



# Bear Tracks



March 2026

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

### Spring Induction Weekend - A Message from the Chief

Hello Ohkwaliha-Ká, this is your lodge Chief Santino! Our Spring Induction is coming up on APRIL 24 and we need all of your help. FOUR people are needed for Ceremonies and we need at least TWO for elangomat duties, now is the time to give back to the Lodge and the rest of Scouting by stepping up and filling these rolls. We need your help so that this Spring Induction and future inductions can actually happen. Either email me at [chief@oalodge34.org](mailto:chief@oalodge34.org) or put a message in the respective slack channel based on which committee you choose to join. In short, we need help and the best time to do so is now by joining either the elangomat or ceremonies committees.

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

### Call to service – help support Cub Scouting

The new Erie Canal District is looking for some assistance with their Gold Nugget Derby on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Camp Kingsley. If you are able to assist please contact Elizabeth De Simone at [ea.desimone@yahoo.com](mailto:ea.desimone@yahoo.com) for more information about the event.

### OA Member Portal and Smartphone App

Did you know that the OA has an app for your smartphone? All you need to keep up to date in all things OA is download the OA App to your smartphone and login with your OAID member information. The login information is connected to your e-mail address that you have provided the Lodge. If you need assistance connecting your account reach out to [adviser@oalodge34.org](mailto:adviser@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)

### 2026 Lodge Dues

You can now pay your Annual Lodge Dues (Jan1-Dec 31) for 2026! The \$20 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-OADues>

## LODGE STORE!!!

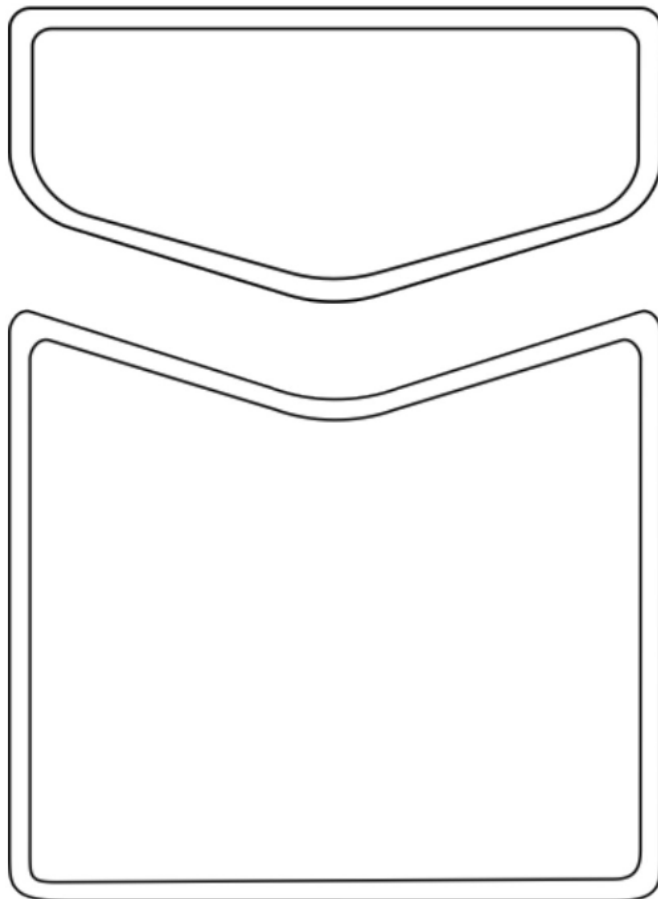
Interested in getting a Lodge shirt for the next fellowship or induction weekend don't wait check out our online store and have it shipped to your home!

[https://stores.inksoft.com/70837\\_leatherstocking\\_council\\_o/shop/home](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](mailto:patches@oalodge34.org) or in person to your Lodge Adviser at any Lodge event. **SELECTIONS WILL HAPPEN AT THE MARCH 29 LEC Meeting Call!!!**

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 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at Camp Scouthaven in Freedom NY!  
Conclave Registration is open! [Great Falls Council - E15 Conclave](#)

# WILD WILD WEST SECTION E15 CONCLAVE

August 14-16 at Camp Scouthaven, Freedom NY


**Join us for a weekend of trainings, inter lodge competitions, fun activities, and meeting people from across the section.**




## Leatherstocking Council Activity Highlights:



# FIRST AID MEET 2026

 **March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

 **SUNY Oneonta**  
G. Hal Chase Physical Education Building

**Competition**

- ✓ 5 Member Team
- ✓ Tested on Medical Scenarios
- ✓ One Adult Judge Per Team

**JUDGES MEETING 12PM**



<https://scoutingevent.com/400-110063>



**\$125**  
Per Scout

## LET'S GO CAMPING

ADVENTURE | GAMES | BONFIRE

 CAMP KINGSLEY

## ADVENTURE WEEKEND

Scouts BSA

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17-19TH, 2026**

PROGRAMS / MERIT BADGES  
WILL INCLUDE ROBOTICS,  
TWO OTHER PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

 <https://scoutingevent.com/400-AdventureWeekend>



## SCOUTS, BSA DAY CAMP

JULY 27  
-  
JULY 31ST



**COMING THIS SUMMER**

*Fun, Merit Badges  
& Creative Outdoor  
Activities*

## 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)

2026 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

[#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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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](https://join.slack.com/t/oalodge34lec/shared_invite/zt-7zyox54g-MMdB0b6lhV8H1omPfaLpfA)