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OCTORARO LODGE 22





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SEPTEMBER

FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 25 – 27, 2026

SERVICE | BROTHERHOOD | CHEERFULNESS

1926 - 2026

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100th ANNIVERSARY FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

HORSESHOE SCOUT RESERVATION, RISING SUN, MD.

SEPTEMBER 25, 26 AND 27, 2026



Collin Wheeler
Lodge Chief

My name is Collin Wheeler and I currently serve as Lodge Chief. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 62 in Kemblesville, PA and I'm a Vigil Honor Member. I've served in various positions over the years, including Communications Chair and Vice Chief. In my second year as Chief, I hope to strengthen the LLT and execute a strong 100th Anniversary.

Brothers,

Welcome back to Camp Horseshoe, and welcome to the final event of our 100th Anniversary! This weekend has been a hundred years in the making, so we're excited to finally celebrate!

As you've likely heard, we're finally returning to the OA Fire Circle after 5 years of abandonment. We held a Fire Circle service day last weekend, which was the first time that I've returned to the OA Circle since 2021. Standing in the circle, you can truly feel all the history and importance of Octoraro 22, and I'm excited for all of you to experience the same on Saturday night. A huge thanks to the Fire Circle Crew for their devotion and hard work to restore the circle and coordinate transportation!

Additionally, we are holding our Lodge Officer Elections for 2027 throughout this weekend. I urge the youth to truly think and choose the right arrowmen to lead our lodge through the beginning of our Journey for the next 100 years. While this will be my last service weekend as Lodge Chief, I am confident in the leaders in our lodge, and I can't wait to see the lodge continue to thrive under its next Chief.

I will leave you with one last thought from the charge that began our 100th Anniversary. "You will write a great record of Cheerful Service" -Dr. E. Urner Goodman.

I look forward to a historic and fellowship-filled weekend with you all!

Collin J. Wheeler
Octoraro 22 Lodge Chief



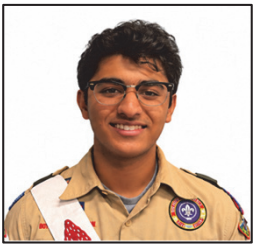
Gregory Comolli
Vice Chief of Administration

Hello, my name is Gregory Comolli. I am currently serving as the Vice Chief of Admin for Octoraro Lodge 22. You've probably seen me working at camp horseshoe as I was a CIT in 2023 and work in Campcraft for the 2024 and 2025 seasons. In the lodge I have helped out with the Elangomat program and have been a part of the elections team. I am a Vigil member in the Order of the Arrow and a Scout out of Malvern Troop 7. Outside of Scouting I play baseball at Henderson High School.



William Grosick
Vice Chief of Program

Hello, my name is William Grosick, though many of you know me as Sensei Wu. I currently serve as Octoraro Lodge 22's Vice Chief of Program. I am a Vigil member in our lodge and a Scout in Troop 73 Valley Forge PA. I completed my Ordeal in April 2023 and sealed my membership that December. Since then, I've attended Conclave, NOAC, LLD meetings, service weekends, and served on OA camp staff. I also worked as a handicraft instructor at Camp Horseshoe. I am proud to serve as your 2026 Vice Chief of Program.



Sid Prabhudesai
Corresponding Secretary

Hello, my name is Sid Prabhudesai. I am serving as your 2026 Corresponding Secretary! I am a Brotherhood member and a Scout from Troop 216 in Lionville. I hope to get to know all of you better so we can have a great 100th anniversary.



TJ Belzer
Recording Secretary

Hello, I am TJ Belzer and I am your Recording Secretary for 2026. You may have seen me working at Handicraft as an instructor or camping with my troop, Devon 50. In the lodge, I've served as the Brotherhood Chair and a Fellowship Team member. Outside of Scouts, I play trombone in my school marching band and am a member of the school Vex Robotics team. I look forward to creating a fantastic 100th anniversary celebration.



