



Bear Tracks



September 2025

Ohkwaliha-Ká Lodge #34, Leatherstocking Council #400

Fall Induction Recap

Congratulations to our four new Ordeal members! Thank you to everyone who helped make the weekend a success!



Octobearfest! Save the date!

Octobearfest is back.... Join other Arrowmen for a weekend of games and activities. Do you have ideas for food or activities? If so, share them with us on Slack in the #activities channel. Octobearfest returns to Camp Kingsley October 24-26! Registration <https://scoutingevent.com/400-OAOctobear2025> . 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

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>

LODGE STORE!!!

Interested in getting a Lodge shirt for the next fellowship or induction weekend don't wait check out our online store and have it shipped to your 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



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 14th-16th at Camp Scouthaven in Freedom NY!

Lodge Officer Elections - Results

On September 14th, we held the Annual Election of Lodge Officers. Congratulations to our new Lodge Officers!!!

LODGE CHIEF

Santino Tomasi

LODGE VICE CHIEF

Morgan Knight

SECRETARY

Esther Hamm

TREASURER

Eric Hejnal



New Patches & More!!!

We are looking for new patch designs for our Lodge Flaps and full pocket sets. With the National Jamboree coming next year we need a design for the patch. The theme for the Jamboree is ELEVATE!

We are also looking to design a new Lodge Flap for 2026.

Designs for patches are always accepted at any event, via e-mail to patches@oalodge34.org or on Slack in the [#patchdesigns](#) channel!

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

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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<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