



The Firebird

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Chiefly Speaking

Greetings Lo La'Qam Geela!

Greetings brothers!

Our Lodge contingent has just returned from one of the most amazing scouting events ever, NOAC 2009. The nine of us had an incredible time, learned a lot about the Order of the Arrow, leadership, cheerful service, and we all got completely addicted to patch trading. If you missed it, make sure you come to NOAC 2012! It will be the experience of a lifetime. NOAC also strongly promoted National Jamboree, and the opportunities arrowmen have to staff there. For more information on this go to <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2010/>.



Coming up very soon for our lodge is the Section W15 Conclave, will be September 11-13, and it will be amazing. The location of Camp Baker offers us a waterfront, a climbing wall, and other unique events at our disposal, to make this one of the best Conclaves ever. You will be seriously missing out if you cannot attend. To register, see <http://www.sectionw15.org/conclave/>. We will also be electing our new Section officers, so you will be able to have a say in the running of our Section for the next year.

September 18-20, we will finish inducting candidates into the Order for the year. Anyone interested in being an Elangomat, going through Brotherhood, or just helping work at our beautiful camps for a weekend, sign up at our council website, <http://craterlakecouncil.org/oa/>.

Not long after, in November and December, is our Fall Fellowship, the National Leadership Seminar, and our Lodge Leadership Development. All these are incredible events you won't want to miss. Only a few people can be selected to go to NLS, so if you are interested email me. Anyone can come to Fall Fellowship and LLD though, so make sure you come fellowship with us, you won't regret it.

If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to say hi, you can email me at lolachief491@gmail.com.

In WWW,
Joshua Kupelian



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www.craterlakecouncil.org/oa

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009

<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
9/11/2009	9/13/2009	OA Section Conclave
9/26/2009	9/26/2009	Fall Ordeal - Camp McLoughlin
9/26/2009	9/26/2009	CLC Fall Festival for Cubs
10/2/2009	10/4/2009	Service Day at Makualla—October 3rd
11/6/2009	11/8/2009	OA Fall Fellowship and Recognition Banquet
11/14/2009	11/21/2009	Scouting for Food (2 Saturdays)
11/20/2009	11/22/2009	NLS/ NLATS
12/4/2009	12/6/2009	Lodge Leadership Development

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH OUR LODGE TODAY!!

The Firebird is being sent to all who have been registered with Lo La'Qam Geela Lodge since 2007, whether you're current in your dues or not. Consider this an invitation to get involved again, especially if you are a Vigil member. Don't let your tenure in the Order of the Arrow end now.

Please use the enclosed registration form and send in your 2009 dues today. We rely on your membership and support to continue to do the work we do for our council camps.

We will start to collect 2010 dues at Fall Fellowship.

Chapter Notes

Big Pines (Big Pines District) - We took the summer off, but plan on starting our meetings again soon in September.

Meetings: Second Thursday of the month at 7pm, United Methodist Church on Main Street.
Chapter Chief: Chris Deitrich, 541-734-7952, chrisdeitrich@clearwire.net
Chapter Adviser: Denise Blocher, 541-482-6891, deni@97520.net

Da-Gel-Ma (Roaring Rogue District) - Welcome new Arrowmen! We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings. We just had an out of season Arrow of Light/Bridging ceremony that went very well. See you at the upcoming meetings.

Meetings: First Thursday of the month at 7 pm, LDS Church on Savage Street, Grants Pass.
Chapter Chief: Jacob Mastel, 541-659-4181, jacobm001@gmail.com
Chapter Adviser: Otis Blankenship III, 541-471-1230, otis3rd@charter.net

Hyas Lamonte (Fremont District) - We are not having any meetings for the summer, but we look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

Meetings: First Thursday of the month at 7 pm, Bend LDS Church, Tekampe Road/15th Street,
Chapter Chief: Nick Webster, 541-548-8507, webster952@msn.com
Chapter Adviser: Position Empty if you have any interest in this position please contact Sue Ward (info on cover),

Klamath Chapter (Klamath District) - The Klamath Chapter of Lo La'Qam Geela needs you! We are having regular monthly meetings with round table which is (usually) the first Thursday of every month.

