



# WAGION LODGE #6

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### *A Journey Back to the 80s!*

#### Upcoming Lodge Events

- April Weekend - April 24-26
- Spring Nature Walk - May 2
- Camporee 250 - May 15-17

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#### A Message from the Chief

Greetings Arrowmen,

Our lodge year has officially begun! Just over a month ago we gathered at the Mount Pleasant Area High School to offer our final toasts to 2025 in anticipation for the year we have ahead. Now, we have just a few weeks before we gather at camp for the April Service Weekend as we prepare for the Spring Nature Walk, summer camp, and all of the other programs that are able to use Conestoga and Buck Run because of our work. Be sure to register online and come out from April 24th-26th for our 80s-themed weekend of service and activities.

Following the service weekend will be a busy time for our lodge, and the council as a whole. On May 2nd the Cub Relations Committee is hosting the annual Spring Nature Walk at Camp Conestoga. If you're available then, I encourage all of you to reach out to Nate Collamer to volunteer to help facilitate a fun, memorable experience for our local Cub Scouts. If you aren't available on the 2nd, from May 15th-17th we will have a lodge service corps at Camporee 250. Any help is welcome, whether for the whole event or a single shift; reach out to AVC Owen Briggs if you'd like to help.

As a final note, as you all may know, the National Committee has been working to revise our ceremonies over the last few years in an effort to limit AIA programming across the Order of the Arrow and Scouting. This month Monaken Lodge will, on behalf of Section E21, be attending a training on the new induction process offered by the National Committee. In August, we will be sending a group of our own members to learn the new process from Monaken so that we may begin to transition to the new format. For now, unless contradicting policy is put forth by National, we will continue our normal ceremonies and inductions process until we have the opportunity to attend the Section Induction Experience and offer a "members-only" induction for anyone who'd like to get a feel for the new process for themselves.

Registration for the April weekend closes on Sunday the 19th, so don't waste time when it comes paying your dues and signing up.

In Service,  
Carl Schaefer  
2026 Lodge Chief



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# Officer Chat



## Program Vice Chief - Alan Methven



Hello Wagion.

I am super excited for this upcoming April weekend. We have lots of great 80s themed activities for everyone to enjoy. Saturday night we will be having an 80s name that tune competition! You will be competing for an awesome 80s themed movie night basket! An adult and a youth have an opportunity to win! We will also have more prizes to win so bring your A game. April is a great weekend for fellowship and time to open up camp for the year. I can't wait to see everyone at the weekend.

In service  
Alan Methven

## Administrative Vice Chief - Owen Briggs

Hello, Wagion!

I hope this message finds you all in great spirits and brimming with excitement as we approach a spectacular weekend in April. This time, we are diving into an exhilarating 80s theme that promises to transport us back to one of the most vibrant decades. Throughout the weekend, we have a series of engaging service projects planned, along with fresh sign-up sheets for this year's initiatives, providing everyone the chance to get involved. Our dedicated committees have been working tirelessly during this short intermission between events, ensuring that everything is perfectly organized. The Unit Elections Team, in particular, has stepped up wonderfully, keeping everything on track with their planned schedule and making sure we're ready for the upcoming elections. This April weekend is shaping up to be an unforgettable experience filled with fun, camaraderie, and a touch of nostalgia. I sincerely hope that each of you fully embraces the excitement and joy that a Wagion weekend has to offer. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and let's keep the spirit high



Carry On, Wagion!





# Officer Chat



## Secretary - Andrew Pierce



Hello Wagion!

Glad to see all of you attending the banquet this year, I thought we had some great activities and meetings that went nice and smooth. I am looking forward to the April weekend which is just around the corner now, so get registered NOW before you forget! I hope you all have a great Easter and spring break, see you all down at camp!

Carry on Wagion!  
Andrew Pierce

## Treasurer - Landyn Queer

Hello Wagion!

A big thank you to everyone who paid their dues at the banquet! If you haven't had a chance to pay yet, make sure to come to the April weekend. We'd love to see you and it's a great opportunity to have some fun.

