



Bear Tracks



February 2024

Ohkwaliha-Ká Lodge #34, Leatherstocking Council #400

Annual Winter Lock-In @ Clark Sports Center

Join us at the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown for our Annual Winter Lock-In. Activities will include swimming, climbing wall, bowling and more.

Scout appropriate active wear for activities, bring your **BSA Health Form A&B**

March 1st 7:30pm – March 2nd 6:00am

Pre-registration is required for all activities!

Registration Link: <https://scoutingevent.com/400-OALockin>

Cost \$40 per person. Questions? adviser@oalodge34.org

2024 Unit Elections!

Your unit Scoutmaster will be receiving a message about scheduling a Unit Election. If you or your Scoutmaster does not received a message by February 1st about scheduling, please reach out on the [#unit elections](#) channel on Slack or send an e-mail to elections@oalodge34.org

We need your help to reach all our Council's Units for an election this year. We cover a large geographic area and rely on you to help with your unit election and elections at your neighboring units. We co-ordinate our elections using Slack. If you can help, please share your availability in the [#unit elections](#) channel on Slack. *We are now restricting Unit Elections to dates between January 15th and August 18th to help with staffing our elections.* **All elections must be entered into our Lodgemaster System. If your unit needs assistance with scheduling or data input for candidates, please contact elections@oalodge34.org**

Lodge Calendar and Slack

Always up to date:

<http://oalodge34.org/wp2/calendar/>

Questions or help with Slack:

support@oalodge34.org

2024 Lodge Dues

You can now pay your Annual Lodge Dues (Jan1-Dec 31) for 2024! The \$15 can be paid at any lodge event or at the scout office. Checks can be made out to Leatherstocking Council. Pay online: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/400-OADues>

OA Member Portal and OA Yearly Dues

Maintaining your membership in the OA is easier than ever, we are now using the national membership portal and accepting online dues payments in addition to accepting payments at the council office and our events.

OA Membership requirements:

1. Be a registered member of Scouts BSA in a unit in the Leatherstocking Council.
2. Be paid for the current dues year with the Lodge.

To check your current dues paid status or update any of your contact information with the lodge you just need to claim your ArrowID and login to <https://portal.oa-bsa.org/>

If you do not have an ArrowID or need any assistance getting into the membership portal, send an email to adviser@oalodge34.org.

You can pay your Lodge Dues at any OA event, the council office or online:

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/400-OADues>

Lodge Online Store

The Official Lodge merchandise store is online and accepting orders that will ship direct to you! Check out: <http://leatherstocking.sgtradingpost.online/> to see all the available items.



National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

The 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference is coming to the University of Colorado at Boulder July 29th – August 3rd. For more details visit:

<http://oalodge34.org/wp2/2024/01/08/noac-2024/>

Questions? noac@oalodge34.org

We are looking for patch designs for our Lodge for this event see Slack for more information on designing patches.



Section E16 News

2024 Section E-16 Conclave news!
Save the date: August 16-18, 2024!

Conclave will be at Camp Kingsley in August. The theme for Conclave this year will be Pirates. Our Lodge has Shows for our program area this year. If anyone has ideas or would like to help out, reach out to our Conclave Vice-Chiefs at cvc@oalodge34.org We are also the host Lodge for the event, we will be looking for help in all areas to make this event successful, if you would like to volunteer in a specific job, please contact conclave@oalodge34.org. Information about merchandise and registration will be available soon. For the latest information join us on the [#conclave](#) channel on Slack.

Section E-16 Website: <https://www.ne3b.org/home>



www.sectione16.org

Join the Conversation – Join us on Slack!

What is Slack? – Slack is a communications hub that can bring us all together. Slack gives us a common communication platform to chat, share, and work together. As a Lodge we will be using slack as our primary place for discussion and planning of all Lodge activities. Slack is free and available on all types of devices from phones to desktop computers. All you need to do to connect to us is follow the link: https://join.slack.com/t/oalodge34lec/shared_invite/zt-7zyox54g-MMdB0b6lhV8H1omPfaLpfA If you have questions or need help joining slack please contact: support@oalodge34.org

2024 Active Slack Channels:

We have been working to streamline the channels on slack for the new year (feel free to join them):

[#activities](#) will be used for planning all non-induction events

[#ceremonies](#) will be used for the ceremonies committee

[#conclave](#) will be used for all conclave planning

[#elangomat](#) will be used for the Elangomat committee

[#finance](#) will be used for the finance committee

[#inductionevents](#) will be used for planning induction weekends

[#merchandise](#) marketing ideas

[#patchdesigns](#) patch ideas

[#unit_elections](#) unit election planning and scheduling

[#voiceofthetroops](#) units can post their local events, OA Unit Representatives

[#general](#) this chat, global to all members announcements and calendar things will post here

[#random](#) post anything

There is also a Vigil channel that is by invite only. @bun0014 for more information

2024 Specific Channels

[#conclaveplanning24](#) – used for event and activity planning for Conclave

[#noac24info](#) – used for planning for NOAC 2024



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<http://oalodge34.org/wp2/calendar/>

Visit us online:
<http://www.facebook.com/oalodge34>
<http://www.oalodge34.org/>

Up to date info is available on slack!

Join us on Slack:
https://join.slack.com/t/oalodge34lec/shared_invite/zt-7zyox54g-MMdB0b6lhV8H1omPfaLpfA