



Bear Tracks



October 2025

Ohkwaliha-Ká Lodge #34, Leatherstocking Council #400

Octobearfest! Registration Open!

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!



Have you been a Lodge member for at least 6 months? Are you willing to learn more about the Order and yourself? Become a Brotherhood member at Octobearfest! Contact a Lodge Officer or Adviser to learn more about Brotherhood Membership!

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!!!

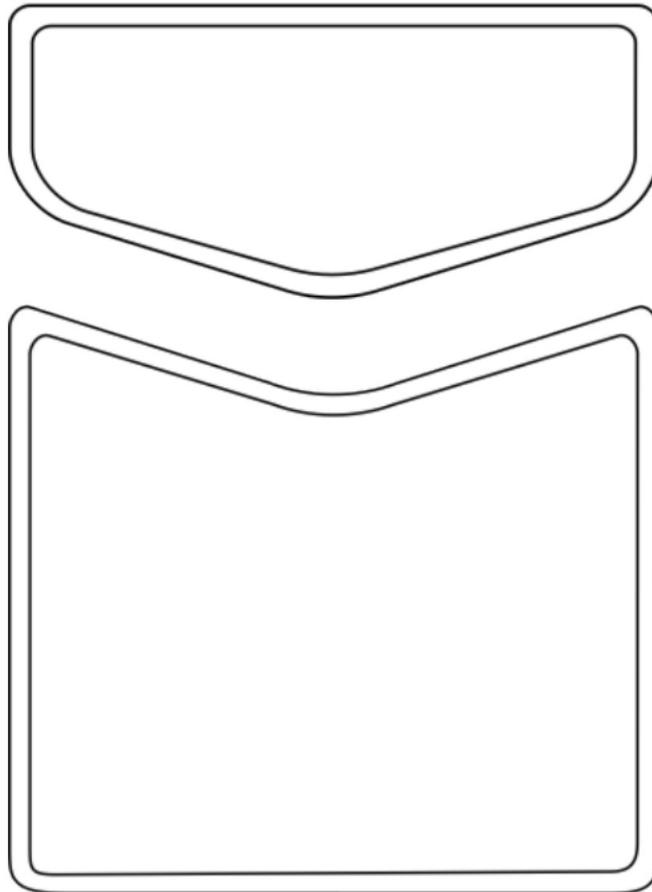
Interested in getting a Lodge shirt for the next fellowship or induction weekend don't wait check out our online store and have it shipped to your home!

https://stores.inksoft.com/70837_leatherstocking_council_o/shop/home

Lodge Patch Designs Needed!!!

We are looking to issue new Lodge patches! We need your designs and ideas! We are looking to make the following in 2026: New Lodge Flap, 10 years of service Flap & Pocket set, 2026 National Jamboree Flap & Pocket, 2027 NOAC Flap & Pocket, 2027 Octobearfest. Ideas can be submitted in the form of a written description, sample drawing or sketch, or as a digital image. Ideas and images can be submitted to [#patchdesigns](#) on slack, email to: patches@oalodge34.org or in person to your Lodge Adviser at any Lodge event.

OA Lodge Flap Template and Examples



Name: "The Lodge Flap w/ New Uniform Chevron"

Approximate Dimensions:

Flap: 5" wide x 2.25" tall

Chevron: 5" wide x 4.5" tall

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!
Save the date for 2026 Section E-15 STRIVE Leadership Event March 14th at Weedsport Elementary!

SECTION UPDATE

STRIVE

SUCCESS THROUGH RESILIENCE INNOVATION VISION EXCELLENCE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

MARCH 14TH, 2026

AT

WEEDSPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION OPENS 10/15/25

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

[#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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Our Lodge Calendar is available at <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