



The Firebird

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Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowmen

Hola from Barahona, Dominican Republic! As many of you know, I am currently here serving as part of the National Guard, but will be home soon.

The Crater Lake Council Camporall is approaching fast and it looks like it will be another awesome event. The Camporall Committee has again asked that Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge host the Saturday night campfire. We are all thrilled at this opportunity to show our support for scouting and what an honor it is to be in the Order of the Arrow.

Before the campfire show, the lodge will begin the Ordeal candidate callouts. Our ceremony teams will arrive at each troop site sometime during the dinner hour to gather our newly elected members, who will then be led on a short hike. The candidates will participate in the campfire show before gathering together again to go through the full call-out ceremony. Thanks to the Hyas Lamonte chapter for handling the callout and this part of the ceremony.

During the campfire, we will have an invited guest speaker, Don Jackson, who is a trainer for the National Day Camp School, as well as Chaplain for Camp Meriwether. There will also be a flag retiring ceremony along with the awards presentations and some skits for entertainment.

Our part in the Camporall also includes acting as guides and messengers, as well as directing cars to proper parking areas as Troops check in. I hope that as soon as your gear is unloaded and after you help your Troop set up, that you will report to the HQ to find out how you can help. We will all be wearing our best class 'A' with our OA sashes to properly show that we are indeed Scouting's National Honor Society. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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



Evan Gross, Lodge Chief



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Also visit the National OA website at: www.oabsa.org

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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 quarterly!!

Big Pines—We have adopted the United Methodist Church as our community service project. We cleaned the parking lot after the Pear Blossom parade and we will be painting the parking blocks next. Come and help us to earn service hours and work towards the Leadership in Service Award.

Meetings: Third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm, United Methodist Church, 607 W. Main St., Medford

Chapter Chief: Chad Reeves, meetchadley@yahoo.com

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

Dagilma (Roaring Rogue District)—Dagilma has adopted Granite Hill Cemetery as an ongoing service project. We have spent many hours already, raking leaves and clearing debris. We also present the colors at each round table, presented the colors at the city council meeting to honor fellow Arrowmen, Johnny Koneiczny and Tyler Brown who received heroism awards and John Koneiczny who received the medal of merit. We again served hot chocolate this year for the Cub Scouts during the annual tree plant and we will be staffing a booth at Scout-o-Rama, selling pizza and drinks to earn money for Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge.

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

Chapter Chief: Kyle Craine, 541-479-6287, ccraine@thedailycourier.com

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

Hyas-Lamonte (Fremont District)—Hyas Lamonte Chapter has been busy this year on several activities. Monthly we donate service hours to Bethlehem Inn, a homeless shelter in Bend. We help check in patrons and serve meals. We are appreciative to Del Taco for supplying the food on the nights we serve.

July 5th our Chapter volunteered to clean up fireworks debris from Pilot Butte, where the night before the largest fireworks display in Central Oregon is set off.

At recent Chapter Meetings we have set up and practiced for the Troop Call-out for the upcoming Council Camporall, and developed the Call-out script for these teams.

Five Brother Arrowmen from Hyas Lamonte have volunteered to sign up as Elangomats in this year's Ordeals.

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 scheduled from month to month.

Meetings: Call our Chapter Chief to find out when the next one is.

Chapter Chief: Cliff Foster, 541-885-7128

Chapter Adviser: Position Open

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

Meetings: Call our Chapter Chief to find out when the next one is.

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, 530-842-5028



2006 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.oa-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 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.oa-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 Arrowman under 21 to step up and be the Chapter Chief.



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

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

Important Dates

May 19th-21st: **Council Camporall**
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**
Sept 29th-Oct1st: **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 fill it out now and stay an active member in the Order of the Arrow. Bring the form with your \$10 annual dues to the next Lodge Event, or mail it to the Crater Lake 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.