



# The Firebird

**Lo La'Qam Geela—Quality Lodge 2007**

*Order of the Arrow — Crater Lake Council — Boy Scouts of America  
Serving Central & Southern Oregon and Northern California*

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## Chiefly Speaking

### Welcome to 2008!

Fellow Arrowmen,  
I would like to introduce myself. I am Chris Cooley from Da-Gel-Ma chapter in Grants Pass, OR. I will be your Lodge Chief for 2008. We have a great group of Lodge Officers as well, that are putting together an exciting year for all of us.

We had our first LEC of the year for March 26th at 6:00pm. All lodge officers and advisers should have attended this important meeting. The next LEC will be at our upcoming Spring Fellowship on April 19th.



Please read thoroughly this first edition of the Firebird which shows the 2008 calendar, updates you on ArrowCorps5, and has a bit of information on the next NOAC. I look forward to working with you all this year.

If you have not renewed your membership with the Order for 2008, please use the enclosed form to do so.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Chris Cooley  
Lodge Chief 2008  
Lo La'Qam Geela



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

the National OA website at:  
[www.oabsa.org](http://www.oabsa.org)

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

| Start Date | End Date   | Event                           |
|------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 4/19/2008  | 4/20/2008  | Spring Fellowship               |
| 5/30/2008  | 6/1/2008   | Spring Ordeal - Camp McLoughlin |
| 6/6/2008   | 6/8/2008   | Spring Ordeal - Camp Makualla   |
| 6/7/2008   | 6/7/2008   | Camp Makualla Work Day          |
| 6/14/2008  | 6/14/2008  | Camp Makualla Work Day          |
| 7/12/2008  | 7/19/2008  | ArrowCorps5                     |
| 9/12/2008  | 9/14/2008  | Fall Ordeal - Camp McLoughlin   |
| 10/11/2008 | 10/11/2008 | Camp Makualla Work Day          |
| 10/31/2008 | 11/2/2008  | Fall Fellowship                 |
| 12/5/2008  | 12/7/2008  | Lodge Leadership Development    |

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH OUR LODGE TODAY!!

This first 2008 edition of the Firebird is being sent to all who have been registered with Lo La'Qam Geela Lodge since 2006, whether you're current in your dues or not.

Please use the enclosed registration form and send in your 2008 dues today. We rely on your membership and support to continue to do the work we do for our council camps.

Current membership cards will be printed at the upcoming Spring Fellowship and distributed by Chapter.

## Chapter Notes

**Big Pines (Big Pines District)** - Our chapter is working on getting ready for the calling out of new Arrowmen at the council Camporall and finishing up elections. We will be performing opening flag at the District Roundtables and will follow that with our monthly meeting. Hope to see you there.

Meetings: Second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm, United Methodist Church, Medford (downtown).

Chapter Chief: Tim Anderson, 541-245-1812, embaker1@charter.net

Acting Chapter Adviser: Mark Lillich, 541-840-0671, bud1eagle@aol.com.

**Da-Gel-Ma (Roaring Rogue District)** - Things have been going well at Da-Gel-Ma Chapter. We've had record high attendance for the last two meetings as well as new attendees. The Chapter has been keeping up with Troop Elections and Arrow of Light Ceremonies. Recently the Chapter put on two Arrow of Light Ceremonies in one night with the help of our Chapter Vice Chief of Programs, Joshua Kupelian, our Chapter Chief, Trent Fuller, Josh McNulty, and Calvin Peters. The ceremonies were a great success. The Chapter has been planning to go to the Family Fun Center outside of Medford, possibly towards the end of summer and we hope that the Big Pines Chapter will go have fun along with us. We also keep busy helping with all our District events, such as the annual dinner and the upcoming Scout-o-Rama. If you want to be an Arrowman, get involved in something and find your place in your chapter.

