



The Firebird

Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge

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Chiefly Speaking

Arrowmen,

The past few months have been full of awesome Order of the Arrow activities. Spring Ordeals went very well, as the lodge inducted 48 new members and 23 Arrowmen sealed their membership in the Brotherhood. All of our projects were completed in a timely manner. Work continued on the fence around the Camp McLoughlin scrap yard, and Camp Makualla has become a focus for new improvement projects. Another job well done!

The National Order of the Arrow Conference came to a close August 3rd, and our contingent of 14 returned home safely. This is the largest group Lo La 'Qam Geela has sent to NOAC as far as anyone can remember. The weeklong bash included top notch leadership training, activities, the introduction of new OA programs, and National Awards presentations. In case you missed it, the next National Order of the Arrow event will be ArrowCorps5 in 2008. Five service projects will take place across the country in our national forests. For more information and locations, visit the national website at www.oabsa.org

As far as the Lodge goes, we have much to look forward too. The biggest OA event on the Western Region, the Section W-1A Conclave, will be held September 9th-11th at Hoodoo Ski Resort near Sisters, OR. This is a weekend of awesome activities, projects, and fellowshiping with over 500 Arrowmen from the local lodges of Oregon. If you're an avid Arrowmen, do not miss this event! More information and electronic registration can be found at w1a.org.

The weekend after Conclave will be our final fall Ordeal, the last chance for 2006 scout candidates to be inducted into the Order. If you know of any scout that was unable to attend ordeals this year due to outstanding circumstances, please contact a Lodge Officer. An extension can be filed for the next year if the executive committee finds it necessary. Register now by going to the Lodge website at www.craterlakecouncil.org/oa

Finally, this Labor Day weekend the Forest Service will be sponsoring a cleanup of the Diamond Lake shoreline. Diamond Lake is currently at historical lows in preparation for the removal of harmful fish species. The Forest Service is providing free camping spaces for Friday and Saturday at the Broken Arrow camp ground and there will be prizes and a free BBQ following the clean up. Bring your family out and have a good time. There will be some mud, but I am told that most of the lake bottom can be traversed in tennis shoes; however boots might not be a bad idea. This will be a great service project with the possibility of finding some very interesting artifacts. Read on in the newsletter to find out more about this event. Please contact the appropriate personnel before August 28th to let them know you will be attending.

Look for a Fellowship Mailer soon, I hope to see you there September 29th!

In Brotherhood,
Evan W. Gross
Lodge Chief



Evan Gross, Lodge Chief

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Visit the lodge website at:
www.craterlakecouncil.org/oa

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



OA CONCLAVE! "Does the Legend Live Within You"

What is an Order of the Arrow Conclave?

Conclave is the biggest and best Scouting event in Oregon for the entire year, and something you don't want to miss! It is a gathering of OA members from the three lodges in Section W-1A, bringing together over 600 Arrowmen from all over Oregon, Southwest Washington, and Northern California.

What goes on at a Conclave?

Unending fun for one thing! Great food. High Adventure activities like scuba diving, Frisbee golf, .22 range, archery, and water balloon launching. Leadership and outdoor adventure training. Awesome Friday night and Saturday night theme shows. Native American arts and crafts like beading, feather work, regalia making, leatherwork, cooking, and an afternoon Pow Wow extravaganza. Ceremony evaluations (team and individual). Our own KW1A radio station. Patch trading and Auction. And just hanging out in and around Hoodoo Mountain Resort. And FUN!

When and Where? September 8-10 at Hoodoo Mountain Resort in the Central Cascades (at the summit of Hwy 22 between Salem and Bend). Plan to arrive Friday evening between 6:00 and 9:00 PM (prior to the opening show), and depart on Sunday by 11:00 AM.

What to Bring? Be sure to bring a tent and sleeping bag, raingear (just in case), extra money, patches, your full Scout uniform and OA sash, and lots of energy! Also, bring a swim suit and your signed parent permission slip for scuba if interested. Bring your own mountain bike and Frisbees if interested. Also bring a low camp chair or stadium seat for the outdoor evening shows.

How much does it cost? The 2006 Conclave is only \$25.00 for those that pre-register before September 6th! After September 6th and on-site, the fee will be \$35.00 for regular members. New Ordeal members who have been inducted since September 15, 2005 can attend at a special "new member" rate of \$25.00, even on-site.

Trip Permits — All drivers are expected to complete a trip permit prior to transporting youth to Conclave. Use regular trip permit forms available from your council office, and have your local council approve the permit prior to departure, and carry a copy with you.

For More Information and Registration Visit www.w1a.org or Contact Your Lodge Chief

Fall Ordeal 2006!