Carry on Wagion!  
Landyn Queer





# Chairman Chat



## Activities Committee - Dylan Daugherty

Hello Wagion,

I'm excited for our April Weekend for those who may not know it is 80s themed. We plan on having many great activities related to the 80s. Be ready for Guess That Tune, rollerskating, and many more great activities. Hope to see you all soon.

Carry on,  
Dylan Daugherty

## Unit Elections Committee - Eli Rittenhouse

Dear Wagion Lodge #6

Hello! I would just like to ask that if your troop or crew has yet to schedule for a unit election, please try to do so as soon as possible. If your troop or crew has decided a date and time for an election, but don't know who to send it to, please contact either Kyle Collamer or myself. I would also like to thank all who attended and helped at the Unit Elections Meeting at the Lodge Banquet. Thank you and I hope to see you at the April weekend!

Sincerely,  
Eli Rittenhouse

## Cub Relations - Nate Collamer

Hello Wagion,

Coming up on May 2nd is our annual OA Spring Nature Walk. The Spring Nature Walk is a full day of fun, outdoor activities for all ages of Cub Scouts. This includes interactive educational presentations, scouting activities, and fun field games! We need YOUR help! This event is not possible without volunteers from our lodge to help lead Cub Scouts around, set up/man stations, and prepare food. If you are interested in helping out with this event, please contact me. See you all in April!

Carry on, Wagion!  
Nate Collamer





# Chairman Chat



## Save the Date!

### 2026 OA Spring Nature Walk

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026  
11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Wagon Lodge 6 invites all Cub Scouts, families, and friends to the annual OA Spring Nature Walk!**

**What are we doing?** The Spring Nature Walk consists of outdoor, campwide fun for all ages of Cub Scouts. This includes interactive educational presentations, scouting activities and fun field games!

**Where:** Camp Conestoga / Eberly Scout Reservation

**Register:** <https://scoutingevent.com/512-oawalk26>

**Contacts:**  
Nathan Collamer - Email: [t205ncollamer@gmail.com](mailto:t205ncollamer@gmail.com)  
**AND**  
Dan Ferguson - Email: [chefdan58@gmail.com](mailto:chefdan58@gmail.com)

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# Broken Arrows



Rest in peace Rich

On behalf of the Westmoreland – Fayette Council Scouting Alumni Association, I would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the Ashford Family on the passing of Richard M. Ashford.

Rich has been involved in Scouting and the Order of the Arrow for many years. Most notably, he is a Vigil Honor and Thunderbird Award recipient. He also held the position of Section Vice Chief. He further served our lodge as Wagon Lodge Advisor. I often wish I could use a time machine to go back to the 1970's and 1980's. Life seemed so much simpler then. Scouting for me was new and exciting. I would like to go back and spend some time with all the interesting Scouts and Scouters who influenced my life. Rich is one of those Scouts. He was a colorful part of my Scouting tapestry.

Rich will remain in the hearts and memories of many Scouts and Scouters for years to come. The Scouting Program and our community are better places because he was here and made a difference.

Rest in peace Chuck Ferguson

On behalf of the Westmoreland – Fayette Council Scouting Alumni Association, I would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the Ferguson Family on the passing of Charles H. Ferguson

Chuck's involvement in Scouting spans over six decades and he held several leadership positions. First and foremost he was a Scoutmaster who directly impacted the lives of young Scouts. This included his son Daniel. He was Westmoreland-Fayette Council President and actively served on the Executive Board. He was a Woodbadge participant, staff member, Scoutmaster and Course Director. Chuck received the Silver Beaver Award for outstanding Council Service and The Silver Antelope for exemplary Area and Region involvement. He served Wagon Lodge as Lay Advisor from 1970 to 1973. He is a Vigil Honor brother and a recipient of the 1968 Thunderbird Award. Most importantly, Chuck remained active by attending Scouting and Order of the Arrow events, often chauffeured by his loving wife Sandy. He was always there with a smile and a friendly story of Scouting. He is a true example of Leadership in Service and always gave back more than he received, leaving Scouting better than he found it.

Chuck will remain in the hearts and memories of many Scouts and Scouters for years to come. The Scouting Program and our community are a better place because he was here and made a difference.

