



# The Firebird

## Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge #491

Order of the Arrow — Crater Lake Council — Boy Scouts of America  
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## Chiefly Speaking

Evan Gross, Lodge Chief

Arrowmen,

Summer is here, and what a time it is for scouting! The next three months will contain some of the best scouting events; summer camps, NOAC, Ordeals, and of course, Conclave. I

personally will be starting off the month of July by going to Camp Makualla to staff the archery range. So, if you happen to be in camp make sure that you stop by and say hi! After Makualla, I will be joining Tom Brownell and Chad Reeves for our trip to the National Order of the Arrow Conference

(NOAC) at Iowa State University. We have heard that over 7,000 Arrowmen will be in attendance. This event promises to be one of the highlights of our Order of the Arrow experience.

After our week in Iowa, we can come back and relax for a month until the biggest OA event in Oregon occurs, the Section W-1A CONCLAVE! You can read more



about this event further on in the newsletter. All I will say is that it is an awesome experience that can inspire you to continue with service and Brotherhood in the OA. Directly after CONCLAVE, our Lodge will hold our Fall Ordeal at Camp McLoughlin. There is also talk that we may have a limited ordeal at MaCaleb Scout Ranch-- Candidates will receive more information in their second candidate letter.

As you can see, there are a lot of things happening in the Order of the Arrow all across the country this summer. So stop sitting around and missing out on all of the fun! I encourage you to attend at least one event and see all the awesome stuff we are accomplishing as a group.

In Brotherhood,  
Evan Gross  
Lodge Chief

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## 2004 Dues Information

Tom Brownell, Membership Chairman

If you have not paid dues for 2004, **THIS MAY BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU RECIEVE!!** Without current dues paid, you are not considered a member in good standing, and therefore not entitled to the rights and privileges that come with membership.

Please send dues to:  
Crater Lake Council, BSA  
3039 Hanley Rd.  
Central Point, OR 97502

If you do not have a copy of the dues form, you may download it at:  
[http://www.terragon.com/troop77/2004\\_OA\\_Renewal.pdf](http://www.terragon.com/troop77/2004_OA_Renewal.pdf)



## RIGHT NOW...

...right now, Arrowmen from all over the state are lining up to go join the fun at Conclave 2004. The biggest Scouting event of the year happens September 10-12 in Corvallis. It's called CONCLAVE and it's the place to be! Want more info? Visit [www.wla.org](http://www.wla.org).



## Membership Database Improvements

Tom Brownell, Lodge Membership Chairman

Brothers--

Please be patient while the Lodge continues to update and improve our member database; if any part of your contact information (i.e. the address or name on this newsletter) is inaccurate, or you know of fellow Arrowmen who are not receiving this newsletter, please email the correct information to me at tomb@charter.net so that it gets

changed permanently. Also, if you have paid dues and have not received a membership card for this year (it should expire 12/31/2004), either email me or call me at (541) 761-5902.

Thanks for your help and cooperation!

Tom Brownell  
Membership Chairman

## Lodge Website

Have you taken a look at the lodge website lately? Did you even know that we had one? Head on over, and check it out! There, you'll find information about upcoming events and activities, lodge and chapter officer information, copies of the newsletter and other resources, and a whole lot more!

Check it out now! Our temporary address is <http://www.terragon.com/troop77/lodgeindex.html>

## Unit Rep Corner

In addition to fulfilling their duties as a bridge between their unit and the Order, Unit Reps should encourage all the scouts in their units to go to at least one campout, in addition to summer camp.

Also, remember to stay current with events that are happening in your district and chapter. Attend as many chapter meetings and OA events as possible, and encourage others do to the same!

## Lodge Calendar

### July:

**31-August 5:** National Order of the Arrow Conference, Iowa State University

### August:

**21:** Conclave Council of Chiefs Meeting, Cheldelin Middle School, Corvallis, OR

### September:

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

**17-19:** Fall Ordeal & LEC, Camp McLoughlin

### October

**30:** LEC/FEC

### November:

**9:** Fellowship Pre-Reg. Deadline

**12-14:** Lodge Fellowship

### December:

**3-4:** Lodge Leadership Development Course

▶▶ Register for Conclave online now at [www.w1a.org/conclave](http://www.w1a.org/conclave)

## Chapter Notes

Attention Chapter Chiefs! Send your Chapter Notes to the Firebird editor, before the next newsletter deadline that will be announced via the lodge LEC list!

