

CHATTAHOOCHEE LODGE PRESENTS:

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## Genevieve Sandt Past Lodge Chief

Arrowmen,

Over the past 2 years, it has been an honor to serve as the Chattahoochee Lodge Chief. I have gained so much from this experience which has allowed me to expand my leadership skills, make lasting friendships, participate in unique OA activities, and have so many wonderful memories.

The Chattahoochee Lodge is in good hands with our new Lodge Chief, Bryson Arrant, and the members of the 2023-2024 Lodge Executive Committee. I encourage you to support our new leadership and continue to be an active member in the lodge so that we can be the best Lodge possible.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

**Genevieve Sandt**

**Past Lodge Chief (2021-2023)**



CHIEFLY  
SPEAKING



## Bryson Arrant Lodge Chief

Hello Arrowmen,

My name is Bryson Arrant. I am looking forward to serving as your 2023-2024 Chattahoochee Lodge Chief. I want to thank the previous lodge leadership for doing such a great job in running and improving the performance of the lodge over the past two years. As a way to maintain and increase the performance of the lodge, I have several goals listed below that I want to complete in the upcoming year.

- I want to ensure that the lodge continues having fun events for its members. I plan to work with the Activities Committee to introduce new themes for lodge events and get a fresh selection of games and event activities to keep members engaged. I hope to increase the number of lodge members at our upcoming events which will increase retention.
- I also want to boost participation and member retention rates at the chapter level. I want to help grow and retain the three chapters in the lodge. I think it's vital to make sure chapters are also having fun events and engaging members between lodge events.
- I want to increase our cheerful service by having more beaver days and service days in and outside the lodge. I want to provide service to the community so that people all around us can see the excellent organization we are. This will give our lodge more exposure to the community and hopefully bring in some new faces.
- I want to get an OA trail crew together to travel to Philmont and Norther Tier. This will allow us to have new experiences that will give scouts a unique environment in which to learn and grow their leadership.

I promise to expand the performance of the Chattahoochee Lodge and do my best as your Lodge Chief in the upcoming year.

WWW,

**Bryson Arrant**  
**Lodge Chief (2023-2024)**

CHIEFLY  
SPEAKING



# Bobby Childs

## Lodge Adviser

With the holidays upon us, I thought I would try to answer an age-old question regarding Santa Claus: was Santa Claus a Boy Scout? One just needs to examine how he stacks up against the scout law:

**Trustworthy** - You certainly can trust that Santa will show up every year.

**Loyal** - He's very dedicated to his craft and his mission. Imagine the disappointment if he wasn't loyal to his work.

**Helpful** - Saves many a dad from last minute shopping. Dads are notorious for leaving things to the last minute, just ask a mom.

**Friendly** - How many adults would let a zillion kids sit on their lap and listen to what they want? And smile while doing it?

**Courteous** - Always says thanks for the 62 billion calories he gets in milk and cookies each year.

**Kind** - Delivering gifts to children is a great act of kindness. Except for the drum sets. That's not too kind, at least to the parents.

**Obedient** - I emailed Mrs. Claus on this one. No reply, but seeing he's been married for all those years, I'm going to bet he does what she tells him.

**Cheerful** - Ho ho ho. Need I say more?

**Thrifty** - Makes his own toys. Saves a bundle on shipping alone.

**Brave** - Would you get in a magic sleigh pulled by reindeer and fly? Me neither.

**Clean** - Not sure how he does it, but that red suit looks great even after the millionth chimney has been gone down.

**Reverent** - Does his thing on a very special night for one religion; represents the spirit of the day.

So yes, Santa Claus was really a boy scout.

This time of year, no matter what holiday you celebrate, remember that doing your best and living the Scout Oath and Law are what make each of you really a Boy Scout.

WWW,

**Bobby Childs**

**Lodge Advisor**

ADVISER  
MINUTE



# 2023 Fall Fellowship Lodge Carnival!



On the weekend of October 20-22, the Lodge held the “Lodge Carnival” Fall Fellowship event and it was a HUGE success! The weekend started off on Friday with a Vigil Callout welcoming Tyler Nelson, Sam Davidson, Caleb Klein, Joe Klein, and Eric Hood as new Vigil members.

The theme of the event was “carnival”, so naturally, Saturday was full of fun games and exciting prizes! Arrowmen enjoyed face painting, playing ring toss, bagel on a string, putt putt, and carnival cornhole, all while taking turns on the bouncy house! Even more fun ensued in the afternoon as the dunk tank was open and everyone lined up to try and knock numerous LEC members into the water. After the carnival closed down, everyone gathered for a Brotherhood ceremony that welcomed six new Brotherhood members! At the end of the day, everyone turned in their carnival bingo cards on which they marked down every game they played and activity they completed for exciting prizes and concessions. They were able to turn in participation points for the concession stand filled with sweets and use the points they earned at each activity to enter tickets into the raffle! Everyone wins!!