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

Chapter Chief: Trent Fuller, 541-761-9390, tfuller91@yahoo.com

Chapter Adviser: Otis Blankenship III, 541-471-1230, otis3rd@charter.net

**Hyas Lamonte (Fremont District)** - We have started our unit elections January 12th with many more elections coming up soon! We are always looking for Arrowmen to help us out with unit elections, come to our monthly meeting, the 2nd Thursday every month at the Knott Road LDS church in Bend at 7PM. Ordeals help needed!! We will be handling the Makualla Ordeal in June and we are continuously looking for Arrowmen to help out as Elangomats & for our developing ceremonies team. If you are interested, please come to our monthly meetings! Our chapter meetings are held during the monthly roundtables.

Meetings: First Thursday of the month at 7 pm, Tekampe Road/15th Street, Bend LDS Church

Chapter Chief: Nick Webster, 541-548-8507, webster952@msn.com

Chapter Adviser: Kevin Stickelman, 541-382-1163, kevinstickelman@earthlink.net

**Klamath Chapter (Klamath District)** - - The Klamath Chapter of Lo La'Qam Geela needs you!

Elections are taking place now and we want to call out the newly elected Arrowmen at the upcoming council Camporall May 16-18th. If you are in the Order of the Arrow and live in the Klamath District, we want to help you get your chapter back in the active lane. This is a great way to take advantage of all the leadership opportunities that the Order of the Arrow has to offer. Please call Lodge Chief, Chris Cooley at 541-761-7452 or Lodge Adviser, Mark Lillich, at 541-840-0671 to offer your help.

Chapter Chief: Position is open

Chapter Adviser: Position is open

**Warner Mountain (Alturas, Lakeview, and surrounding area)** - Chapter meetings are scheduled from month to month. Call Alex Warner to get involved.

Meetings: TBD

Chapter Chief: Alex Warner, 530-233-4111

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

**Siskiyou (Northern California along I-5)** - The Siskiyou Chapter of Lo La'Qam Geela needs you!

Elections are taking place now and we want to call out the newly elected Arrowmen at the upcoming council Camporall May 16-18th. If you are in the Order of the Arrow and live in the Siskiyou District, we want to help you get your chapter back in the active lane. This is a great way to take advantage of all the leadership opportunities that the Order of the Arrow has to offer. Please call Lodge Chief, Chris Cooley at 541-761-7452 or Lodge Adviser, Mark Lillich, at 541-840-0671 to offer your help.

Chapter Chief: Position is open

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### Supreme Child

Combine two loving parents. Mix with hope, joy and patience. Add frequent doctor visits and blend plenty of advice from family & friends. Nourish well. Carry for 9 months. Deliver when ready. Sprinkle with kisses and a dash of hugs. Guaranteed to be sweet.

Our Supreme Chief, Rick Burr, is a proud father to:  
 Grayson Edward James Burr:  
 Born December 31st, 2007 at 11:34 pm



### W-1A Conclave 2008 THE OREGON TRAIL

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 at Camp Lutherwood for a weekend of fun and everything OA. Here is a sampling of some of the awesome activities that happen at Conclave:

- Three awesome shows
- The hilarious "Friday Night Live"
- Bouncy boxing games
- Most Extreme Elimination Challenge
- Slip and Slide
- Basketball Tournament
- Archery
- Human Connect 4
- Let's Make a Deal
- "Will it Float"
- Climbing Wall
- Shuffleboard EXTREME
- Canoeing and Rafting on the Willamette River
- Knife & Hawk Throw
- Feather Work
- Drum Beaters
- Fry Bread
- Medicine Pouches
- Beading (loom, rosette & peyote)
- Finger Weaving
- Hemp Necklaces
- Glass Bead Making
- Drum Construction
- Tipi Painting
- Blacksmithing
- Regalia Competition
- Ceremony Evaluation
- Pow Wow
- Brotherhood Ceremony
- Live bands
- Tons of FOOD
- Great training classes
- The new "Department of Fun"
- Patch Auction
- Service Project
- Our own FM Radio station (KW1A)
- The Quest for the Golden Arrow
- Native Games
- Knife and Hawk Throw
- Regalia Competition
- Ceremony Evaluation
- Free ICE CREAM

