

The Firebird

Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge #491

Order of the Arrow - Crater Lake Council - Boy Scouts of America

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2003-2004 Lodge Leadership Elected at Fellowship

This year Fall Fellowship and Banquet was a blast. It was held at Thousand Trails Campground November 7th through 9th 2003. If you didn't attend, then you really missed out. Those that attended received a special lodge flap, the first in a series of three. Everyone stayed in small heated trailers. Saturday we had a ceremony class, lodge elections, a lodge meeting, and X-Box games. The food was great.

The Banquet food was also very good. Some awards were handed out and the Vigil honor call out took place. After the banquet, there was a patch auction, which made the lodge about \$1300! We had some guests from other lodges; among them were our section chief and his advisors. It was a lot of fun and I hope that all you who couldn't make it can come next year,

Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowmen, Lo La 'Qam Geela is about to celebrate its 10th year as a lodge, and I plan to see that it is done in style! Since the joining of lodges Mazama and Modoc, our lodge has seen some tough times, but we are on the right track this year. The hard work of the last two lodge chiefs has provided us with a strong base to work from, and the lodge can only improve.

We are seeing an influx of new, inspiring advisors and youth leaders, who are providing a new "fuel for the flame", so to speak. These leaders will be determining the future of lodge, and the impact it will have on the council. Our lodge is still in need of more advisors for almost all chapters, especially in Northern California and Klamath Falls. Please make an effort to attend your Order of the Arrow Chapter meetings, which are held at district roundtables.

Hopefully our brothers who have not joined us in awhile will come back to a lodge event to see what is being accomplished, I personally guarantee you will be impressed with what you see.

In Brotherhood,
Lodge Chief Evan Gross

Secretaries Note

Well, the Fire Bird is finally up and running again. If you have any comments or ideas for the future newsletters, please e-mail them to me, Lodge Secretary Sean Dow, at dragonboydow@aol.com.

Dues

Please make sure that your dues are paid up. If they aren't then you won't get to participate in all the fun activities we're going to have this year. Lodge Dues are \$10 per year and help fund service projects, the Where to Go Camping Booklets, and other lodge functions. You may either pay your dues at a lodge function or send in the enclosed envelope with a check written out to Crater Lake Council, Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge.

2004 Election Results

Lodge Chief- Evan Gross
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Treasurer- ***Open***
Firebird Editor - ***Open***
Webmaster - ***Open***

Contact the lodge chief if you are interested in any of the open positions, we need your help!

Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge is also looking for capable youth and adult advisors to form committees for various tasks, especially for Fellowship. We need scouters with skills in video productions! If you are interested, please contact the Lodge chief at one of the addresses above.

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Chapter Information

Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge is built upon six chapters, one for each of Crater Lake Council's Districts. The chapter gives the lodge a way to allow its members to meet with each other on a regular basis without hours of travel time.

Please make an effort to attend your Chapter meetings. Chapter meeting dates and locations are as follows:

Roaring Rogue—1 st Thursday of every month at the District Roundtable.	Chief—Chris Cuchiara
Big Pines—2 nd Thursday of every month at the District Roundtable.	Chief—Joe Puhl
Warm Springs—2 nd Thursday of every month at the District Roundtable	Chief—Greg Bennett
Klamath—2 nd Thursday of every month at the District Roundtable.	Chief—Andy Meeds

Warner—No meetings at this time. Contact Lodge Chief Evan Gross for more information.

Unit Elections

It's that time of year again when we must push to get new candidates for our Order. Chapters must begin this month by calling and setting appointments with Unit Leaders for Unit Elections. Camp Promotion for Camp Makualla will be shown during elections. Cub Packs should also be contacted to have the Cub Day Camp Video shown at their meeting. Your Chapter needs your help to go out and visit the Units, so attend your next chapter meeting and find out when to do it! The Deadline for 2004 Elections to be completed will be March 19th. All troops need to realize that they must have their elections completed before that date.

2004 Ordeal's

The upcoming year proves to be one of changes in our ordeal system. **All Arrowmen in our lodge must realize that there will be no fall ordeal at Camp Makualla!** Instead, it will be held at Camp McLaughlin. The council has signed a contract with the Oregon State Prison, and will have inmates making drastic improvements to the camp. Former Lodge Chief Tom Brownell took a look at the camp this fall and was impressed with what the inmates have accomplished.

The lodge is looking in to having another fall ordeal at Camp MaCaleb, our council high adventure base. Dates and information will be in the next lodge newsletter.

Your Opportunities, 2004

NOAC 2004

NOAC will take place July 31 to August 5, 2004. It will be at Iowa State University. For more information you can go to the National OA website at www.oa-bsa.org or sign up at the Council Office. Cost is expected to be no more than \$300, transportation not included. This is an awesome deal for an event that "is even better than national jamboree". Don't forget that you will receive a very special lodge flap for attending the event. We need youth and advisors for NOAC.

High Adventure in the OA

If you are 16 or older than you can go to one of the High Adventure Camps with OA. You will participate with a crew of Arrowmen from all over the USA in improving and touring our national scout camps. You can go to Northern Tier in Ely, Minnesota or Philmont in Cimarron, New Mexico. Also starting in 2005 you will be able to go to Florida Sea Base, too. Philmont is \$125 and Northern Tier is \$100 (transportation not included). The section will give you a \$50 scholarship and the lodge will reciprocate. This means the program is almost free; you just need to pay for transportation! Lodge Chief Evan Gross and Past L.C. Tom Brownell went to Trail Crew, and had one of the best scouting experiences ever! Both of these programs are open for youth Arrowmen ages 16 to 20. For more information on either of these high adventure programs, check out the national website at www.oa-bsa.org. Lodge Chief Evan Gross and Past L.C. Tom Brownell went to Trail Crew, and had one of the best scouting experiences ever!

2004 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1st
Unit Elections Start

February 28th
Lodge Assistance Program/ L.E.C.
Corvallis, Oregon

March 19th
Unit Elections Deadline

May 21st-23rd
Council-Wide Camporee
Lodge Callout/ L.E.C.

June 4th-6th
Camp McLoughlin Spring Ordeal

June 10th-12th
Camp Makualla Ordeal

July 31st -Aug 5th
NOAC, Ames Iowa

Sept, 10th-12th
Section W-1A Conclave
Corvallis, Oregon

Sept. 17th-19th
Camp McLoughlin Fall Ordeal

Nov 12th-14th
Fellowship
Big Pines Host
Location TBA

December 3rd-5th
Lodge Leadership Development
Seminar
Location TBA

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