

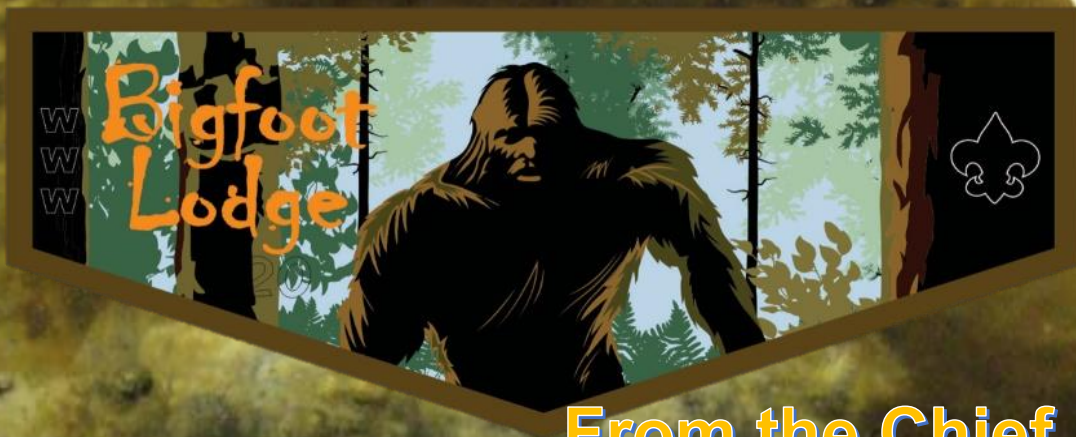
# Sightings

A Newsletter for Bigfoot Lodge

May 2021 Edition

Wisconference 2021

Welcome back!



From the Chief....

I hope everyone is ready for Spring Conference? I know many of our future brothers have been waiting to be formally inducted into the Order of the Arrow! Spring Conference will be a great time to get together and do just that and more. The theme of the weekend is to celebrate everything Wisconsin (sorry to those brothers we have in Illinois!) Cheese, Wisconsin sports, Culvers, Kwik Trip, and more! Returning brothers will find Saturday afternoon available for tailgate style yard games and much needed socialization. New regulations by the BSA requires a healthform AB for each overnight event. Please come prepared. There will be meaningful service galore for Saturday morning and some will extend into the afternoon. We will begin work on our new ceremonial bowl as well as replace the roof of the ECO-CON Shelter with steel (18+ only with experience with roofing) Register at [Bigfoot620.org](http://Bigfoot620.org)

Greetings arrowmen,  
The time has come! We finally get to see each other and have fellowship. I really hope to see you all at Wisconference in June! It is going to be so much fun! I am excited for all the activities that will take place that weekend.

Additionally, Bigfoot lodge will be at camp this summer! You will want to find David, our OA Camp Chief, and get involved at EBSR! We will be doing ordeal and brotherhood inductions over the summer, which is so amazing.

Finally, we are still conducting OA elections! If your troop has not completed their election please go to our website and sign up! I hope you are all doing well, I cannot wait for the next few months of scouting! Reach out if you have any questions!

Kolden Severson

# Seat Backs!

COVID numbers are improving and the UW Madison reached out to tell us that Seat Back Installation at Camp Randall is a go!

Join us August 14<sup>th</sup> from 8am – done  
Camp Randall Sections D&E

Adults (18+) help install seats with drills  
Youth or adults help move the seats into place

## Equipment needed

Cordless Drills with 7/16 nut drivers

7/16 open face wrenches

Water bottles

Sun Screen

As many Arrowmen and friends as possible – Rain or Shine!

Free Food!!!!

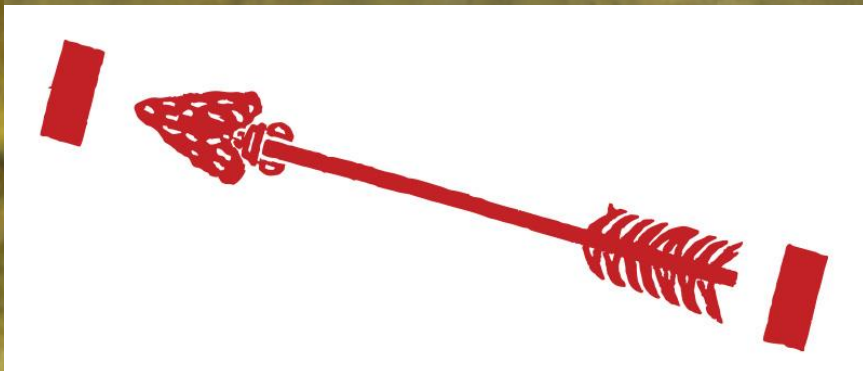
If you were just inducted this summer please plan to attend for a special gift!



# What is Brotherhood and why should YOU do it?

Brotherhood is a rank within the OA that any arrowmen can hold after being an ordeal candidate. Brotherhood is a way for an arrowmen to deepen their connection within the order and to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood with fellow arrowmen. It is NOT another Ordeal! To achieve this, all you have to do is attend one of our Bigfoot Lodge Conferences in the spring or fall (which are always fun events anyways) and complete your brotherhood journey with a Nimat (more information on the next page). There is an extra fee of \$20 above the conference fee to cover the cost of the new sash you are given.

