

The Talking Leaf



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The Chief's Minute

Austin Hammel, Lodge Chief

As spring is just around the corner, hopefully, it gives us a chance to reflect on the purposes behind our actions instead of just saying "that's how it's been for..." or "because that's how we do it".

I used to always give those answers especially when I first became Vice Chief of Business and Lodge Chief, but one adult leader and now a good friend of mine asked me why I am in the OA and in a leadership position. I tried to give the usual "just because" answer but quickly got cut off and told to give a real answer from my heart. I honestly couldn't tell them my true reason for being there and it took me weeks to figure it out. Even to this day I'm still asking myself why I'm here in life.

Spring is the season of new life and growth. I challenge you to find your reason and purposes of being in OA, in scouts, other organizations, your school classes, and your goals in life. I don't want you to answer, "just because", find the true drive for what you love in life. We can only truly enjoy life when we understand what drives us to do our best and have fun with it.

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A Key to Scouting

Dave Scofield, Lodge Advisor

Here are my keys. It's a small item as you can see. Yet it will open the door to my car, and it will start the engine. With this little key I can visit faraway places, see wonderful sights, and do so many things that were impossible a generation ago. Is it any wonder that I always carry these keys with me?

Your Scouting Handbook or OA Handbook is a lot like my car key. It is a small item, yet it will open the door to Scouting and the Order and will speed you on your way to adventure. Sure, you probably could get by without using your handbook. I could get by without my car key, too, but I'd have to walk and it would be slow. I certainly wouldn't get to see all those places I can reach by car.

Let's not leave our key behind as we enjoy Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. Use your handbook regularly. Take it with you to meetings and on hikes and camping trips. Let your handbook open the door for you.





Save The Date

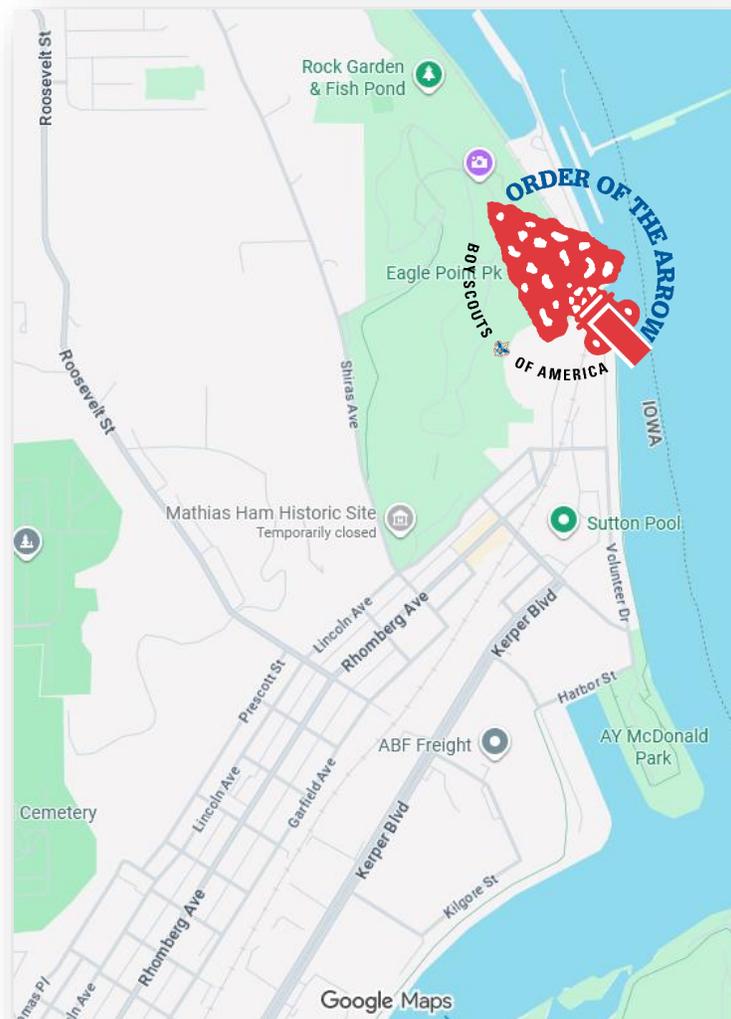
Kenzie Kieffer

The Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast is coming quick! And we need you to help create another successful breakfast!

The breakfast is on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 11th, at Eagle Point Park in Dubuque, Iowa. If you're unable to make it Sunday, there's opportunities on Saturday to help with set up. Timmeu is using Sign Up Genius to help organize volunteers.

Sign-up Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945ACAF29AAFCC61-62621126-mothers>

We look forward to seeing you!





Winter Banquet, Review

Zach Wlochall | Secretary

Oh boy, where do I begin to write about this year's Winter Banquet! We had around ~75 people join us this year at Lacoma Golf Course in East Dubuque! Each year, this is one of our biggest events and the event to celebrate all of the accomplishments we had throughout the year!



Firstly, the LEC got to Lacoma at 2:00PM on January 3rd to have a last minute LEC which allowed us to run through how the Winter Banquet will go and finalize many things for Winter Banquet and other events. After the LEC, we finished setting up the Banquet Hall, so we were ready for families to arrive.