### Big Pines

**Chapter Chief:** Joe Puhl, 541-664-8281

### Hyas Lamonte

**Highlights:** The Warm Springs chapter has changed its name to the Hyas Lamonte chapter, which means "Great Mountains" in the Chinook language. The Hyas Lamonte chapter is proud to announce that three of its members were bestowed with the Vigil Honor in the month of June. Those recognized for distinguished service to the Order are Greg

Bennett, David Schweitzer and Mike Waxman.

If you are a member of our chapter and are not on the chapter mailing list, please email the chief immediately. We will be sending out details about our August fellowship campout soon.

**There will be no chapter meetings until September, except for the August fellowship campout.**

**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](mailto:greg@hypersoft.zzn.com)

### Klamath

**There will be no chapter meetings until September.**

**Chapter Chief:** Andy Meeds, 541-882-6157, [ajmeeds@aol.com](mailto:ajmeeds@aol.com)

### Dagilma

**Highlights:** The Roaring Rogue chapter has changed its name to the Dagilma chapter.

**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

### Siskiyou

**Chapter Chief:** Position Open

### Warner

**Chapter Chief:** Morgan Davis, 530-233-4228

**“Where to Go Camping”**  
**Lo La ‘Qam Geela Lodge #491**  
**Order of the Arrow**

**Date of submittance** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Submitting (Pack/Troop/Crew) # \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Contact \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Information About Camping Area:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_|  
State Park(Y/N) Address \_\_\_\_\_|  
National Park(Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_|  
Fees (Y/N) If so, how much? \_\_\_\_\_|  
Nearest City \_\_\_\_\_|

Reservations Required (Y/N)  
Reservation Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to location: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Camping Area Highlights:**

High Adventure (Y/N)    Swimming (Y/N)    Established Swim Area (Y/N)  
Hikes (Y/N) Names of Trails \_\_\_\_\_ Difficulty \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you like this location? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## 2004 Where To Go Camping Book

Kyle Rood, Vice Chief of Program, is now accepting entries for the 2004 Where To Go Camping Book. The 2004 edition will be updated from the previous book, with improved site descriptions and new locations added. The 2003 Camping Resource Booklet is available online at <http://www.terragon.com/troop77/wheretogocamping.pdf>.

If you, your troop or chapter have

a great camping location that was not included in the 2003 Camping Resource Booklet, use the site submission form located on page 4 of this newsletter. Make extra copies of the form to distribute to your troop!

If you have any questions about the Where To Go Camping Book, please contact Kyle Rood via the information found on the first page of this newsletter. Please get your submissions to Kyle as soon as possible!

## Brotherhood

For all of you who have been Ordeal members for at least 10 months, you are now eligible to obtain the Brotherhood honor. By doing this, you seal your membership in the Order and rededicate yourself to our principles. All you have to do is come to an ordeal and give service and write a short letter about your service in the Order. For more information on Brotherhood, look at page 48/49 of your OA Handbook.

## 2004 Section W-1A Conclave

Conclave is the biggest and best Scouting event of the entire year, and it's something that you don't want to miss! It's a gathering of OA members from the three lodges in Section W-1A. Over 500 Arrowmen will convene in Corvallis for a weekend of fun and everything OA.

Ceremonies, Training, Live Bands, Games and great Arena Shows are just some of the great things that will be happening at Conclave! There will be plenty of fun to go around, so register today!

Conclave will be held September 10-12 at Cheldelin Middle

School in Corvallis, Oregon. You can register for conclave now at <http://rightnow.w1a.org>. The cost of registration for members is \$35; it's only \$25 if you have joined the OA since September 13, 2003. Look for more information about Conclave in your mailbox soon!

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