All Arrowmen can be Brotherhood!



## COVID and Lodge Events

As we move forward out of the pandemic there will be a lot of reluctant parents and scouts related to COVID. We will continue to require masks and social distance as much as possible. Temperature checks will be performed on check in. Please do not come to events if not feeling well or have a pending test. Those that can get vaccinated should and those most vulnerable should not attend events in person.

## Pay Your DUES!!!

Annual dues of \$15 are collected every year starting in December. If you haven't paid these already please for 2021 please do so now at [Bigfoot620.org](http://Bigfoot620.org). Fees for the Believers Club are \$75 for youth and \$100 for adults. If you have already paid your dues this would be discounted another \$15..... spots are limited to join this Club for 2021 and it includes a limited patch. The fees also include fees for Spring Conference and Fall Conference. You can join the believers club on the dues page of [bigfoot620.org](http://bigfoot620.org).

# ELANGOMATS AND NIMATS NEEDED!!!!

Hello fellow Arrowmen, I hope you are all doing well during these unprecedented times. As a Lodge it is time to leave quarantine. Vaccines are readily available and we have learned how to slow the spread of this illness. Spring conference is coming up in June and we need some volunteers who are looking to fulfill the obligation and help preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow by serving as an Elangomat or Nimat. These are critical roles in a conference and can't be left unattended. For those who aren't quite yet familiar with the terms, it is the job of an Elangomat to facilitate and serve their clan (a small group of ordeals candidates), and make sure that their ordeal goes as planned. It is the job of a Nimat to guide the Brotherhood candidates to the meaning of Brotherhood through the Brotherhood hike. We need people to fill these roles so please email me at [owenblehman@gmail.com](mailto:owenblehman@gmail.com). For those who are unsure about serving as an Elangomat or Nimat, I would like to inform you that by serving as an Elangomat and having 80% of your clan return to an activation event and 50% earn their brotherhood you can receive the yellow patch, and by serving as a Nimat you can receive the red patch. I hope you consider fulfilling one of the roles. One more thing to keep in mind before you decide what role you would be interested in, is that anyone can be an Elangomat, however you must be a Brotherhood member to be a Nimat.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Owen Lehman



## EBSR Camp Chief

Greetings, fellow Arrowmen!

My name is David, and I'm more than thrilled to be your 2021 OA Camp Chief at Ed Bryant! A bit about me; I'm from Troop 164 in Stoughton, (but I can't wrestle) and I'm close to earning Eagle. I'm also a member of Bigfoot Lodge, and a recipient of Arrowman Of The Year. My usual task within the Lodge is to maintain and manage ceremonies, and I get to once again take up that glorious mantle as your Camp Chief!

Throughout the week, you can find me upholding my Obligation wherever I can. We will have an Ice Cream Social for all arrowmen, Unit Visits, and Ordeal and Brotherhood hikes! I am excited to meet many of you, and to help you meet your Obligation in whatever ways I can.

WWW  
David



## VC Communications

Hello, my name is Rachel and I am currently serving as the lodge Vice Chief of Communications. I'm from Troop 417 in Milton, Wisconsin, part of Indian Trails District. I was inducted into the OA in November 2020 through Momentum Spark. Outside of Scouting, I am a sophomore in high school and I enjoy camping, track and field, fishing, and watching college sports. I'm excited to be running communications for the lodge including the lodge social media and this newsletter, the Sightings. I look forward to meeting you at some of our future events!

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Rachel



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Spring Conference @ EBSR June 11-12

Summer Camp Ice Cream Socials and Ordeals and Brotherhoods @ EBSR

Seat Back install Camp Randall 14<sup>th</sup> 8am

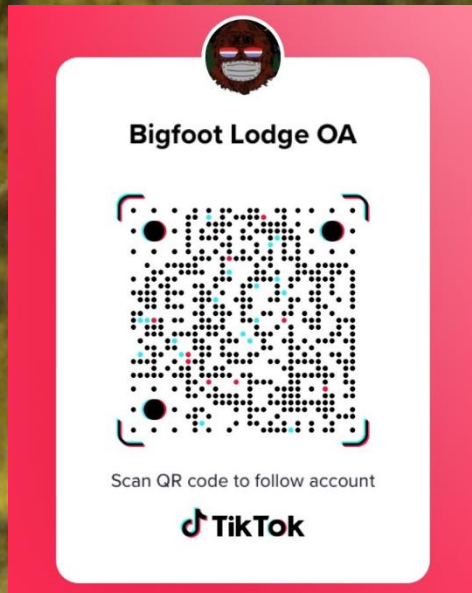
Fall Conference @ EBSR August 20-22

Section Conclave @ Camp Stronghold in Illinois August 20-22 (lodge not attending)

September 18 Bigfoot BBQ - TBA

**We have links up on BigFoot620.org to register for these events!**

**Dues for 2019 can be paid at bigfoot620.org!**



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