



# Bear Tracks



August 2025

Ohkwaliha-Ká Lodge #34, Leatherstocking Council #400

## Lodge Summer Picnic - Recap



We had a fun day of fellowship and outdoor games.

## Fall Induction Weekend

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 12-14 - BSA Health Form A&B Required**

**Registration is required for all activities!**

Registration Link: <https://scoutingevent.com/400-OAFall2025>

Questions? [adviser@oalodge34.org](mailto:adviser@oalodge34.org)

## Octobearfest! Save the date!

Octobearfest returns to Camp Kingsley October 24-26! Registration will open in September. We are looking for ideas for activities and trainings. Post your thoughts on Slack in the [#activities channel](#)

### 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)

### 2025 Lodge Dues

You can now pay your Annual Lodge Dues (Jan1- Dec 31) for 2025! 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://scoutingevent.com/400-OADues2025>

## **NEW LODGE STORE!!!**

Check out our new design and Lodge Store!!!

[https://stores.inksoft.com/70837\\_leatherstocking\\_council\\_o/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/70837_leatherstocking_council_o/shop/home)

## **Order of the Arrow High Adventure Opportunities (OAHA)**

Do you need an escape from that 9-5 job, summer classes, or the monotony of staring out of your bedroom window longing for something new? If your answer is yes, the Order of the Arrow has the answer for you!

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs. Maybe it's wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base. Or maybe hiking is your passion; if so, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch, where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience? Have you ever thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders? Maybe the OA Voyage is your calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one-week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowman will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to sure up portage trails, backpacking trails, or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with other Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task, but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in Scouting, in that it takes you out of your world and places you with people who want to do something different. It's not every day that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe, or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to ensure that the future of Scouting has a place to live, work, and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy! Your destiny awaits you...

For more information contact [adviser@oalodge34.org](mailto:adviser@oalodge34.org)



## National & Section News

The National Website has changed to reflect the change to the Scouting America branding.

<https://oa-scouting.org/>

### Section E-15 News

Save the date for 2026 Section E-15 Conclave August 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at Camp Scouthaven in Freedom NY!

#### Lodge Officer Elections - Announcement

On September 14th, we will be holding the Annual Election of Lodge Officers. The election will be held at the end of our regular Lodge meeting that will start around 9am at Camp Kingsley. The following positions are up for election: Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Treasurer. Arrowmen who are nominated to run for office must be in good standing with the Lodge, be under the age of 21 for their whole term and must be able to complete the duties of their position.

##### **LODGE CHIEF**

Chairman of the Lodge Executive Committee

Member of the Key 3

Oversees all Lodge operations.

Casts deciding vote on all committee ties.

Appoints Chairmen for all committees with the approval of the Key 3

Responsible for all actions of the Lodge, it's committees and its members.

Ad-Hoc member of all committees

##### **LODGE VICE CHIEF**

Fills in for the Lodge Chief when he is unable to attend meetings or events.

Member of the Lodge Executive Committee

Performs other duties as designated by the Lodge Chief

##### **SECRETARY**

Member of the Lodge Executive Committee

Take and maintain neatly the minutes of all Lodge meetings and read the minutes for approval at the next Lodge meeting.

If the Secretary is unable to attend a meeting, he must find a substitute for that meeting to neatly take notes.

Maintain all past Lodge minutes and records.

The minutes shall have the names of all Officers and Advisers in attendance at each meeting along with the starting and ending times.

Editor in Chief of the Lodge Newsletter

Webmaster for the Lodge Webpage

Responsible for all committees under his direction

Send approved copy of the minutes to all Lodge Executive Committee members, and Advisers.

##### **TREASURER**

Member of the Lodge Executive Committee

Submits requests to the Council Service Center for checks to be issued at the behest of the Executive Committee

Record and maintains all financial records of the Lodge.

Oversees the Trading Post and Lodge inventory.

Presents annual Lodge budget to the Executive Board for review.

Plans, submits for approval, and oversees all fund-raising events for the Lodge.

Candidates must meet with the Lodge Key 3 the start of the meeting in order to be qualified to run for Lodge Office. If you have any questions or would like more information about the positions or the election process, you can contact [adviser@oalodge34.org](mailto:adviser@oalodge34.org) or @bun0014 on Slack.

## 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)

2025 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

[#elangat](#) will be used for the Elangat 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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Up to date info is available on slack!

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