



Bear Tracks



October 2024

Ohkwaliha-Ká Lodge #34, Leatherstocking Council #400

Octobearfest 2024 returns to Camp Kingsley

A weekend of fun activities awaits at Octobearfest 2024! We are in the final planning steps for this event. If you have suggestions for activities please make a post on Slack in the [#activities](#) channel. Registration will close for this event on October 20th: <https://scoutingevent.com/400-OAOctobearFest> Questions? adviser@oalodge34.org



Fall Induction Weekend Recap

Thank you to all who attended our Fall Induction Weekend! We completed all of the work tasks at camp that were on our must complete list. Over 500 hours of service were recorded! Welcome to our 9 new Ordeal members. Congratulations to our 4 new Brotherhood members.

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>

Lodge Officer Election Results

On September 15th, we held our Annual Election of Lodge Officers. Congratulations to our 2024-25 Lodge Officers:

LODGE CHIEF

Jacob Eschenbach

LODGE VICE CHIEF – CONCLAVE VICE CHIEF (CVC)

Santino Tomasi

SECRETARY

Morgan Knight

TREASURER

Jonathan Deitchman



National & Section News

Save the date for the E15 Section Conclave!

June 6th-8th, 2025 at Camp Woodland in Constantia NY.

New Vision and Mission from National:

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law daily. The OA is Scouting's National Honor Society. As an integral part of Scouting America, the OA delivers peer-led advanced leadership experiences that help to build lifelong bonds through service and enrich each member's Scouting journey. OA members are defined by the fellowship they share, service to others, commitment to personal growth, and self-driven initiative to make a difference in their community.

Vision

To be why Scouts want to stay in scouting.

Mission

To achieve the mission of Scouting America through transformative fellowship that ignites limitless Scouting journeys.

Purpose

As Scouting's National Honor Society, we forge lifelong bonds among the leaders in Scouting and:

Recognize those who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and, through that recognition, cause others to act in the same way.

Reinforce a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Create and deliver peer-led, adult-guided, advanced leadership experiences for Scouts and Scouters that positively impact their unit, community, and ultimately our nation.

Be an integral part of Scouting America and encourage participation in all it offers through units, outdoor adventures, and national events to further the Scouting experience.

SCOUTING'S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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



Role	Name	E-Mail
Lodge Chief	Jacob Eschenbach	chief@oalodge34.org
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Treasurer	Jon Deitchman	treasurer@oalodge34.org
Lodge Adviser	Ben Obernesser	adviser@oalodge34.org
Staff Adviser	Keith Knight	staffadviser@oalodge34.org

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

Up to date info is available on slack!

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https://join.slack.com/t/oalodge34lec/shared_invite/zt-7zyox54g-MMdB0b6lhV8H1omPfaLpfA