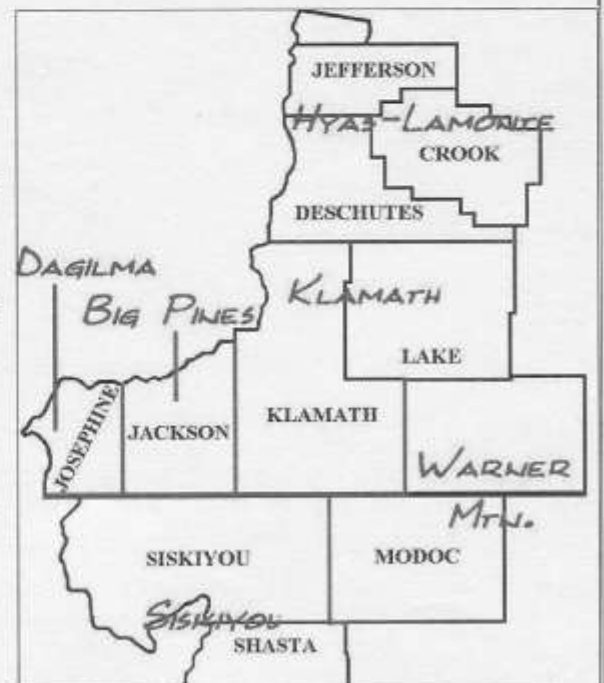
Meetings: First Thursday of every month at 7pm, Peace Memorial Church.
Chapter Chief: Adam Branson, 541-892-1516, ab_byrdslayer@hotmail.com

Chapter Adviser: Ken Goswick, 541-281-5554,
goswkv@gmail.com

Warner Mountain (Alturas, Lakeview, and surrounding area) - We are now running again as a chapter. Our attendance is fairly low, but we now have some new boys in. With the new group we did elections at the Makualla Spring Ordeal and now have a new chapter chief.

Meetings: Scheduled from month to month. Call Chapter Chief to get involved.
Chapter Chief: Eric Haggard, 530-233-3991,
draggah7@yahoo.com
Chapter Adviser: Robert Haggard, 530-233-3991,
rhaggard1@gmail.com

Siskiyou (Northern California along I-5) -
Chapter Chief: Zachary Kaufmann, 530-926-2777
Call to find out when meetings are and to get involved.





NOAC 2009

On the left is the 2009 NOAC patch. The difference between the standard and the delegate patch is that the delegate patch is military green while the standard trader (which anyone can buy) is silver in color. Thanks to the our patch committee, we once again had an awesome patch that many people from all across the nation wanted to trade us for. We ran into a few people who collected our specific patches. You might see one of these at the section conclave so watch out!

At the Spring Fellowship's LEC the lodge decided to have 500 neck coolers printed with the firebird as well as "Lo La'Qam Geela". When we gave these out at the Founders Day Fair they quickly became one of the most popular giveaways of the whole day. Along with the neck coolers we also gave out brochures promoting our council summer camp, Makualla.

What an awesome time we had at NOAC 2009! Indiana University is a beautiful, but large campus. We enjoyed numerous training classes, awesome shows, fun gatherings, exciting text message updates, and more patch trading than should be legal!! Lo La'Qam Geela sent a contingent of 9 people, Shane Doran, Carol McNulty, Josh McNulty, Denise Blocher, Andrew Blocher, Joshua Kupelian, Jacob Mastel, Ian Wurfl, and Lynda Churchill. All of us had unique experiences. Be sure to ask about the Brotherhood Chorus, and Band, the National Council of Chiefs, Arrowman Conservation School, dance team evaluations, the Founder's Day Parade and Founder's Day Fair. It was a great trip, sorry more of you couldn't join us, but there's always next time. NOAC 2012 will be at Michigan State University, so start planning now, you don't want to miss such a top-notch Scouting experience! You can view much of what went on at NOAC on YouTube, including comments from Bob Mazzuca, our Chief Scout Executive.

Lo La'Qam Geela Facebook Group!

Many of you are probably familiar with Facebook and have one yourself. A new group has been created especially for Lo La'Qam Geela members to communicate, receive announcements, share photos, and play games with people all over the lodge. If you are interested in joining the group simply do a search on facebook.com for "Lo La'Qam Geela Lodge" and click join group. Also a group for the W-15 section has been created. Our section includes our lodge, Wauna La-Mon'tay, and Tsisqan.



NOTE: A Facebook account is required to join the group. Facebook accounts are free and only require an email address to create.



Oregon 150 "Learn and Serve"

In June the Forest Service and the OA put together an event named the Oregon 150. 56 Scouts and Leaders participated in service projects, merit badges, and fellowship. The Forest Service was very impressed by how much work we were able to do and they definitely plan on sponsoring more of these events in the future. If you would like to help plan or staff the event or would simply like more information about how you can get your troop ready for next year you can contact Mark Lillich at 541-840-067 or

LEC Recap

During the Makualla ordeal we went over several things including new designs for our lodge hats, an expanded chapter page on our lodges webpage, ceremony's and many other things. If you 'd like to see what goes on at the LEC's, but you aren't able to attend, you can take a look at the notes on the Lodge webpage. <http://www.craterlakecouncil.org/oa> on the resources page.