On Sunday, after a wonderful Scouts Own service, the lodge business meeting was held where Arrowmen voted to elect their 2024 Lodge Officers. Dedicated leaders from the lodge prepared speeches and gave them honorably to their fellow Arrowmen, but the votes are in, and Chattahoochee Lodge’s 2024 officers are as follows: Lodge Chief: Bryson Arrant, Lodge Vice Chief: Alycia Harp, Lodge Secretary: Leslie Stone, and Lodge Treasurer: Logan Patrick. Congratulations 2023-2024 Lodge officers!!



# 2023 LODGE EVENTS





# Don't be a Scrooge, Register for 2023 Lodge Grinchmas Banquet



The Chattahoochee Lodge will hold the annual Lodge Grinchmas Banquet at Camp Lumpkin on Saturday, December 2, 2023. All active Arrowmen and their family members are invited to attend this evening of fellowship, fun, recognition, and great food.

## WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS?

- \* **CHECK-IN FOR REGISTERED ARROWMAN & GUESTS:** 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. EST in Dining Hall
- \* **LODGE BANQUET:** Starts at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm EST.

## WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED?

- \* **UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST:** Wear your ugliest Christmas Sweater over your BSA Class A uniform to win a special prize and earn the title of "OA's Ugliest Christmas Sweater."
- \* **BANQUET MENU:** Steak, potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad bar and dessert
- \* **LODGE BANQUET:** After dinner, the program will recognize Vigil Honor members, present Founder's Award, and other recognitions. BSA Class A uniform and OA Sash should be worn by all Arrowmen.
- \* **DOOR PRIZES:** Those in attendance will have a chance to win OA and Scouting door prizes delivered by OA Santa.
- \* **LODGE PATCH AUCTION:** The Lodge will be holding a silent auction at the banquet. Registered participants will be able to bid on several Lodge issued items that will be on the auction block. If you like to donate items; we are looking for additional items to supplement the auction inventory.
- \* **TRADING POST** will be open with patches and other OA gear. So, do not forget to bring your cash, credit cards, and checks.

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

- \* Go to [91BSA.ORG/OALODGEBANQUET](https://91bsa.org/OALodgeBanquet)
- \* All Arrowmen and Guests must **PRE- REGISTER**. NO ONSITE REGISTRATION WILL BE ALLOWED.

## WHAT IS THE COST TO ATTEND?

- \* **ARROWMAN, DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LODGE'S BLACK FRIDAY GRINCHMAS SPECIAL–**
  - \* Register by Sunday, 11/20/23 and your 2024 lodge dues are included in your Lodge Banquet registration fee of \$25.
  - \* New Arrowmen who completed their ordeal in 2023, your 2024 Lodge Dues are paid so you can attend the Lodge Banquet at no cost, but you still need to register at [91bsa.org/OALodgeBanquet](https://91bsa.org/OALodgeBanquet)
- \* **FAMILY/GUEST FEE** – Cost for each family member who is attending the event is \$15.
- \* **"COAL IN YOUR STOCKING" FEE** - If you and/or guest(s) are not registered by Sunday, 11/20/23, then a \$10 LATE FEE will be added to the registration cost plus Arrowmen must also pay your 2024 dues (\$25). Fees are nonrefundable after 11/26/23. Last day to register is 11/27/23. Make sure your 2023 OA Dues ARE PAID before the Lodge Banquet.



**QUESTIONS;** Please email [communication@chattahoocheelodge.com](mailto:communication@chattahoocheelodge.com).



# 2023 LODGE CALENDAR

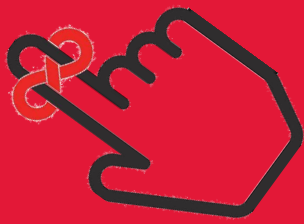
Date	Event	Theme
12/2/23	Lodge Banquet @FGL	Grinchmas Banquet
12/3/23	Lodge Leadership Development @FGL	No Theme
1/5-1/7/2024	Indian Winter@ Camp Bert Adams	No Theme
3/8-3/10/24	Spring Pow-Wow @FGL	TBD
4/19-4/21/2024	Section E-6 Conclave @Camp Thunder	Conclavin' in Paradise

## IMPORTANT UPDATES

- A **new service form** is available to receive service hours for projects that are not directly sponsored by the lodge at [Service | Chattahoochee Lodge](#).
- **Don't delay, pay your 2023 Dues!** If you went through Ordeal in May/August 2022/2023 OR attended the lodge banquet in 2022, then your 2023 lodge dues are paid. You still have time to be an active Arrowman in 2023 at [2023 OA Dues Registration \(91bsa.org\)](#).
- **Indian Winter registration** will be available until December 14, 2023. Late fee registration will start on December 15, 2023. Register [here](#).
- **Conclave registration** will be available until 11:59 PM CDT on March 30, 2024. Late fee registration will start on April 1, 2024. Register [here](#).
- **COMING SOON**—Arrowmen will be able to pay their 2024 for those that did not attend the 2023 Lodge Banquet and/or completed their Ordeal in May/August 2023.

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