With sincere gratitude for Mr. Ferguson,

Dave Hostoffer  
Scouting Alumni Association





# Camporee 250



## CAMPOREE 250 FAST APPROACHING

Our council is hosting a multi-district event this spring to celebrate our Nation's Semi-quincentennial Anniversary this year. In other words, this is our Nation's 250 th anniversary.

Our Camporee 250 will be held at the Bushy Run Battlefield Park in Jeannette on May 15-17 th , 2026. Yes, we will actually be camping on the battlefield.

The day will include skill events for troops and patrols. Also, fields games, live music, parade of mascots, hog calling contest, food tricks, battlefield re-enactment, historic displays, and much more! Special visits from Ben Franklin and Ulysses S Grant!

The evening program will feature The Classic Brew Band, followed by a camp-wide snack.

So, register with your troop or by logging onto the Council website. Follow the Camporee 250 buttons for the registration form. Join us for this once in a lifetime event. Register today!

**DON'T FORGET THE CUBS!!** All cub scouts, leaders and families are invited to join us for the activities on Saturday. More information about cub camping can be found on the council main page.





# Camporee 250



## CAMPOREE 250 O/A SERVICE CORP

Calling all Wagion Members!! We need your help during the Camporee 250 weekend. There will be many opportunities during the weekend to join the Wagion O/A Service Corp and assist with the program of the weekend. Youth and adults are needed! We appreciate everyone's help.

We need help on all three days: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday:

Friday- 6pm-dusk

Assistance with registration. 2pm-8pm

Assistance as parking lot attendants.

Assistance with moving troop gear and individual campers' equipment to the campsites.

Saturday Day – 8am-4pm

Cub world (9am -4pm) Need 20 members to staff the program areas- either AM or afternoon shifts)

Registration area.

Putting up pop-up tents for the display area. Taking down after 4pm. (6 people)

Assistance as parking lot attendants (12 people – different shifts)

General guides directing people to different events/areas. (12 people – different shifts)

Special guest assistants- (8 people- either AM or PM shifts)

Saturday Evening- 6-10pm

General guides directing people to entertainment and snack

Food service helpers- Working with Steve Sulkowski at pavilion

Sunday Morning – 8-11am

General cleanup (8 people)

Trash removal (8 people)

Look for our sign up tables during the April O/A weekend. For more details, or to sign-up to volunteer, see Owen Briggs at the weekend. Not able to attend the weekend? Then contact Owen through email (Refer to LEC contact list)





# Camporee 250



## CAMPOREE 250

WHERE THE PAST COMES ALIVE

**MAY 15 - 17**

All program on  
*Saturday*  
9AM - 4PM



**\$20** early bird registration  
till March 17

**\$25** till April 15th

**OPEN TO ALL**  
*Scouts and Scouters*


### ACTIVITIES

- ✦ Historic Reenactors
- ✦ Hands-On Experiences
- ✦ Field Games
- ✦ Family Event
- ✦ Parade of Mascots
- ✦ Live Music
- ✦ Demonstrations and Displays
- ✦ Food Trucks
- ✦ Cub World!
- ✦ Hog-Calling Contest!

**BUSHY RUN BATTLEFIELD**

1253 Bushy Run Road • Jeannette, PA 15644



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# Vigil Eligibility list



This upcoming April Weekend we will hold our Vigil elections. This will be done on Sunday immediately following the Business Meeting in our OA Building. I would ask that all Vigil members, both youth and adult, attend. If you are a youth Vigil Honor member who will still be under 21 on Sunday, it is mandatory that you come to the elections as having more youth representation is imperative. Please see a list of members who are currently eligible to be nominated for the Vigil Honor below. Please take a look at this list and a moment to discern who might be worthy of this honor for our 2026 Vigil class. If you would like to nominate someone before the elections take place, or if you can't be at the weekend, please submit a nomination form to me, Jayden Mattis. I look forward to nominating our Vigil Class of 2026 and hope to see each and every one of you there!