Families began arriving at around 4:30PM and we began to catch up with people that we haven't seen in a while. After dinner at 6:00PM, the show started. Many different accomplishments throughout the year were handed out including Vigil Honors, Arrowman of the Year, Founders Award, Golden Spatula/Silver Spoon, among others. We also had a long-term scouter named Paul Lewis come in and be our Guest Speaker for the year, and he did a fantastic job! He talked to us about his experiences and the changes upcoming in scouts and in the OA.

Finally, the best part of the night was the Live Auction. Steve Sheston was our auctioneer and boy, was it entertaining! After the live auction concluded, we packed up and set out for home. This event is always one of the most fun events we have throughout the year, and it definitely lived up to expectations!





TWA in Review

Joah Breitbach | Ceremonies Chair

On the weekend of February 6th through 8th, members of Timmeu Lodge headed out to Camp Klaus for a memorable trip full of adventure and good times. One of the highlights was a hike to the Blue Lagoon, a beautiful and peaceful spot that was well worth the effort. After the hike, the group pitched in to help out with some work on the handicraft deck. They assisted properties with what they needed help with, leaving the camp a little better than they found it.

But it wasn't all about hard work, there was also plenty of fun to go around. Card games became a favorite way to unwind in the evenings, with everyone getting into the spirit of friendly competition and laughter. It was the perfect balance of adventure, teamwork, and just enjoying each other's company, making for a weekend that everyone will remember for a long time.





Meet the LEC

Meet Some of the Youth Who Help Timmeu Lodge Every Day!

Meet... Logan Voelker

Inductions Chair

What are the duties of this role?

I gather people for OA weekends.

What motivated you to join the LEC?

I wanted to do more with OA.

What are you looking forward to this year in the OA?

Campouts

What has been your favorite OA experience so far?

Fall fellowship

What do you do outside of the OA?

Sports, band, and 4-H

What has been your most meaningful experience in scouting?

Earning my Eagle Scout





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Meet... Anastasia Miller

Vice Chief of Activities

What are the duties of this role?

I make sure all activities have what they need to succeed and oversee the planning that goes into them.

What motivated you to join the LEC?

I was influenced by my brother to join, he always would talk about it, and I thought why not give it a try!

What are you looking forward to this year in the OA?

I am looking forward to meeting new people in our lodge and making more memories along the way.

What has been your favorite OA experience so far?

My favorite OA experience was NOAC 2024 in Boulder or the Winter Banquet's I've attended throughout the years!

What do you do outside of the OA?

I participate in choir and speech team.

What has been your most meaningful experience in scouting?

My most meaningful experience in scouting is meeting the people that I am going to be friends with for hopefully the rest of my life and all the generous adults that help us succeed!



CAMP C.S. KLAUS SUMMER STAFF 2026

I Want **YOU**

For Camp Staff!

Ready for the **best** experience and to be a part of Klaus history?
Join the Camp C.S. Klaus Staff or become a CIT - make a difference that lasts a lifetime!



Why Join Staff?

“Working at Camp C.S. Klaus is a chance to step outside your comfort zone and put to use the skills you’ve built. Whether its leadership, communication, problem solving, or teamwork, camp gives you real responsibility in a familiar environment. You’ll learn how to adapt and work with different personalities and grow both personally and professionally all while doing meaningful work that makes a difference.” ~Ben Smith

Positions needed!

Medic (18 years old)
Trades Director (18 years old)
Trading Post Instructor
Aquatics Instructor
Handicraft Instructor
CITs (14 years old)

Apply today and join the adventure! <https://scoutsiowa.org/camping/cskstaff/>

Camp Klaus gladly thanks Timmeu Lodge for its continued support!



Timmeu Lodge



It's time for your 2026 OA Dues

For your convenience we have attached a simple form you may fill out and send in with your 2026 OA dues. Dues are \$15 and remember: you must be registered in Scouts-BSA either through a Troop, Pack, or the Council. Your dues help fund many of the projects at both Camp Klaus and Camp Burton.

Mail your payment to:

Northeast Iowa Council
PO Box 732
Dubuque, IA 52004-0732

Or pay online at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/178-107226>

OA Dues

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____





JUNE 12-14, 2026

CAMP C.S. KLAUS | COLESBURG, IOWA



Whether you were a camper, staff member, volunteer, or visitor - you're part of the Klaus legacy. Come back to the place where friendships were forged, skills were sharpened, and memories were made.

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

- Climbing Tower & Target Sports*
- Handicraft & Ecology Exploration*
- Campfires*
- Tent Camping*
- Meals & Fellowship in Munter Dining Hall*

Scan for more information OR visit
scoutsiowa.org/camp-c-s-klaus-alumni-reunion/

For other questions contact Melissa at
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Timmeu Lodge



Upcoming Events

Get Involved!

Pancake Breakfast

All hands!

May 10 | Eagle Point Park

Spring Fellowship

Serve Klaus, Timmeu, and
Fellow Arrowmen!

Jun 5-7 | Camp Klaus

Register: [Northeast Iowa Council](#)
- [Order of the Arrow Spring](#)
[Fellowship](#)