Camille Bergmaier
Treasurer

My name is Camille Bergmaier and I am honored to serve Octoraro Lodge 22 as the Lodge Treasurer in 2026. I started my Scouting journey in 2019 and I am currently in Troop 19. I am also serving as our Ceremonies chair. I kept my Vigil in April 2025 and worked on camp staff for my 3rd year. I am thrilled to be your Lodge Treasurer and I am excited to serve you for 2026!

Fellowship Schedule

FRIDAY

6:00 PM **REGISTRATION OPENS**
(Candidates - Kindness)
(Brothers - Goodman Pavilion)
Cornhole Tournament Registration Opens
(teams of 2 scouts or 2 adults)

7:45 PM **CANDIDATES ASSEMBLE (Kindness Center)**
Candidates and Elangomats only
- NO OUTSIDE BROTHERS PERMITTED

8:30 PM **Members go to Achgeketum Circle**

8:45 PM **CANDIDATES MOVE FROM KINDNESS**

9:00 PM **Pre-Ordeal Ceremony**
Full Class A with Sash required

10:00 PM **Snack and Patch Trading (Allen Memorial Dining Hall)**
Requires attendance at Pre-Ordeal Ceremony

10:30 PM **Karaoke (Kindness center)**

SATURDAY

7:30 AM **REVEILLE for Brothers and Candidates Orientation at Camp Horseshoe**

8:00 AM **Breakfast (Allen Memorial Dining Hall)**
Service Project Meeting Places announced
-Cornhole Tournament Sign Ups Close

8:45 AM **SERVICE PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS for Candidates/Brothers**

12:00 PM **Clean-up for LUNCH**
Projects break, Candidates Assemble at Dining Hall

12:15 PM **LUNCH (Allen Memorial Dining Hall)**
Cornhole tournament bracket is revealed.

12:45 PM **Officer Forum & LLD Training at Dining Hall**
(Attendance required for ALL YOUTH)

1:15 PM **Fellowship Activities begin & Candidates start afternoon work**
Cornhole Tournament (Picnic Grove)
Wiffle Ball & Memory Trail (Parade Field)
Inflatables (Picnic Grove)
Lodge Trivia Challenge & Face Paint (Alumni Pavilion)
Giant Soccer (Parade Field)
-Elangomats and Candidates
Turn in Centurion Award forms at HQ until 2PM!

2:00 PM **Brotherhood Experience (Kindness Center)**
– all Brotherhood Candidates

3:45 PM **Dismiss Ordeal Candidates**
– Wash-up for retreat/dinner

4:00 PM **Officer Elections (Goodman Pavilion)**
– Lodge Chief, Vice Chiefs, Recording SEC,Corresponding SEC & Treasurer

5:00 PM **Brotherhood Class Photograph (Camp HQ)**

5:15 PM **RETREAT CEREMONY (Parade Field)**
– Class A Uniform with sash

5:30 PM **DINNER (Allen Memorial Dining Hall)**
Officer Elections – {for positions not completed at 4pm}

6:15 PM **Elangomat Meeting (OA Lodge)**

BUSES FOR VIGIL AND BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS AND BROTHERHOOD CANDIDATES DEPART MAIN PARKING LOT FOR CEREMONY CIRCLE

6:30 PM **Ordeal Candidate discussion (OA Lodge)**

7:00 PM **OA Brotherhood/Vigil Member Challenge (OA CEREMONY CIRCLE ENTRANCE)**

7:15 PM **BROTHERHOOD CEREMONY (OA CEREMONY CIRCLE)**

BUSES FOR ORDEAL MEMBERS AND ORDEAL CANDIDATES DEPART MAIN PARKING LOT FOR CEREMONY CIRCLE

8:00 PM **OA Ordeal Members Challenge (OA CEREMONY CIRCLE ENTRANCE)**

8:15 PM **ORDEAL CEREMONY (OA CEREMONY CIRCLE)**

9:15 PM **2026 Lodge Officer Announcement (OA CEREMONY CIRCLE)**

9:30 PM **BUSES DEPART CEREMONY CIRCLE FOR MAIN PARKING LOT**

11:00 PM **FELLOWSHIP FEAST & PATCH TRADING (Allen Memorial Dining Hall)**

-Ordeal Attendance Required Time may change based on number of Ordeal Ceremonies needed

