



Bear Tracks



July 2026

Ohkwaliha-Ká Lodge #34, Leatherstocking Council #400

Lodge Fall Induction Weekend

Hello Ohkwaliha-Ká, this is your lodge Chief Santino! Our FALL Induction is coming up on September 11TH, 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 FALL 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-OAFallInduction>

New Induction Experience

In the next year we will be transitioning to the New Induction Experience. The Section will be holding a New Induction Experience for select Lodge Members to attend and learn how to conduct the new program. If you are available on the weekend of October 2nd-4th and would like to learn about the new GUIDE and CEREMONIES roles, please reach out to chief@oalodge34.org by July 12th. We have a limited number of spaces available to us and would like to fill them all.

Save the date! Octobearfest 2026!

Octobearfest returns to Camp Kingsley on October 30th! Registration will open in September! We are looking for patch designs for this year's patch, please submit them to patches@oalodge34.org Designs for consideration will be due by August 1st! If you have ideas for the event activities or menu, please send them in on Slack to [#activities](#)

Lodge Calendar and Slack

Always up to date:
<http://oalodge34.org/wp2/calendar/>

Questions or help with Slack:
support@oalodge34.org

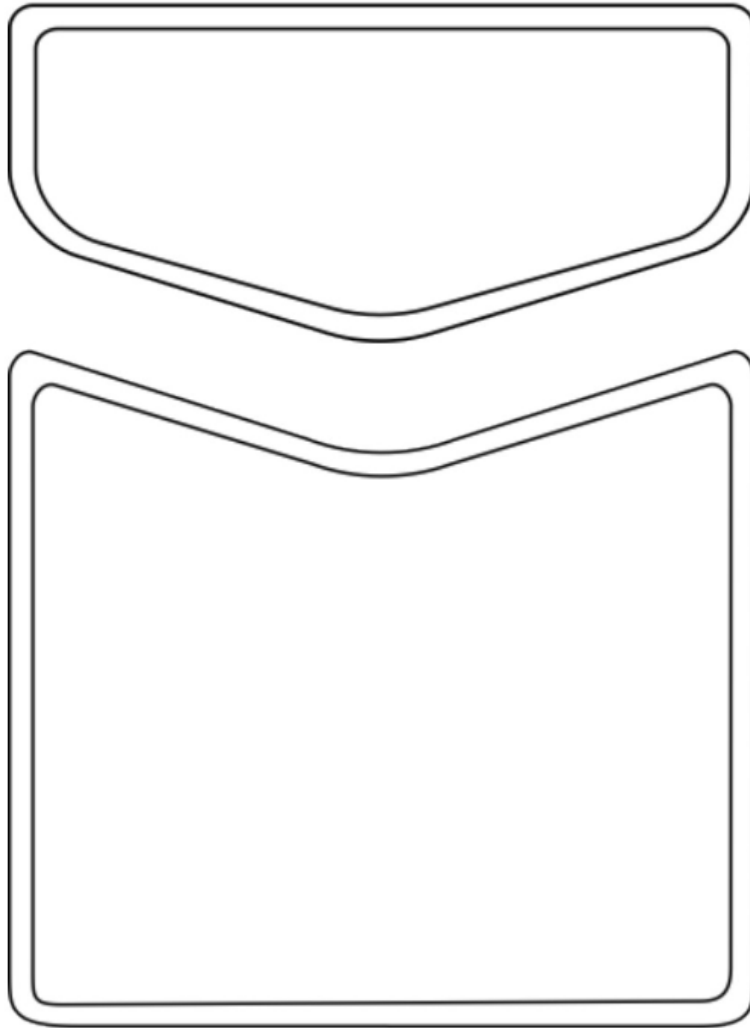
2026 Lodge Dues

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, 2027 NOAC Flap & Pocket, 2026 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

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 with 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

Congratulations to our new Vigil Honor Members!

Lodge Chief, Santino Tomassi and Staff Adviser, Keith Knight both sat their Vigil.



**Congratulations to our two Newest
Vigil Honor Member**

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](#)

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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:

CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF LEATHERSTOCKING COUNCIL

BBQ

B-DAY PARTY

Hosted at **CAMP KINGSLEY**

SATURDAY
JULY 18

AT CAMP KINGSLEY
9:00AM - 2:00PM

TIE-DYE GAMES DEMOS | RANGE SPORT FLAGS FISHING DERBY

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
LEATHERSTOCKINGCOUNCIL.ORG



SCOUTS, BSA

Day Camp

JULY 27 - JULY 31ST

COMING THIS SUMMER

Fun, Merit Badges & Creative Outdoor Activities

Trophies for:

- Grades K-6
- Grades 6-12
- Adults!

2nd Annual COMMUNITY PINEWOOD DERBY

Meet Real Drivers and Tour the Pits!

4 PM CHECK IN AUGUST **7**

What started as a scouting tradition is now...
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

\$15 Registration Includes

- Official Pinewood Derby Car Kit
 - (build a new car, or use your old car and save the new one for next year!)
- Admission to Utica Rome Speedway for PWD Racer
 - (plus one free adult chaperone for racers under 18)
- Tour the Pits and Meet the Drivers!

Contact us now

- (315) 813 - 1656
- VVScubScouts@gmail.com

Lodge Officer Elections - Announcement

On September 13th, we will be holding the Annual Election for 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 before 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 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 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



Role	Name	E-Mail
Lodge Chief	Santino Tomasi	chief@oalodge34.org
Vice Chief & CVC	Morgan Knight	vicechief@oalodge34.org
Secretary	Esther Hamm	secretary@oalodge34.org
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