



The Firebird

Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge

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Chiefly Speaking

Arrowmen of Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge, let me be a first to welcome you to a new year in the Order of the Arrow. I encourage you to take a look at the awesome things the program is doing this year, and consider taking part in some of our events. Participation in the OA is not only beneficial for yourself, it helps build a strong scouting program.

Youth and Adults alike are still needed for many exciting volunteer positions in the Lodge. Youth offices include: Lodge Firebird Newsletter editor (someone familiar with Microsoft publisher), Patch Auction chairman, Lodge Historical Chairman, Food Services chairman, and Trading Post chairman. For more information and registration please visit the website at craterlakecouncil.org/oa or contact me.



Evan Gross, Lodge Chief

On another note, I would like to invite you to join the Lodge and 7,000 other Arrowmen who will be attending the 2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University for a week and a half. Lodge Contingent information and registration is online at our website. This is an awesome program comparable to National Jamboree at less than half the cost.

Unit elections season is open, and that means our Chapters will be going out to Boy Scout Troops in their District to facilitate the activity. Chapter Chiefs and Advisers should be contacting all Scoutmasters to schedule a date. Some of our Chapter will be helping with Cub Scout crossover and Arrow of Light Ceremonies as well. If you would like to help out by visiting other troops, go to your next Chapter Meeting! Meeting dates and locations are located inside this issue.

That's most of the excitement for the next three months in the Lodge, by April we will be gearing up for Council Camporee and Spring Ordeals. I hope you all had a great New Year — make it a resolution to promote camping, the outdoor programs, and service to improve the lives of those around you.

In Brotherhood, Cheerfulness, and Service,
Lodge Chief Gross.



Come and visit the lodge website at:
www.craterlakecouncil.org/oa
Also visit the National OA website at: www.oabsa.org

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SUPREME CHIEF OF THE FIRE

Ed Weiseth



The Troop/ Team Representative Program



Each unit will be receiving an application for the Unit Representative Program with a letter to the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader describing the program and its goals. If you are an Arrowman who regularly attends both your unit and chapter meetings, then approach your SM and SPL and tell them that you want to be the Unit OA Representative! The main responsibility of the Unit Rep is to carry information between the Order of the Arrow and the Units. If you already go to both meetings, then the job shouldn't be very hard. The Unit Representative is a recognized BSA leadership position, so it counts towards the leadership requirements for rank advancement if you need it, and you can buy the Unit Rep patch to wear on your uniform. Please fill out the appropriate Unit Representative Form and return it to either your Chapter Chief or to me, Greg Bennett, the Lo La Qam Geela Lodge Unit Rep Program Chairman.

Chapter Notes

ATTENTION CHAPTER CHIEFS

Use *The Firebird* to reach all of your members! Everyone who is currently registered in the lodge gets

The Firebird mailed to them regularly!

Big Pines—We are currently trying to establish a meeting night that is convenient for our members. Tell us what works for you.

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

Chapter Chief: Chad Reeves, 541-878-8478, dlreeves@mailstation.com

Chapter Adviser: William Foley, 541-772-1214, foley1214@charter.net

Dagilma (Roaring Rogue District)—Our chapter meetings are held during the monthly roundtables.

Meetings: First Thursday of the month at 7 pm, LDS Church on Savage Street, Grants Pass.

Chapter Chief: Mike Boydell, 541-474-4999,

Chapter Adviser: Janet Wright, 541-826-2040, dwright32162@msn.com

Hyas-Lamonte (Fremont District)—Our chapter meetings are held during the monthly roundtables.

Meetings: First Thursday of the month at 7 pm, LDS Church on Thompson Road, Bend

Chapter Chief: Peter Schweitzer, 541-593-2322, oa491@cmc.net

Chapter Adviser: Darrell Bennett, 541-536-9533, debco33@hotmail.com

Klamath—Our chapter meetings are held during the monthly roundtables.

Meetings: First Thursday of the month at 7 pm

Chapter Chief: Cliff Foster

Chapter Adviser: Ken Muller, 541-884-0614, moose@fireserve.net

Warner Mountain (Alturas, Lakeview, and surroundings)—Our chapter meetings are scheduled from month to month.