11:15 PM **TAPS**

SUNDAY

7:30 AM **Worship Service (Goodman Pavilion)**

8:00 AM **Ordeal Ceremony Review (Goodman Pavilion)**
– ALL NEW MEMBERS MUST ATTEND!

8:30 AM **CAMPSITE CLEANUP**
– see list for responsibilities by Campsite

9:00 AM **Breakfast (Allen Memorial Dining Hall)**

9:30 AM **LODGE MEETING (Allen Memorial Dining Hall)**
– CLASS A REQUIRED

10:30 AM **Stop, Start, Continue – Lodge Officers/Advisors Meeting (Camp HQ)**

GENERAL INFORMATION

FELLOWSHIP HEADQUARTERS

The Alumni Pavilion is the Fellowship Headquarters on Saturday. A member of the Fellowship Committee will be there for the duration of Saturday's fellowship.

MEDICAL SERVICE

All first aid cases will be handled at the headquarters building.

TRADING POST

Open Friday Night; Most of Saturday; Saturday night


HSR
HORSESHOE SCOUT RESERVATION
CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Roberts
Rothrock
Rifle & Sh
Achgeketum
Fire Circle
Roberts
(Nature)
Shower
House
Rothrock
Trailblazers
McIlvaine
Sherwood
Forest
Trading
Post
Browning
HQ
Health
Lodge
Goodman
Boonesboro
Alumni
Pavilion
Quonset
Hut
Dining
Hall
Schramm
Showers
Kit
Carson
Dan
Beard
OA
Lodge
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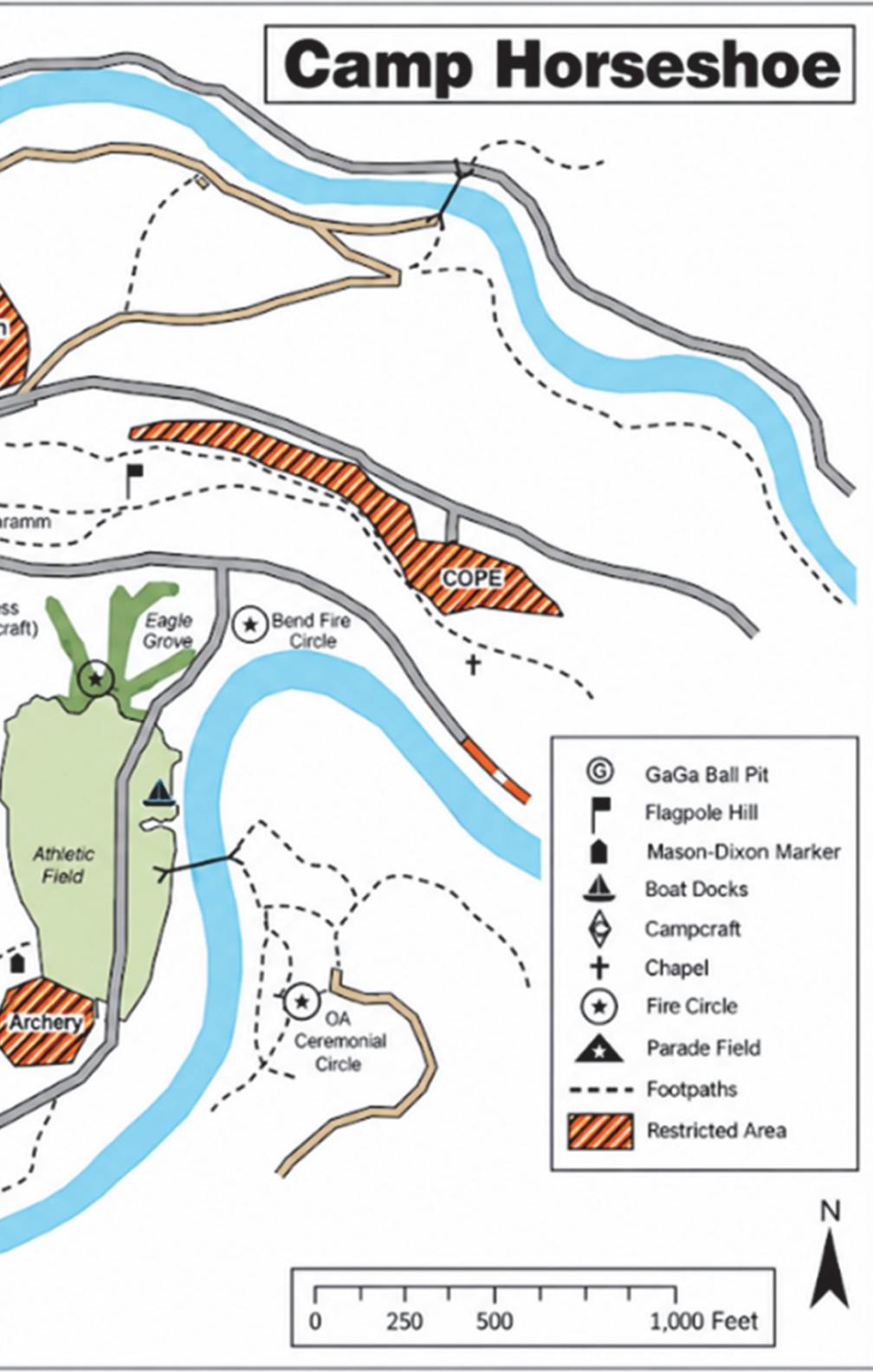
Taylor Beach

