

The Red Flame

Illinek Lodge - Abraham Lincoln Council 144

2026 WINTER BANQUET Camp Illinek - Booth Lodge January 17th

The Winter Banquet is an annual recognition event. At this event you can see all the exciting things that happened over the year. You'll have the opportunity to see the recognition of the 2025 Vigil Class and the newest Founders Award Recipients! You'll also hear a lot of promotions about our Spring events. You can meet the youth leaders of Illinek Lodge! This event is open to all Arrowmen, family, and friends! Be on the lookout, and you might meet other Arrowmen from other lodges in our section. Registration fee includes our snowglobe pocket patch!! The Illinek Lodge and Order of the Arrow Silent Auction and other memorabilia in the museum will be displayed during the event, so be sure to get there early with your checkbooks and credit cards!! Scoutmasters can learn more about and sign up for Unit Elections at the Winter Banquet!

Doors Open: 5:00 pm
Dinner Starts: 6:00 pm

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Camp Illinek
6610 Iron Bridge Road
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Upcoming Events



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Jadyn Margaron

Howdy friend, Jadyn Margaron here again, I'm stoked to be serving as your 2025-26 Lodge Chief! This year we have a lot of amazing events and opportunities coming up to connect with fellow Arrowmen.

Firstly, we have LEC, Lodge Executive Committee, meetings. Everyone is welcome to come out, it's the second Sunday of every month. This is a great way to be informed and have a chance to bring your voice and ideas to the table. These meetings are where we come together and make decisions for the lodge. Check out our website Illineklodge.org for the calendar—there you can find locations of each LEC Meeting!

Kicking off the new year with loads of fun events! First on January 17th, we have the Annual Winter Banquet! It will be an evening of great food, fellowshipping with one another, raffles, entertainment, and a pretty patch. January 25th we have the all-amazing Klondike Derby. Moving into February on the 8th LLDC, Lodge Leadership Development Conference, will be taking place. It will be a great time to grow your leadership knowledge and have fun! February 22nd we have the First Aid Meet. April 5th is going to be an epic One Day of Service. April 25th -27th is Lincoln Pilgrimage and Trails

End Café.

These are just a few of the upcoming lodge activities! They are all incredible ways to get involved and stay active with the lodge. If you have any questions, if you are interested in lodge leadership positions, or simply want to get involved, feel free to email me at lodgechief@illineklodge.org ! I can't wait to see you in the new year!

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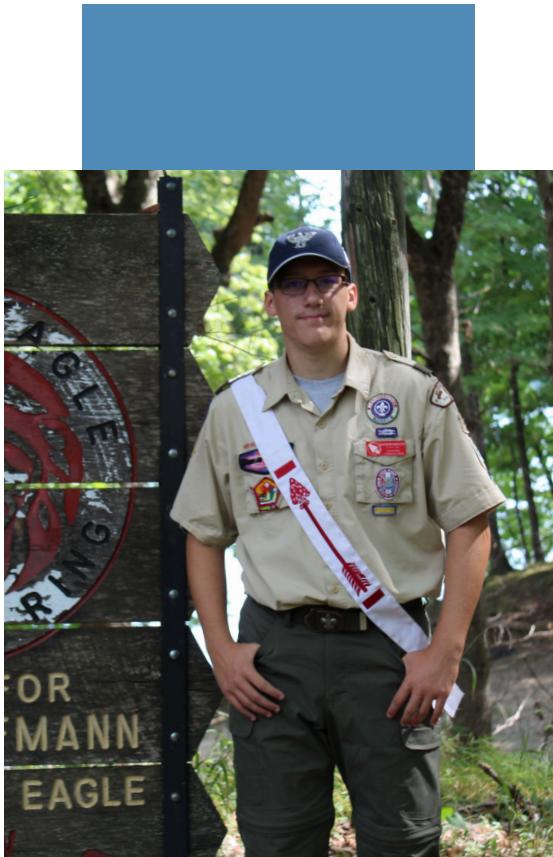


