



# Bear Tracks



May 2024

## Ohkwaliha-Ká Lodge #34, Leatherstocking Council #400

### Fall Induction Weekend @ Camp Kingsley

We need your help to provide service to Camp Kingsley and hold a successful Induction for our newly elected candidates. We need help with Ceremonies, Elangomat guides, and general event staffing. If you have questions on how you can help, please reach out to us on Slack!

**September 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - BSA Health Form A&B Required**

**Registration is required for all activities!**

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

Questions? [adviser@oalodge34.org](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> about scheduling, please reach out on the [#unit elections](#) channel on Slack or send an e-mail to [elections@oalodge34.org](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:elections@oalodge34.org)**

### Lodge Calendar and Slack

Always up to date:

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

Questions or help with Slack:

[support@oalodge34.org](mailto: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>

## 2024 Spring Induction Recap

Thank you to the 71 members that attended the Spring Induction at Camp Kingsley! We inducted 16 new Ordeal members and had 14 members become Brotherhood! Over 970 hours of service projects were completed at camp. Special thank you to the Arrowmen who volunteered to assist us with Elanogmat duties and with Ceremonies! If you have an interest in taking a more active role in the Lodge reach out on Slack! We will be looking for support with the Fall Induction in September.



**NOAC is sold out for 2024, but you can still order merchandise!**

<https://tradingpost.oa-bsa.org/events/2024-noac/>

**PRE-ORDER YOUR NOAC 2024  
MERCHANDISE!**  
**Guarantee you receive all the items you wish for.**  
*Pre-orders end May 31!*  
Orders containing "Pre-Order" or "2024 NOAC" items will ship after Aug. 1st unless picked up at NOAC.

The graphic features a stylized mountain range in blue and yellow against a background of horizontal stripes in red, orange, and yellow. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, white, and yellow fonts.

## Section E16 News

# Arrowmen Ahoy!



**Join Ohkwaliha-Ká Lodge #34 in hosting OA Section E-16 at CONCLAVE, August 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at Camp Kinglsey!**

**Conclave is a gathering of our local Lodges from Eastern & Central New York and Vermont. At Conclave you can take a variety of training classes from various topics such as Auto Repair, Personal Finance, Youth Leadership.**

**Other Activities:**

- **Lodge Games**
- **Patch Trading**
- **Hiking**
- **Photography**
- **LEGO**
- **Range and Target Activities**
- **Biking**
- **and More!**

**Early Bird registration ends on May 31<sup>st</sup>, don't delay register today!**

**<https://ne3b.regfox.com/2024-e16-section-conclave>**

**If you have any questions, you can reach out to [conclave@oalodge34.org](mailto:conclave@oalodge34.org)**

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



## 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](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](mailto: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



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<http://www.oalodge34.org/>

Up to date info is available on slack!

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