



# The Firebird

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## Chiefly Speaking

Greg Bennett, Lodge Chief

For those of you who missed Conclave 2005 at Hoodoo Ski area, it was a great success! Over 540 Arrowmen from our section and guests from around the Western region gathered for a weekend of fellowship, training, food and fun! Some of the activities offered over the weekend included mountain biking, wall climbing, Frisbee golf, a pow-wow, learning about ceremonies and regalia and soaking the Western Region and National chief at the dunk tank to raise money for Hurricane Katrina disaster relief. Next year's Conclave will be September 8-10, 2006 at

Camp Baker on the Oregon Coast. If you are interested in being on a Conclave committee and helping out with the planning for the 2006 Conclave, go to the Section website (<http://www.wla.org>) and fill out an interest form.

The most important event in the Lodge is coming up in only a few weeks; Fellowship 2005 will be held October 21-23 at Diamond Lake Resort. In case you

haven't been to Fellowship before, it is a weekend where you will have an opportunity to meet Arrowmen from the other Chapters, learn how you can better serve your Unit and the Order, eat great food, and challenge other Chapters in games and activities.

The intent of the weekend is to have fun, and learn how we can be better Arrowmen and to have fun. The cost for the weekend is \$35, which includes lodging and excellent food provided by the Resort. If you are ready to register for Fellowship, you can call the Council office or go online to our



website.

It's hard to believe that it has been almost a year, but my term as your lodge chief is quickly coming to a close. One of the most important business functions that we take care of at Fellowship is the Lodge Elections, where the 2006 Officer Corps will be elected. Anyone who is a current member of the Lodge in good standing can run for a Lodge position (Lodge Chief,

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[www.craterlakecouncil.org/oa](http://www.craterlakecouncil.org/oa)

Visit the National OA website at:  
[www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)

Inductions or Program Vice Chief, Secretary and Treasurer). Anyone running for a Lodge office must turn in a letter of approval/recommendation from both a parent/guardian and Scoutmaster, turned in to the Lodge Advisor before the elections begin. If you have any questions, or would like to express your interest in running please contact myself or Otis Blankenship III.

Yours in Service,  
Greg Bennett  
2005 Lodge Chief

## Lodge Officers

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### Chairmen:

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**Lodge Advisor:** David Schweitzer, 541-593-2322, [oa491@cmc.net](mailto:oa491@cmc.net)

For Chapter Officer and Advisor information, see the "Chapter Notes" section, which starts on page 2 of this Firebird.

## High Adventure Camp Opportunities

There are many High Adventure opportunities that the Order of the Arrow has to offer you this summer. OA Trail Crew at Philmont is \$150, a big savings over going to Philmont without the OA. At OATC, you spend the first week working on trails, and then get to plan your own Philmont adventure for the second week. The Northern Tier wilderness voyage is similar; \$100 for a week of working on portage trails, and another week for a canoe trek through the Boundary Waters Wilderness area. The OA Ocean Adventure is a new program, where you will have an opportunity to work on underwater conservation projects, obtain PADI diving certification and experience the ocean up close and personal. It's \$250 for a 13-day adventure, including your diving certification. If you can't scrounge up enough change to go to one of these programs, scholarships are available through the Western region. For more information on the programs, or to apply for scholarships, go to <http://western.oa-bsa.org/>

## Fall Fellowship

This year's annual Fall Fellowship will be held at the Diamond Lake Resort. This will be held October 21-23. It will cost \$35 a person for the whole weekend. Check-in will start Friday night at around 5:30 pm. If you would like to attend this fun event, please pre-register by going to the scout shop in the council office or you can go online to our lodge website (<http://www.craterlakecouncil.org/oa>). For those of you who have never been to a Fellowship and/or don't really know what it is, the Fall Fellowship is a time where Arrowmen from all over our lodge come together to have fun. We will be staying in the resort cabins. There will also be our annual banquet and patch auction there on Saturday Evening. If you would like to only attend the banquet, the price will be \$15 per person, (This price is included in the weekend price if you stay the whole weekend). There will be fun training classes on Saturday morning, and in the afternoon there will be tons of fun activities. Would you like to find out what they are? Well, then I guess you will have to come to the Fall Fellowship to find out! Also, the new Lodge Officers will be elected by the all of the attending youth members. So, come to Fellowship, have fun, and take a part in forging the future of our lodge!

For those of you that have been in the order for at least 10 months, you can come to Fellowship and go through your Brotherhood. If you would like to do this, please specify this when you pre-register and when you check-in on Friday night.

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## Chapter Notes

**Attention Chapter Chiefs:** The Firebird is a very easy way to reach all of your members, since everyone who is currently registered in the lodge gets the Firebird mailed to them regularly!

### Big Pines

Our chapter is a very big chapter, but we are having problems with attendance. If you are a member, please come to the next chapter meeting!

**Meetings:** First Thursday of the month at 7 pm, United Methodist Church, Medford (downtown).

**Chapter Chief:** Sean Dow

**Chapter Adviser:** William Foley,  
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### Siskiyou

We hope to have our Siskiyou chapter up and running soon!

If you don't see your chapter here, that is because your chapter chief never sent in anything to be put here.

**SO CHAPTER CHIEFS:** make sure you send in your chapter notes along with your chapter officers and how to contact them. If you don't then obviously it can't get here. Send it to Sean Dow at [dragonboydow@aol.com](mailto:dragonboydow@aol.com)

### Ordeals

The fall ordeal was very successful and was also really fun. In order to do a better job this spring, we need more people to come and help. Ordeals aren't just for the candidates, they are also for all the Arrowmen to come together and give service back to our great camps.

### 2006 Membership Renewal Form

You should have found a 2006 Membership Renewal Form attached to this edition to the Firebird. In order to stay an active member in the Order of the Arrow, you need to fill out this form and bring it and your \$10 in dues to the Fall Fellowship or take it into the Scout Shop in the Council Office.

### Sealing your membership through Brotherhood

For those of you who have been in the OA for at least 10 months and have not yet sealed your membership by becoming a brotherhood member, then this spring at ordeal is the time to do so! There is more information about obtaining brotherhood membership in your Order of the Arrow handbook given to you when you completed your Ordeal. Also you can contact one of the Lodge Officers for more information. If you are interested in obtaining Brotherhood, then please specify this when you pre-register for ordeal this spring. Also, you can go through Brotherhood at this year's Fall Fellowship.