



The Firebird

Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge #491

Order of the Arrow — Crater Lake Council — Boy Scouts of America
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1994 10 Years of Lo La 'Qam Geela 2004



April-June 2004

Chiefly Speaking

Evan Gross, Lodge Chief

Fellow Arrowmen, the approaching Crater Lake Council Camporee brings with it the first Lodge Meeting of 2004, and I hope to see you there. As a lodge, we will vote on bylaws changes, discuss upcoming projects, and join in a general fellowship.

The Council has asked that Lo La'Qam Geela Lodge host the Saturday night campfire. I am personally thrilled at this opportunity, as it allows us to really show our support for scouting! I would like to personally thank the Roaring Rogue Chapter for their commitment

to produce a great show. They have some awesome plans in the works for a video production and an interactive campfire program.



Before the campfire show, the lodge will begin the candidate call-outs. Our ceremony teams will arrive at each troop site sometime before the campfire to gather our newly elected members, who will then be led on a short hike.

The candidates will participate in the campfire show, and then

join back up again to go through the full call-out ceremony.

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Right Now...

...right now, Arrowmen from all around the state are thinking about reaching new heights at Conclave 2004.

The place to be September 10-12, 2004 is the Section W-1A Conclave in Corvallis Oregon. Stay tuned for more details or visit us on-line at www.w1a.org.



NOAC 2004: Attention Arrowmen!

The 28th National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held this summer at the Iowa State University campus, from July 31st to August 05th. There will be over 7000

Arrowmen there from across the country.

This is something you don't want to miss, as this could be the highlight of your time in the OA. The cost is \$750 for youth and \$900 for adults, including meals, lodging and transportation. The Lodge will need

to send their registration info in soon, so reserve your space by contacting Otis Blankenship III at 471-1230 or Tom Brownell at 479-2223 ASAP.



Due to the number of Arrowmen from our lodge that plan on

going, we will be sending our contingent along with Wauna La-Mon 'Tay lodge. Please contact Tom or Otis ASAP if you would like to go.

►► Find out more about NOAC at www.oa-bsa.org!



Unit Representative Corner

This is the first of a regular column on the Unit Representative program. Check here for information that will help you fulfill your position as a Unit Representative.

If you are a Unit Representative, please contact Tom Brownell (tomb@charter.net) and register with him. Also, be sure to attend your chapter meetings, as this is one of your responsibilities!

The Order of the Arrow Troop/Team Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge or chapter and his troop or team. In his unit, he helps meet the needs of the unit and will serve as a

communication and programmatic link to and from Arrowmen, adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He will do this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge, purpose of the Order and the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

OA-Unit Rep Duties:

- Serves as a communication link between the OA and the unit.
- Encourages year round and resident camping in the unit.
- Encourages older Scout participation in high adventure programs.

- Encourages Scouts to actively participate in community service projects.
- Assists with leadership skills training in the unit.
- Encourages Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the unit.
- Encourages Arrowmen in the unit to be active participants in the lodge and/or chapter and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.
- Sets a good example.
- Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Order Obligation.
- Shows Scout spirit.

New Firebird Editor

The new Firebird Editor is Greg Bennett, of the Warm Springs Chapter. You may contact him by email at greg@hypersoft.zzn.com . Please feel free to contact him regarding any Firebird-related business. Look for announcements about article deadlines on the LEC491 email group.

Chiefly Speaking

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As for other OA events, I would like to encourage all Arrowmen to join me and many others on our trip to NOAC this summer. The National Order of the Arrow Conference is a week long experience with over 7,000 Arrowmen from across the country attending. NOAC will be held on the campus of Iowa State University from July 31st to

August 5th, with the cost for all Arrowmen only \$335! More information is included further on in this issue of the Firebird.

Thank you for your service to scouting. I hope to see you at the many upcoming events our lodge has planned for 2004.

In Service,
Evan Gross
Lo La'Qam Geela Lodge Chief

Chapter Notes

Please send your Chapter Notes to the Firebird editor before the next newsletter deadline!

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Chapter Chief: Joe Puhl, 541-664-8281

Klamath

Chapter Chief: Andy Meeds, 541-882-6157, ajmeeds@aol.com

Roaring Rogue

Meetings: First Thursday of the month, at the district roundtable.

7:00pm @ LDS Church, 747 NE Savage, Grants Pass

Chapter Chief: Chris Cuchiara, 541-955-5279

Warm Springs

Highlights: We have been in the process of completing our unit elections, and helping the Cub Scouts with Arrow of Light ceremonies. We have just introduced the Unit Representative program, and hope this will help solve some of our problems with poor meeting attendance, and

enable us to provide better service to our troops. Please stop by a chapter meeting and see what's going on!

Meetings: Second Thursday of the month, at the district roundtable. 7:00pm @ LDS Church, Knott Road, Bend

Chapter Chief: Greg Bennett, 541-536-9533, greg@hypersoft.zzn.com

Warner

Chapter Chief: Morgan Davis, 530-233-4228



April:

3: Camporall LEC, Klamath Falls Service Center

May:

19-21 BSA National Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

21-23: Council Wide Camporee and General Lodge Meeting,

June:

4-6: Spring Ordeal, Camp McLoughlin

8: Philmont OA Trail Crew Begins

10: Nothern Tier OA Voyage Begins

11-13: Spring Ordeal, Camp Makualla

31-8/5: National Order of the Arrow Conference, Iowa State University

September:

10-12: Section W1A Conclave & Fellowship LEC, Cheldelin Middle School, Corvallis

17-19: Fall Ordeal, Camp McLoughlin

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