Lost and Found

A few things have been lost by our Arrowmen. Lynda Churchill has two knives and a belt buckle in her possession. If you think one of these may be yours call or email Lynda Churchill and describe one to her.

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The Makualla Ordeal

The latest Makualla Ordeal went extremely well.

We got everything that was asked of us accomplished, and welcomed five new Arrowmen into the lodge. Five Ordeal I members also sealed their membership through the Brotherhood ceremony.

See you at the McLoughlin Ordeal!

Upcoming McLoughlin Ordeal

Don't forget about the upcoming ordeal! Our last Ordeal of the year is coming up September 18th through the 20th. Letters have been sent to all of the candidates that have not gone through Ordeal yet, but if you know any of the candidates it would be good to personally remind them. When you talk to them make sure they understand that if they don't go to this Ordeal they will have to be re-elected next year if they want to do it then.

We'd love you to help out. Please contact Joshua Kupelian (541-660-4682 or lolachief491@gmail.com) or Andrew Blocher (541-261-7491). We need people who are willing to be Elangomats and others to help improve the camp and get it winter ready.

Where to go Camping 2009

Every 3 years our lodge produces an informational booklet called *Where to go Camping*. As titled, the book shows our favorite places in the area for people to go camping. Now that it's a new year we need to update and republish the existing booklet.

Please send your ideas for the new booklet, including short description of the campground you want included to Joe Grant, our Vice Chief of Program at troop18spl@yahoo.com.

You can download the current booklet as a pdf file from our OA Lodge webpage. www.craterlakecouncil.org/oa under resources.

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SECTION W-1S CONCLAVE

The largest gathering of Arrowmen in the Northwest... are you on The Oregon Trail?

What is an Order of the Arrow Conclave?

Conclave is the biggest and best gathering of Arrowmen in the Northwest for the entire year, and something you do not want to miss! It is a gathering of OA members from the three lodges in Section W-1S, bringing together over 600 Arrowmen from all over Oregon, Southwest Washington, and Northern California. A **mini-NOAC!**

What goes on at a Conclave?

Un-ending **FUN!** Great food. Leadership and outdoor adventure training. Awesome Friday night and Saturday night theme shows. Friday Night "Dive-In" Movies. Native American arts and crafts like beading, feather work, regalia making, leatherwork, drum construction, tipi painting, and an afternoon Pow-Wow extravaganza. Saturday afternoon activities like Human Foosball, adventure relays, climbing wall, and swimming. Ceremony evaluations (team and individual). Patch trading and Section W-1S Memorabilia Auction. Just hanging out at Camp Baker. And did we mention **FUN?!**



When and Where?

September 11-13 at **Camp Baker** just South of Florence, Oregon (5262 Boy Scout Road). Plan to arrive Friday evening between 6:00 and 8:00 PM (**prior to the opening show**), and depart on Sunday by 11:00 AM. Please carpool wherever possible (due to limited parking capacity at the camp and to reduce environmental impact). Thanks!



What to Bring?

Be sure to bring a tent and sleeping bag (for sleeping outdoors), raingear (just in case), insect repellent, extra money (for trading post and auction), patches (for trading), swimsuit, camp chair (for outdoor shows seating and the auction), your full Scout uniform and OA sash (for looking good), your friends (for even more **FUN!**), gloves and garden tools (if you can), and lots of energy!

How much does it cost?

The 2009 Conclave is only \$35.00 this year for those that pre-register prior to September 8th. After September 8th and onsite, the fee will be \$40.00.

Will there be a religious service?

Yes, there will be a **Scout's Own Service** and an **LDS Sacrament Service** before departure on Sunday. Don't miss it!

Need more information?

Contact your chapter leaders who have no doubt been to a Conclave before, or visit www.sectionw1s.org for more details and to register today!

September 11-13, 2009. Camp Baker. Don't miss the adventure at the biggest OA event in Oregon!

REGISTER NOW, PAY LATER:
WWW.SECTIONW1S.ORG

Please pay now if you can, it makes the lines shorter! Online registration closes Sept. 8.



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*Annual Fall
Fellowship Awards*



*Auction &
Banquet*

Lodge Officer Elections

Fall Fellowship is November 6th - 8th
Location to be determined.
We want your help and input on this annual event
Please call Andrew Blocher to help out.