Camp Horseshoe



REGISTRATION
Brothers registration after 7:45PM friday night will take place at headquarters

MCILVAINE LODGE
McIlvaine Lodge is for Guests of Blue Heron, CPAP users and HQ Personnel ONLY

CHECKOUT
You must contact the campmaster for cabin check–out after your site is clean

CLEANING ASSIGNMENTS
(Brothers are responsible to clean sleeping site as well as assignment below)

- Rothrock Lodge/Campsite – Rifle Range, Overflow Parking lot, Trading Post
- Roberts Lodge/Campsite – Achgeketum/New Shower Area
- Boonesboro/Sherwood Campsites – Main Parking Lot, Goodman Pavilion
- Schramm/Browning Lodges – Kindness, White House, Eagle Grove
- Stockade Campsites – Parade Field, Health Lodge area, HQ area
- Officers – Main Showers, OA Lodge building

The Bridge Builder

An old man going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"*Old man,*" said a fellow pilgrim near,
"*You are wasting your strength with building here;*
Your journey will end with the ending day,
Yon never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;
"*Good friend, in the path I have come,*" *he said,*
"*There followed after me to-day*
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

Fellowship Activities

FRIDAY

Karaoke

10:30 PM at Kindness Center

SATURDAY

Cornhole Tournament

Teams on two scouts or adults with compete and make their way through the bracket. It will be located in the picnic grove.

Wiffle Ball

Open play in the parade field

Lodge Trivia

Lodge trivia challenges will be hosted at the Alumni Pavilion.

Giant Soccer

Ordeal patrols will verse each other in a match of giant soccer at the parade field.

Face Paint

Golf Chipping Trick Shots

Picnic Grove

Inflatables

Basketball, Football, and an obstacle course.

