04/28/2026

To whom it may concern:

RE: American Indian Activities (AIA) Tribal Relationship Agreement [redacted] and Wahissa Lodge, Scouting America Old Hickory Council Inc.

We the [redacted] agree to enter a working partnership with the scouts from Scouting America Old Hickory Council and Wahissa Lodge. We acknowledge that there are scouts and members of the Order of the Arrow who have an appreciation for the American Indian culture, and that Wahissa Lodge American Indian Program in Scouting America Old Hickory Council was developed and is committed to teaching these ways.

This relationship will allow those who have interest in learning and participating in American Indian Activities to continue according to the following practices. These activities include American Indian singing, American Indian dancing, American Indian craftwork, American Indian Programs at Scouting Events, summer camp and participation with permission at Tribal gatherings:

- Participants must always be respectful of the American Indian culture as they engage and learn about singing, dancing, crafting and of our traditions. Careful vigilant attention to this is a must since the practices of the American Indian people vary from tribe to tribe.
- Those participating in American Indian Activities will be mentored by knowledgeable adult advisors. The adult advisors will help new participants learn and research dance styles or American Indian songs or crafts before participating.
- Those wearing American Indian clothes must research the clothes and dance style(s) to learn the proper wearing of said clothes and how to properly dance.
- Those interested in singing American Indian songs must research the song, learn when and where these songs can be sung and how to sing it properly.
- American Indian Programs at scouting and lodge events may include powwows, learning classes for craftswork, beadwork and outfitting, American Indian singing and dancing as long as it is supervised by a knowledgeable adult.
- The teaching of Indian Lore Merit Badge may continue under the direct supervision of individuals who are working with the American Indian Activities (AIA) of Wahissa Lodge.
- Those wishing to participate in Tribal Gatherings outside of a scouting event agree to ask permission of the individual tribe before participating.

As an active member of partnership, Wahissa Lodge agrees to:

- Submit a yearly report to the Tribe. This report will be submitted by the Lodge Chief and or American Indian Activities Committee to include a summary of activities in which the lodge has engaged in during the previous year involving American Indian Activities.
- Wahissa Lodge will make its best efforts to support the annual PowWow, any service days and assist the Tribe in any further ways that seems appropriate deemed by the Tribe.

This agreement will be reviewed and amended as needed. Failure to follow these guidelines set forth herein will jeopardize the partnership.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jacob Armstrong
Scout Executive
Scouting America
Old Hickory Council

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