



Bear Tracks



April 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 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>

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

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 Calendar and Slack

Always up to date:

<http://oalodge34.org/wp2/calendar/>

Questions or help with Slack:

support@oalodge34.org

2026 Lodge Dues

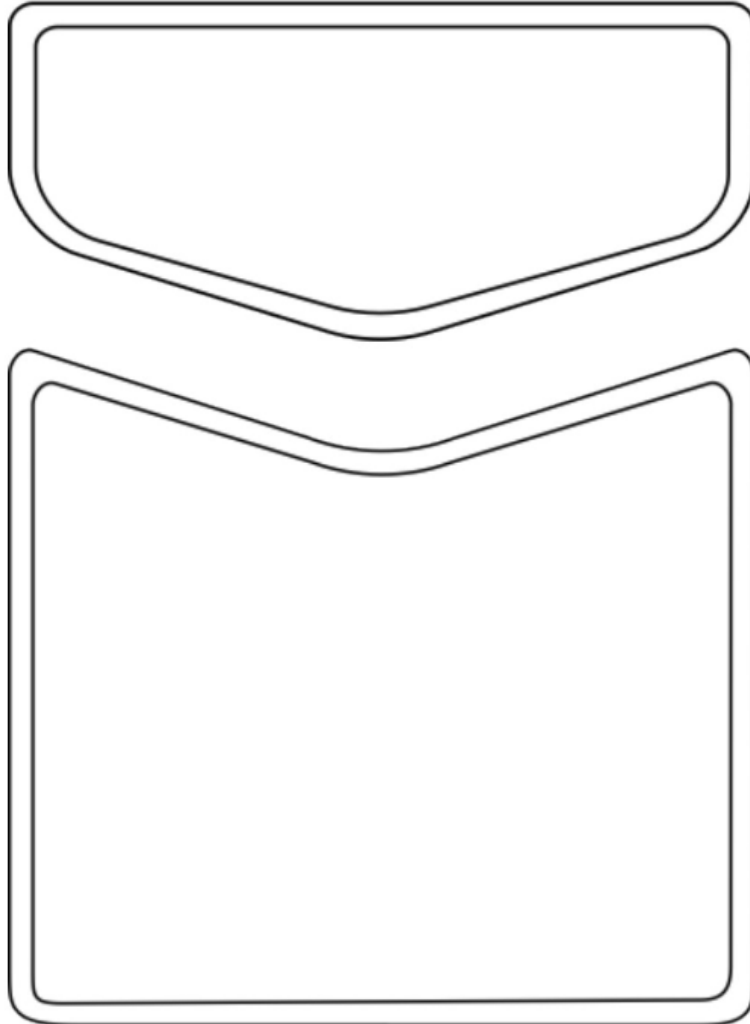
You can now pay your Annual Lodge Dues (Jan1-Dec 31) for 2026! The \$20 can be paid at any lodge event or at the scout office. Checks can be made out to Leatherstocking Council. Pay online:

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

Lodge 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!
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:

\$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>

Scouting America
Leatherstocking Council

SPAM

AMERICA 250 10TH ANNIVERSARY SPRING COUNCIL CAMPOREE
MAY 15-17 COOPERSTOWN

SPORTS

THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEATHERSTOCKING COUNCIL WITH:

SPORTS
10 FRAMES OF BOWLING
10 INNINGS OF WIFFLE BALL

ART

ARTS
SCREEN PRINTING OF BASEBALL JERSEYS

& MUSIC

MUSIC
BUCKET PERCUSSION BAND & NIGHTTIME KARAOKE ON FULL STAGE

MORE PROGRAMS COMING SOON!

REGISTER TODAY!

SCOUTS BSA: \$30.00
CUB SCOUTS: \$10.00
ADDITIONAL LEADERS: \$10.00

ClarkSportsCenter

CAMP KINGSLEY
SCOUT RESERVATION

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 If you have questions or need help joining slack please contact: 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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Lodge Chief	Santino Tomasi	chief@oalodge34.org
Vice Chief & CVC	Morgan Knight	vicechief@oalodge34.org
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Treasurer	Eric Hejnal	treasurer@oalodge34.org
Lodge Adviser	Ben Obernesser	adviser@oalodge34.org
Staff Adviser	Keith Knight	staffadviser@oalodge34.org

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