Stay tuned to the next issue of  
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to find out more or go to <http://western.oa-bsa.org/>

## ARROWCORPS<sup>5</sup>

5 SITES - 5 WEEKS - 5,000 ARROWMEN

### Attention Arrowmen of Lo La'Qam Geela

Summer of 2008, what are you doing? If the answer is staying at home, *that's the wrong answer*. In 2008 Order of the Arrow members from around the country have the unique opportunity to get together at five different sites across the country for an event to remember.

ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> is an event like none other ever hosted by the Order of the Arrow. In 2008 we embark on one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America, and will make a true difference in the future of our National Forests. We invite EVERY Arrowman to pick up a shovel, or work implement of his choice, and come to the

Shasta-Trinity National Forest for ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Go to the OA National website to find out more about ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>

<http://event.oa-bsa.org/>

or contact our Contingent Coordinator:

Otis Blankenship III, otis3rd@charter.net, 471-1230



### NOAC—National Order of the Arrow Conference

Every two years, Arrowmen from across the country gather on the campus of a major university for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC).

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is Scouting's second-largest national program event. The reason for its growing popularity can be attributed to the fact that it is planned and carried out by Arrowmen themselves. Youth involvement ensures that the conference program will be exciting, relevant, and non-stop fun.

These gatherings draw over 7000 Arrowmen, traveling from as far away as Europe and Asia, for five days of training, fun, and fellowship. With each conference, NOAC becomes more diversified, more fun, and more exciting.

NOAC has many different aspects and it is impossible to participate in every event in one year. Each year events are added and changed so you could go to NOAC every time and do new things each time. The main activities at NOAC include training, ceremonies evaluation, American Indian events, shows, competitions, and Founder's Day. NOAC has something for everyone of all backgrounds and all ages. It is definitely one of Scouting's most unique and entertaining training events.

The 2006 NOAC was held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI from July 29 to August 3, 2006.

*The 2009 NOAC will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN, August 1-6, 2009*

## EAGLES AMONG US

Congratulations to Kevin Haggard of the Warner Mountain Chapter, whose Eagle Court of Honor is being held April 18th at 7:00 pm.

Lodge Chief, Chris Cooley, just completed his requirements for Eagle and will be having his Board of Review on April 22nd.

Tim Ward, Lodge Treasurer, Peter Schweitzer, and Logan Fairbanks recently completed their Eagle Rank requirements and will soon be having Eagle Boards of Review.

Other recent Eagles from Lo La'Qam Geela Lodge include Grant Caswell, Evan Rinkle, Andrew Anders, Troy Ellis, Jesse Lawson, Shane Brouillette, Warren Bree, Kyle Fortner, Eric Simning, Jerid Koch, Thomas Gilder.

## Fellow Arrowmen!

In one week we will have our 2nd annual Spring Fellowship! It will be at the National Guard Armory in Merlin, OR, on April 19 and 20 and the cost is only \$10.

*Check-in Saturday will be from 9am to noon, and checkout Sunday will be 10:30am to noon.*

During Spring Fellowship we will have our Chapter Ceremonies Competitions, so get your chapter ceremonies teams ready!

We will also have 2007 Vigil nominations, a Lodge patch auction, and we will be re-establishing the Lodge Ceremonies Team, and of course we will have great food, movies, tomahawk throwing, basketball, games, fellowshiping, and more. Bring a tent, a sleeping bag, and plenty of energy!

Pre-register for Spring Fellowship at [craterlakecouncil.org/oa](http://craterlakecouncil.org/oa)  
See you there!

If you have any questions,  
email me at [jdkupelian@earthlink.net](mailto:jdkupelian@earthlink.net) or  
call 541-660-4682.

Joshua Kupelian, Lodge Vice-Chief of Activities  
Spring Fellowship Committee Chairman