, these quackers arrive at 2018 Pre-NOAC Trade-O-Ree. Amongst the familiar SR-7A lodge flaps and sets were several flaps from lodges across the nation, including one featuring a shark with, as Dr. Evil put it, “a freakin’ laser beam on its head” and a beautiful three-piece set with the Remington brand.

At the Trade-O-Ree, Kevin Goldman, former Troop 11 Assistant Scoutmaster and current manager of the Hoosier Trails Council Scout Shop, visited the Lodge and offered an excellent recommendation for pizza buffet dinner that night.

On July 30, the third day of the trek, all alarms went off at dawn to quickly tear down camp – it was the day! Within two hours, the lodge traveled from the rainy, damp campsite to Indiana University at Eigenmann Hall. After just checking in at 10am, open program from Adventure Central, featuring climbing activities, a zipline, mountain biking courses, tomahawks, and more; the Trading Post, where some Wahunsenakah delegates, including Daulton Cooper, picked up entire paper grocery bags full of pre-orders; and the Goodman-Edson Observatory, an upgraded Conclave OA museum that had 30 gallons of coffee, featuring the Order’s history from its founding (including a rock from the original Vigil mountainside!), photos and signatures of the past National Chiefs, a collection of service flaps from all lodges past and present, and many other...



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priceless artifacts.

The delegates arrived hungry after a light, quick, and fast breakfast. Scattered across campus were several restaurants and standard fast food. Later that evening, and for all meals after that, Wahunsenakah went to Forest Quadrangle on campus and ate delicious chicken dinners, biscuits and gravy, and other choice meals using state-of-the-art sustainable technology – though, the small plates did eventually become a meme on national social media.

From July 31 to August 2, every morning the

brothers attended training that pushed the national standards for all things from elangomat operations to ceremonies to patches! Chris Wesling, after attending a training specifically focusing on Meteu, said it was very in-depth and did a lot more than explain the lines in the ceremony.

But back to that open program thing. Also featured at NOAC was The Experience, or otherwise the Conclave EXPO on even more coffee. You could usually find the National Chief or Vice Chief here, while also enjoying some rocking exhibits from patch manufacturers, pick up some free swag from the National Eagle Scout Association, donate and enter a raffle to win free lodge flaps with the Patch Map, and check out tree tents – tents in trees! Patch trading was everywhere, from the tables outside the Indiana Memorial Union (trading post, admin offices, bowling alley, etc.) to the arch on Fee St. connecting campus to Adventure Central to the official indoor location at the Fieldhouse. Also featured was an escape room, talent show, lip sync battle, Jeopardy, and post-show open bowling in the evening!

Every night, except Thursday night, was a show highlighting the NOAC theme, Decide your Destiny. On Monday, the National Chief Anthony Peluso addressed the whole of NOAC with his story of how decisions matter, recounting the time he spent the whole weekend with a lonely scout.





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Also featured was the first of four episodes of the story of David, an OA brother who simply cannot cook (to the point of burning salad). Every night until Friday, he learned an important lesson on Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service through his respectively characteristic friends. On Tuesday, national recognition awards were distributed, including the Distinguished Service Award. On Wednesday, Indian dancers from all lodges were highlighted in a show focusing on the order’s history in three friends’ accidental discovery of “The Vault”, ending with an address from National Vice Chief Michael Kipp. Finally, on Friday, the theme show, Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, Service, and the Admonition are highlighted in a tragic car crash stating the message that “The decisions we make today will impact our future”.

All shows, select trainings, and special coverage can be revisited at <http://noac2018.org>

Tuesday and Thursday featured special shows, the Thursday event replacing the evening show. On Tuesday, amidst the morning training block, all arrowmen attended Kicking & Screaming Winner and Scoutmaster Terry Fossum’s scouting story, where he decided his own destiny despite family shortcomings, a dangerous hometown, and defying the odds.

On Thursday, the Southern Region hosted a regional gathering in the Tundra Soccer Field, where arrowmen navigated a maze with several exits, each presenting a choice of, say, Chick-fil-A (advertised by our own section chief, Seth Greiling!) or Waffle House, at each path. Region chief, Zach Callicutt, then opened the show with an

**#NOAC2018 got everyone like**



address and the Lip Sync and Talent show finalists from the Southern Region before turning over the gathering to the section and live music. SR-7A featured a spirited meeting followed by giveaways, including Wahunsenakah’s wooden Conclave flaps and duck-bill quackers (the Tutelo guy who won one immediately received a “One of us!” chant from the lodge contingent).