Memory Trail

Additional Information

Menu & Additional Details

Fellowship Team



Colin Murphy
Fellowship Chair



Brandon Shaw
Fellowship Co-Chair

Brothers,

On behalf of the Fellowship Team, we want to wish everyone a great weekend as we come together to celebrate 100 years of our lodge. It's a special milestone, and we're grateful to share it with all of you.

Yours in Brotherhood, The Fellowship Team

OUR FOUNDERS

Charles Milton Heistand – September 18, 1897 – November 6, 1987

Charles M. “Chief” Heistand became Chester County Council Scout Executive in 1923. In 1926, he helped establish Lodge #22 after contacting Order of the Arrow founder E. Urner Goodman. He received the Vigil Honor that year as “Haschawige,” meaning “The Square One.”

Heistand also helped acquire and develop Camp Horseshoe as the Council’s new summer camp in 1928. He later held several national Scouting leadership positions and received the OA Distinguished Service Award in 1952.

Joseph Harlan Brinton – May 9, 1907 – September 13, 1992

Joseph Harlan “Joe” Brinton earned Eagle Scout in 1924 and became Octoraro Lodge’s first Lodge Chief in 1926. That year, he received the Vigil Honor as “Woapsie,” meaning “The White One.”

Brinton later served as National Secretary and National Chief of the Order of the Arrow. He also enjoyed a long professional Scouting career, retiring as Scout Executive of the Detroit Area Council in 1971.

George Raymond Watson – September 17, 1912 – December 19, 1965

George Raymond “Ray” Watson joined Scouting in 1924, earned Eagle Scout in 1927, and served on the staffs of Camp Rothrock and Camp Horseshoe.

He became Lodge Chief in 1929 and received the Vigil Honor as “Nitis,” meaning “The Companion.” Watson later served in the U.S. Navy and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Walter Clarence Burkey – July 7, 1905 – October 13, 1997

Walter Clarence “Walt” Burkey joined Malvern Troop 7 in 1922 and earned Eagle Scout in 1928. He later became a longtime leader in Willistown Troop 78 and received the Silver Beaver Award in 1962.

In 1979, Burkey received the Vigil Honor as “Amoe Nutiken,” meaning “Beekeeper,” reflecting his longtime hobby.

Thomas Ellwood Gillingham, Jr. – August 25, 1912 – April 24, 2004

Dr. Thomas Ellwood “Tom” Gillingham, Jr. became the first Eagle Scout of Oxford Troop 13 in 1926. He served on Camp Horseshoe’s first staff and received the Vigil Honor in 1929 as “Weamgigan,” meaning “Too Big.”

A Harvard graduate and mining engineer, Gillingham served in the Navy during World War II and later held senior positions in the mining and energy industries. He was also active in civic service throughout the Oxford area.

Charles Cripps Schmidt – May 30, 1894 – November 4, 1956

Charles Cripps “Smitty” Schmidt served on Chester County Council camp staffs from 1926 through 1930 in several leadership roles. He received the Vigil Honor in 1927 as “Wullapejuwagan,” meaning “The Upright.”

A World War I Army veteran, Schmidt later worked as a teacher and school administrator before retiring in 1955.

Benjamin James Thomas – February 12, 1877 – July 14, 1932

Benjamin James “Uncle Ben” Thomas was a Scoutmaster of Malvern Troop 7 and served as Octoraro Lodge Chief in 1927. He received the Vigil Honor as “Wingi,” meaning “A Guide.”

Thomas later served as National Grand Lodge Secretary and helped shape early Order of the Arrow traditions. Camp Horseshoe’s Camp Thomas was named in his honor following his death.

Carlton Louis Suplee – October 7, 1911 – May 1, 1986

Carlton Louis “Soup” Suplee graduated from Gettysburg College in 1933 with a degree in chemistry. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he became a chemist with Gulf Oil Corporation and developed numerous patents. A lifelong Quaker, Suplee remained active in his church and community.

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OFFICIAL SONG

Written by E. URNER GOODMAN