Arrowmen—the last Ordeal for this year is coming up, September 15th - 17th at Camp McLoughlin. All Arrowmen are encouraged to attend. You can even earn a valuable Lodge Patch for being an Elangomat or memorizing an Ordeal Ceremony. **This will be the last opportunity to seal your membership in the Order through the Brotherhood ceremony for 2006.** If you are eligible by tenure, you have already received a letter in the mail with more information about the requirements of this important step. If you feel you are ready and have not received a letter, contact a lodge officer. Register for ordeal at craterlakecouncil.org/oa

Diamond Lake Clean-up Service Project

With the lakes water level at a historically low level in preparation for the Rotenone treatment, volunteers will be used to walk the exposed lake bottom for 50 year old garbage. There is also the potential for finding artifacts from the Native Americans that once lived there. The forest service has given permission for these items to be picked up.

Date: September 2, 2006

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (Meet at Diamond Lake Lodge at 9:00am)

The forest service is providing free camping spaces for Friday and Saturday (maybe Sunday) at the Broken Arrow camp ground and there will be prizes and a free BBQ following the clean up. Bring your family and Troop out and have a good time. There will be some mud, but we are told that most of the lake bottom can be traversed in tennis shoes; however boots might not be a bad idea. If you are interested in attending, send an Email or call Gary Galligan at home (541) 535-7581. We need to know how many people you will be coming with and if you plan on camping. I need to have your information by August 28th.



NOAC 2006 Review

Our contingent consisted of 14 Arrowmen which included (**Adults:** Otis Blankenship, Lynda Churchill, Jim Dow, Gary Galligan, Sue Ward, Janet Wright) and (**Youth:** Bryan Bolint, Sean Dow, Joe Grant, Mike Hill, Ryan McDonald, Mike Rosenberg, Peter Schweitzer,

Tim Ward). We all attended classes and awesome shows in the auditorium at Michigan State University. The next national OA event will be ArrowCorps 5 in 2008, a series of 5 service projects across the country in our national forests. For more information on NOAC 2006 and ArrowCorps5 in 2008, visit the national website at www.ou-bsa.org

Home Town News Correspondent: Tim Ward

Chapter Notes

Big Pines— For our chapter we have been working on a service project at our church where our meetings are held. We are painting the parking lot bumpers and picking up the trash on the ground. We are also painting the crawl spaces white leading down to the basement allowing optimum lighting. Our attendance has been great and hope to add new Arrowmen.

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

Chapter Chief: Chad Reeves, 541-878-8478,

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

Dagilma (Roaring Rogue District)—Over the summer our chapter has been meeting at Riverside Park. The attendance wasn't as big in numbers that he had hoped but we should get more members in after ordeal. As a chapter we have taken on the service of cleaning up the Granite Hill Cemetery. We go in and clean rake up all of the brush, leaves, and dead branches.

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

Chapter Chief: Kyle Craine, 541-479-6287,

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, 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: Position Open

Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge Fall Fellowship and Banquet

Are you ready for the largest lodge event of the year?! This year's annual Fall Fellowship and Banquet will be held at the Camp McLoughlin September 29th-October 1st. It will cost \$30 a person for the whole weekend. Check-in will start Friday night around 5:30 pm. Look for another mailer soon!

As always, we will be having a great time with awesome activities, patch trading, interesting and unique training, and important guests. The Annual Banquet and patch auction will be held Saturday evening. All scouts, scouters, and their families are invited to the Banquet, where the Lodge will review the year and awards will be given out. If you would like to only attend the banquet, the price will be \$15 per person or \$25 per couple (This price is included in the weekend price if you stay the whole weekend). The event will conclude with Lodge Officer Elections and our annual Lodge Meeting Sunday Morning. If you are under 21 and think you have what it takes to be a Lodge Officer, come to this event and file to run for the following positions: Lodge Chief, VC Program, VC Inductions, Secretary, and Treasurer. The new officers will then convene to vote on Lodge matters.



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 Ceremony.

If you want to do this, please specify this when you pre-register and when you check-in on Friday night.

- www.craterlakecouncil.org/oa
- Click on Events/Registration
- Click on the correct date for the event

NOTICE: LIS Award



Six hours of community service are required to earn this award, while another eight are required at a Council Camp.

The US Forest Service will be hosting a cleanup at Diamond Lake on September 1st and 2nd.

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

Conclave Auction Donations

Fellow Arrowmen,

the Section Conclave is fast approaching. It continues to be the best Conclave in the Western Region, and I hope you plan on attending. Last year, the Section auction raised well over \$10,000 which went to various charities, including one that aided victims of Hurricane Katrina. The funds raised at the auction go %100 to the scouting program and charities. As always, we need as many donors as possible for the auction. Patches, scouting memorabilia, and any scout or camping related item is welcomed. If you have any items or patches to donate, please contact Section Associate Adviser Roy Walter Jr. at rwalterjr@comcast.net. Please also read the following message about the program. For general information and registration for the best OA event in Oregon, CONCLAVE 2006, visit www.w1a.org

In Brotherhood,
Evan Gross
Lo La 'Qam Geela Lodge Chief
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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 in need of a youth and adult Arrowmen to form a Chapter/ Adviser Team.



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