Meetings: First Thursday of the month at 7 pm

Chapter Chief: Josh Buck, 530-233-3185, thunderpsi@hdo.net

Chapter Adviser: Robert Haggard, 530-233-3991, rhaggard@citlink.net

Siskiyou (Northern California along I-5)

Chapter Chief: Position Open

Chapter Adviser: Jim Blanchard,



2006 National Order of the Arrow Conference

NOAC 2006

This summer, Order of the Arrow members from around the country have the unique opportunity to get together at the National Order of the Arrow Conference

("NOAC"). Over 7,000 Arrowmen will come together to have fun, learn new things, and celebrate the best the OA has to offer. This six-day adventure is unlike any other event in Scouting, and only OA members can participate.

A typical NOAC day covers all aspects of the OA. In the morning, you can pick your choice of world-class training sessions ranging from Leadership, to Indian Crafts, to Ceremonies, to High Adventure Skills, and more. The afternoon brings sports, competitions, special events, and more. After dinner, you get to see an outstanding Evening Show, a new show each night. After the show, there are open activities, patch trading, and just hanging out with your friends. Finally, you head to bed, to get some sleep so you are ready to do it all again the next day!

Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge is now accepting registrations through the Lodge website craterlakecouncil.org/oa. Contingent cost is estimated to be about \$900, but no more than \$950. This is a great deal for an event many youth say is "better than Jamboree". This fee includes a day trip to Michigan's largest theme park, Michigan Adventure...do you really want to miss that?! In past years, only one adult could attend for every 2 youth, this year a 1:1 ratio is allowed. Currently we have 4 youth and 2 adults planning on attending.

For parent, Arrowmen, and staff information on NOAC, please visit <http://event.aa-bsa.org/>

NOTICE: LIS Award



Requirements: Give 8 hours of service benefiting a local council camp (Lodge Ordeals count).

Give 6 hours of service doing a community service project planned and run by the lodge or chapter.

Award is only available until December 2007. Earn all three!

High Adventure Programs

The High Adventure portion of the national OA web site has been extensively redone to provide members of the Order of the Arrow with the latest information and resources for the OA's High Adventure programs. The improved and expanded area features details on all three programs, application forms, promotional materials for lodges and sections, information to help plan your trip, and much more.

OA Ocean Adventure is full for 2006! Arrowmen interested in OAOA are encouraged to check out OA Trail Crew or OA Wilderness Voyage. Both of these programs still have spaces available for the summer of 2006. We hope you will consider reapplying for Ocean Adventure in 2007!

<http://adventure.aa-bsa.org/>

Lodge Positions Open!

There are still a few positions within the Lodge that need to be filled. Siskiyou Chapter (Northern California along I-5) is still in need of an Arrowmen under 21 to step up and be the Chapter Chief.



Klamath Chapter is in need of a motivated Arrowmen 21 and older to be the next Chapter Adviser.

If you are interested in these positions, please contact the Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser.

Important Dates

March 4th: **Section W-1A CoC**
June 2nd-4th: **McLoughlin Ordeal**
June 9th-11th: **Makualla Ordeal**
July 29th– August 3rd: **NOAC**
August 19th: **Section CoC**
Sept. 8-10th: **Section Conclave**
Sept 15-17th: **McLoughlin Ordeal**
Oct. 20th-22nd: **Fellowship**
Nov. 3rd-5th: **LLD**

To register for these events, or to find out more information, visit the Lodge Website
craterlakecouncil.org/oa

2006 Membership Renewal Form

You will find another OA 2006 Membership Renewal Form attached to this edition to the Firebird. If you have not taken the time to do so, please do so now and stay an active member in the Order of the Arrow. Fill out this form and bring it along with your \$10 in dues to the next Lodge Event, or mail or take it into your local Scout Shop.

As noted on the renewal form, we ask that you fill out all the spaces on the form. That way we can confirm the accuracy of our lodge records. This form is also available on the council/ OA website for anyone who did not get this newsletter by mail.

Sealing your membership through Brotherhood



This year our lodge will have 3 Ordeals which are also three opportunities to seal your membership in the Order through the Brotherhood ceremony. If you are eligible by tenure, you will soon receive a letter in the mail with more information about your first opportunity and the requirements of this important step. If you feel you are ready and do not receive a letter, contact your local Chapter Chief.