## Vigil Eligible Youth

Albright, Michael  
 Anderson, Owen  
 Argot, Ethan  
 Benyo, Conor  
 Blagg, Justice  
 Blasi, Carter  
 Bohinc, Gavin  
 Bowser, Brooklynne  
 Clark Jr., Scotty  
 Eremic, Nick  
 Ernette, Daniel  
 Forshey, Benjamin R  
 Gribble, Tristan  
 Hamm, Douglas Wayne  
 Hardik, Lucas  
 Harris, Jacob Patrick  
 Kalp, Nathan  
 Kelley, Dylan  
 Kuzmkowski, Martin Alexander  
 Libertino, Michael

Loring, Chris  
 Matson, Gunnar  
 Owoc, Daniel  
 Page, Micah  
 Reed, Logan  
 Simon, Caeley  
 South, Matthew  
 Stader, Vincenzo  
 Sulkowski, Stephen  
 Underwood, Josh  
 Watters, Samuel Patrick  
 Zarod, John

## Vigil Eligible Adult

Anderson, Chris  
 Benyo, Ken  
 Blagg, Jerry  
 Blakenship, Benjamin  
 Bojarski, Robert T.  
 Bouldin, William  
 Buczkowski, Mark D.  
 Buric, Michael  
 Dix III, Thomas S.  
 Duranko III, Stephen  
 Ernette, James  
 Fitzgerald, Patrick  
 Good Jr., Clifford M  
 Grobmyer, Louis R.  
 Jeffries, Jesse  
 Kalp, Hunter  
 Kerr, Jeff D  
 Kerr, Josh  
 Kerr, Susan  
 Kinzel, David

Korinek, Joseph R  
 Lang, George S  
 Meredith, David  
 Meredith, Linda M  
 Mihalko Jr., David J  
 Parker, Kyle  
 Pierce, John  
 Popovich Sr, Charles G.  
 Queer, Steve  
 Reed, Jason W.  
 Rittenhouse, Todd  
 Seder, Alena  
 Simon, Arienne  
 Smith, Scott  
 Stillman, Frank K  
 Sulkowski, Stephen V.  
 Underwood, Don  
 Veychek, Casey M  
 Yeager, Frank





# Silver Beaver



## Local Leaders Honored with Silver Beaver Award

At the Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner held on March 26, community leaders were recognized for their outstanding service and dedication to Scouting. Among those honored were Communications Advisor and Weekend Warrior Jim Jackson Jim Jackson and Lodge Advisor Nathaniel Shaffer, both of whom received the prestigious Silver Beaver Award.

The award, one of the highest honors given to adult volunteers in Scouting, recognizes exceptional commitment to youth and the community. The ceremony featured presentations by Marcus Ragland, Sara Bednarofsky, and Mike Blasko.

Photos from the event capture memorable moments from the evening, including appearances by family members and fellow Scouts. The recognition highlights the continued impact of volunteer leadership in shaping positive experiences for young people.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 80s Crossword




**ACROSS**

- Multi-colored bear characters gained by artist Elena Kuzbark for American Greetings in 1981.
- Famous arcade game first released in Japan on May 27, 1980.
- Michael Jackson's 3rd single from the album, *Thriller*.
- TV series cartoons with more than one hundred small characters, and their names are based on their characteristics.
- Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now song from *Starship* was featured as the theme to the romantic comedy film \_\_\_\_\_.
- "I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me)"
- Hit single song from Phil Collins.
- TV series with a red 1969 Dodge Charger called General Lee.

**DOWN**

- A girl named Wrap with the mission to bring color to the world by locating the Sirens of Light.
- A team of companions on a mission in a Central American jungle first themselves hunted by an extraterrestrial warrior.
- Masters of the Universe.
- In the 80s you needed a VCR and what else for TV recording.
- Red, yellow, blue, green, orange and white 3-D combination puzzle.
- Was great for recording music from the radio.
- Console to play arcade games and home video games.
- Movie that tells the story of a lonely boy who befriends an extraterrestrial who is stranded on Earth.

ROBIN'S CLUB	HE MAN	E.T.	VHS
AMARQUIN	IN THE AIR TONIGHT	DUKES OF HAZARD	ANIMON BRITS
BILLIE JEAN	ADAM	SMURFS	WHITNEY HOUSTON
PREZIE FOX	CORE SCARS	PIG-MAN	CHRISTIE

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# 2026 Lodge Banquet





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Remember to bring a copy of your Medical Form (Parts A and B) to ALL Lodge Events!

### Medical Forms Reminder:

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