



March 2007

Letter from the Chief:

Hello everyone my name is Michael Blanc, and I am the newly elected lodge chief. We have a lot of fun stuff planned for the year that I hope you can participate in. We will be having two ordeals, the spring one located at camp Wallowa, and the fall one which will be located in the Tri-Cities. We are looking for people to help staff these events so if you are willing to help please call or e-mail me at chief@walamootkin.org. We also have the LLD (Lodge Leadership Development) training coming up (see below). Anyone that wants to attend will be welcome. It should be a lot of fun. The OA Section Conclave is coming up in September and our Lodge will be hosting the event. We need as many Lodge members there as we can get, so please keep that weekend open. It is one of the best times you will have in the OA. As one final note the Lodge is currently looking for officers to fill out the Lodge Executive Committee (L.E.C.) so if anyone is interested in being in leadership for the lodge please contact me.

Michael Blanc
Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge Chief

[Pay your dues if you haven't yet].

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The LLD training this year will be held at the Kennewick Scout Center. It is designed for Lodge leadership, youth and adult, but any lodge member who is interested may attend. If you plan on attending or have questions, please contact our Lodge Advisor, Pete Gibbons at 509-539-3184. It will be held Friday evening March 30 from 6 to 8 pm and Saturday March 31 from 8 am to 5 pm. Visitors are welcome to attend all or a few of the sessions.

Unit Elections

The Lodge would like your Unit Election papers in by March 31st. Election packets have been mailed to Unit Leaders. For assistance with Unit Elections contact Michael Blanc, our Lodge Chief, at chief@walamootkin.org or Pete Gibbons, our Lodge Advisor, at advisor@walamootkin.org or 509-539-3184. Late returns will be accepted but will result in late feedback to the elected Scouts and could mean that materials, such as OA sashes could be unavailable in time.

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Spring Ordeal

The Spring Ordeal will be held May 18th and 19th at Camp Wallowa near Enterprise, OR. The newly elected candidates will go through an ordeal to test their skills in cheerful service. They newly elected must bring a sleeping bag, pad, and tarp separate from their other gear. The remaining Lodge members will stay in the A frames for that night and the next if they wish. Current Ordeal members are eligible to become Brotherhood and should also attend. There will also be a Brotherhood ceremony. The Lodge store will be open selling the limited edition Wa-La-Moot-Kin 60th anniversary Lodge Flaps, the new Lodge tee shirt (see below) and kits for starter Indian costume parts. This will also be a great time for fellowship and patch trading.



New Lodge Tee Shirt Design
Back (top) and Front

Joint Service Project

On Saturday, March 10 Troop 190 and Walamootkin Lodge participated in a service project to re-gravel the trail up Badger Mountain. The pictures below show Jordan Stewart, Vice Chief of Program and the Troop 190 Scouts working on the trail.



Jordan Stewart - VC Program



Scouts from Troop 190 on Badger Mt.

Lodge Adviser's Note

Welcome to the new LEC:
Chief - Michael Blanc
Vice-Chief Program - Jordan Stewart
V-C Communications - Taylor Blanc
Check out the Lodge website
(Webmaster - Brad Goranson) at
www.walamootkin.org for the latest
calendar.
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2007 Sagebrush Freetrappers Rendezvous

The Order of the Arrow has been invited to attend the Freetrappers Rendezvous the weekend on Saturday, April 21. That day we can attend free of charge to view the activities. There will be several vendors of Indian style beads and the like. This is a good resource for those working on their regalia parts. There will be various shooting competitions and possibly tomahawk throwing.

WHERE: TCSA Primitive Range on Hwy 225, north of Benton city, near milepost 8.

If you are interested in doing the whole weekend (Fri-Sun), call Ironheart (Bill) at 509-582-2728 to see about fees, arrangements, etc.

Wallowa - Projects for the Spring Ordeal

This year we are planning to use a \$5000 grant from the OA to improve Camp Wallowa for its use by Cub Scout Residence Camps as well as Scouting units that camp there. We will focus on improving the shower house, making repairs and bracing the doors to the compartments so they will work more easily. We are also looking at doing some minor improvements to the A-frame cabins for better access and utility. As always Wallowa is a beautiful and inspiring place to visit. It has peaceful woods beside a roaring river and waterfalls.

Wallowa River Falls at Camp

Vigil Induction Ceremony

Last December, on a cold, winter's night Rob Buxbaum and Dean Medford were inducted into the Vigil Honor. The ceremony took place on the Blanc's farm overlooking the Snake River, north of Burbank. It was a dark and foggy night. The next morning the new Vigils were greeted by at the traditional breakfast.



Dean Medford, Rob Buxbaum and Harley Smith, Vigil Adviser