Almost closing this letter, who can forget the Seek system? Every attendee received a wristband with a button on it. A leaderboard-climbing contest then ensued where by “kliking” with other arrowmen for points, attending shows, visiting program areas, and meeting chiefs got you points. During the shows, the wristbands reflected the mood of the happenings in the show and





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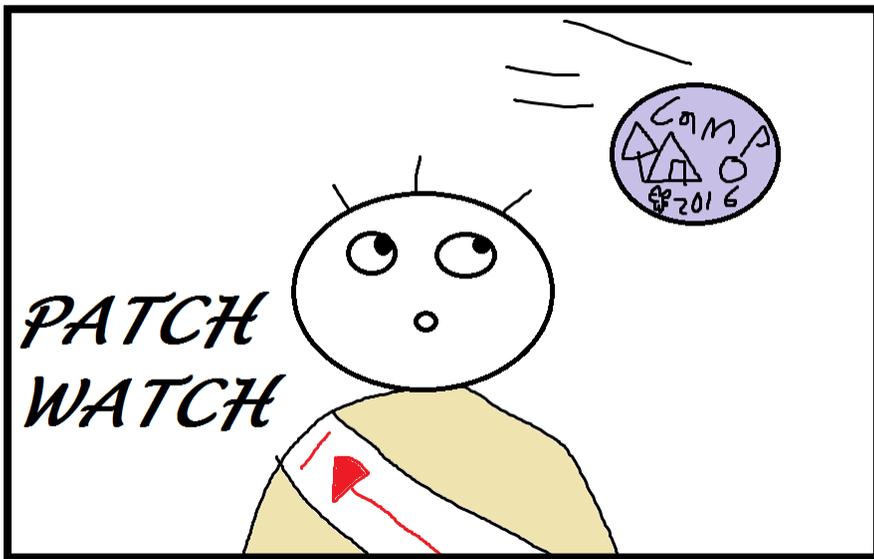


highlighted honored members when prompted (all Eagle Scouts when recognized, for example, would light up when the chief announced for them to rise). Pushing the button also allowed arrowmen to “check in” at special clicking nodes to get points for attending training, or by finding the secret area. Arrowmen, especially from Wahunsenakah, willingly flung themselves into masses of people asking “Seek? Seek! Seek!?” like the seagulls from Finding Nemo.

The days were long, with Breakfast at 8:30a and open bowling ending at 11:30p, but were jam-packed with an experience of a lifetime that blew even our best SR-7A Conclave experiences out of the water. As we traveled back home, not only did we sleep a lot, but we shared our best experiences from NOAC and prepared for the upcoming opportunity to experience it again in 2020.

- Evan Crain, Lodge Secretary and Communications Chairman

### Patch Watch: NOAC 2018 Recap, Remainder of Wahunsenakah 2018 Patches



The patches were a lie! Instead of busses headed out, several cars did – yet, that didn’t stop the traders

nationwide from seeking Wahunsenakah’s cloth fundraiser flaps, wooden traders, and event-specific flaps. Few Delegate flaps exchanged hands, and many can still be seen on Contingent members. Might you have a good enough trade to get one off of their hands?

Be sure to come to Summer Service Weekend and the Holiday Banquet to complete your set with the remainder of the Signs Series (2018 Event Patch set)!



**Election Recap! You Voted for Your 2018-2019 Lodge Leadership!**

<i>Office</i>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Advisor</b>
<i>Lodge Chief</i>	Henry Harris	Russell Morris, Jr and Zach Oman
<i>First Vice Chief</i>	Xavier Barbeyto	Russell Morris, Jr and Zach Oman
<i>Second Vice Chief of Program</i>	Collin Macdonald	Matthew Auth
<i>Second Vice Chief of Admin.</i>	Matthew Shaffer	Walt Schmincke
<i>Lodge Secretary</i>	Austin Brockington	Dana Reid
<i>Lodge Treasurer</i>	Franklin West	Wesley Goodman
<i>Kecoughtan Chapter</i>	Gabe	Gini Fabian
<i>Nansemond Chapter</i>		Brian Champigny
<i>Nottoway Chapter</i>		Joe Belmonte
<i>Piankatank Chapter</i>		Mark Phinney
<i>Wicomico Chapter</i>		Joseph Hutchins

You voted and the results are in – above is your Wahunsenakah Lodge leadership for 2018-2019!

While there are many new faces in the roster, do note that all of the LEC have ascended from lower positions into the big seats. From First Vice Chief to Lodge Chief, Chapter Chief to Secretary, and...well, Meteu. He’s the exception as always.

Be on the lookout for open committee positions to seize your opportunity to serve the lodge!

**The Year Ahead**

Lodge Executive Committee Meeting	September 9
<b>Summer Service Weekend</b>	September 21 - 23

Lodge Executive Committee Meetings are open to all membership and are held at Denbigh Christian Academy.

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