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VICE CHIEF

Kaleb Buckellew

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Hello, my name is Kaleb Buckellew, and I am the Order of the Arrow Lodge 132 Vice Chief for the 2025-2026 term. I plan to help build our Lodge up into a better community and family through connections and activities. Currently, there is a wide variety of activities in the Lodge and OA that you can participate in. The Lodge has a few events, the biggest one for me is the Lodge Leadership Development Conference on February 8th. Some of the big upcoming events include the Section G7 Section Conclave in September. The Conclave is a gathering of every lodge in our section to vote for section officers, trade patches, and have fun. In 2027, the National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at the University of Illinois Urban-Champaign. The conference, also known as NOAC, is an event where Arrowmen from around the country meet in one place to meet new people, trade patches, attend trainings, participate in competitions, listen to guest speakers, and have fun. I hope to see new faces at events during my term, Thank you.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROGRAMS

AURORA SLEBODA AND JOCELYN WILLIAMS

Greetings fellow Arrowmen, My name is Aurora Slepoda. I live in Taylorville Illinois and am in 8th grade this year. I am 13 years old and have been in Scouting America since I joined as a Tiger Cub and crossed over to the Troop level in January 2023. I am currently serving in Illinek Lodge 132 as the Deputy Chief of Programs and am being mentored by Jocelyn Williams as my Co Deputy. I am the Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 1300 in Springfield Illinois and serving as the Den Chief for the Bear Den at Pack 40 in Rochester. My Scouting career has taken me to summer camp at Camp Bunn, Ingersoll, and Rhodes France as well as some Troop adventures to Clearwater Minnesota. I am scheduled to go to Sea Base with a couple members from my Troop and a unit in Texas July 2026. I also completed NYLT in July of 2025 at Camp Sakima in the Greater St. Louis Council. I have staffed our council's Cub Scout Summer camps the last 3 years and I regularly participate in other council events such as the Klondike Derby and First Aid Meets. April 2026 will mark my 4th time participating in the Lincoln Pilgrimage. I am excited to see what the Order of the Arrow has to offer and teach me and what additional experiences it will bring. Our next event is the Winter Banquet on January 17, 2026. If anyone is interested in any of the program areas, such as kitchen help, event planning, theming and coordination of events, feel free to reach out.



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LODGE ADVISER'S COMMENTS

SHANE VOLINTINE

I would like to thank each and every lodge member for helping this past year with various events. We couldn't do it without your help. We have a great 2026 year planned out and have a lot of planning to do for 2027. We have the National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Illinois in Champaign, IL and we will be hosting Section Conclave in 2027. Both events will need the lodge to create committees for the planning. If you would like to be a part of the planning for these or any event, I encourage you to attend the Lodge Executive Committee meetings. The meetings are open to all lodge members, youth and adult, to come and help plan the lodge's future. I would really like to see all members at the LEC meetings and helping the lodge become the best it can be for all members. I hope to see you this year at an event.

Yours in Brotherhood, Shane Vollintine Lodge Adviser

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN OA?

AFTER YOUR ORDEAL, THIS SIGN-UP OFFERED YOU MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED. BELOW ARE SOME WAYS, AND MORE!

- **KITCHEN SERVICE (WINTER BANQUET, ONE DAY OF SERVICE, TRAILS END CAFE, JUNE FELLOWSHIP, AUGUST FELLOWSHIP, SEPTEMBER TRAILS TO TROOPS, OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP)**
- **CEREMONIES – ARROW OF LIGHT, PRE-ORDEAL, ORDEAL, BROTHERHOOD**
- **UNIT ELECTIONS – VISIT TROOPS ON YOUR TROOP NIGHTS OFF, SPRING 2025**
- **SERVICE TO CAMPS AND CAMP ACTIVITIES – KLONDIKE DERBY, FIRST AID MEET, ONE DAY OF SERVICE, FELLOWSHIPS**
- **BROTHERHOOD MEMBERSHIP – 6 MONTHS AFTER YOUR ORDEAL.**
- **PATCH AND OTHER INSIGNIA DESIGN**
- **COMMUNICATIONS DESIGN AND MEDIA**
- **TRADING POST**
- **ELANGOMAT – FELLOWSHIPS (JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER)**
- **NOAC 2027 (CHAMPAIGN, IL)**
- **NYLT – ATTEND FOR THE FIRST TIME, OR RETURN ON STAFF**
- **SUMMER CAMP SCOUT CAMP BUNN STAFF – JUNE 21 – JULY 11**
- **CUB SCOUT CAMPS (CAMP ILLINEK)**

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Winter Banquet - January 17, 2026
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Klondike - January 23-25

First Aid Meet - February 28

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