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Wa-La-Moot-Kin Lodge #336

Spring 2005

CHIEFLY SPEAKING

2005 Has Begun!

Yes, that's right! Spring has officially begun and with it a year of opportunity for our lodge.

The 2005 LEC spent the weekend of March 4-5 preparing for the year through training, learning, fellowship, and planning. From that weekend the LEC has a vision for the year, consisting of four major parts. Those parts include chapters, communication, service, and continuing in the strong tradition of our lodge. (Check out the website to see the full Lodge Vision)



In order to achieve all of the goals the LEC has put forth for the lodge this year, we need *commitment*. The

members of the LEC have pledged to do their best to lead the lodge towards these goals, but we need the commitment of every OA member in order to reach the full potential of our lodge. **We need you!** Whether it's participating with your chapter, volunteering for a lodge committee, or simply showing up to the Spring Fellowship, the lodge needs your involvement, your enthusiasm, and your commitment to make this year successful. Wa-La-Moot-Kin has a great potential, and with your involvement and the commitment of the LEC we can experience that potential in 2005!

-Mark

Spring Ordeal & Fellowship

Return to Wallowa!

Alright fellow Arrowmen, we need your help! Wa-La-Moot-Kin will be returning to Camp Wallowa for the upcoming Spring Ordeal & Fellowship for the first time since the mudslide in '02. Everyone is invited to attend and make our first event back a successful one. The weekend will be full of opportunities for fellowship, service, & fun! Make sure you're there on June 10-12th; expect traditions re-awakened and bonds of brotherhood strengthened!

DON'T MISS IT!



Rendezvous: April 16

The Lodge Ceremonies Team is holding a Ceremony & Regalia Rendezvous April 16th at the Kennewick Scout Office. Anyone interested in the Native American aspect of the OA is encouraged to attend (and even if you're not it'll still be fun!). The ceremony team will be repairing the lodge regalia, and can use help; but you can also work on your personal regalia and get input from the team. The Rendezvous will be from 11am to 4pm, and will cost \$3 to help cover lunch. Bring some spending money for regalia kits that may be available. This is your chance to get involved with a lodge committee or the lodge ceremonies team! Contact Alex Mears, the VC of Program, if you're interested in helping with the event or participating with lodge ceremonies at cspot_dash@yahoo.com. **LUNCH & SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!**

What: Ceremony & Regalia Rendezvous

Who: All interested lodge members

When: April 16; 11am-4pm

Where: Kennewick Scout Office

Why: Work on personal & lodge regalia, learn about lodge ceremonies, have FUN, & eat food!

How Much: \$3 to cover food

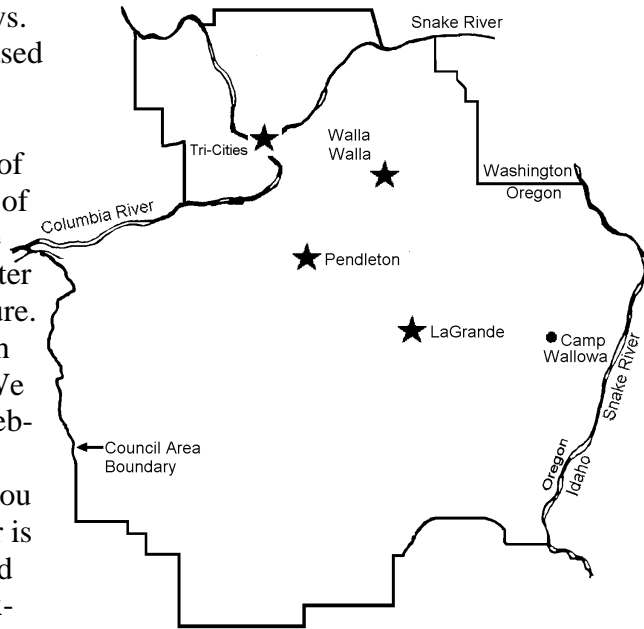


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Chapters At Last!

The chapter system in Wa-La-Moot-Kin will be going under some major changes that we believe will benefit the lodge in many ways. The lodge will now have four chapters, based out of Walla Walla, Umatilla County, La Grande and the Tri-Cities. Each of these chapters will have regular meetings, a set of officers, and a chief that is also a member of the LEC. The lodge is implementing these changes in order to get a functioning chapter network that we can build upon in the future. If you are interested in helping us establish these new chapters, please let us know! We appreciate all assistance. Check out the website or future newsletter for information about when & where the chapter nearest you meets! Becoming active with your chapter is a great way to serve the lodge and OA, and will lead to many opportunities and fun experiences!

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL



Service & Spirit Awards

You, yes you, can earn these awards! What awards you ask? The *National Leadership in Service Award* (left) and the *Lodge Spirit Award* (below). These awards are available to all Arrowmen and may be earned by completing a set of requirements. Check the lodge website for a more information and a specific list of requirements for each award.



Upcoming Events!

- **Rendezvous** April 16
Scout Office, Kennewick, WA 11am-4pm
- **LEC Meeting** May 14
Scout Office, Kennewick, WA
- **Spring Ordeal & Fellowship** **June 10-12**
Camp Wallowa
- **Fall Ordeal** August 19-21
Camp Wallowa
- **W-1C Conclave** September 23-25
Moses Lake, WA
- **NLS** November 18-20
Seattle, WA
- **Winter Banquet** January, 2006
TBA



Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief
Mark Hendricks

Vice-Chief Administration
Wes Johnson

Vice-Chief Program
Alex Mears

Secretary
Travis Person

Treasurer
Rob Buxbaum

La Grande Chapter Chief
Vacant

Pioneer Chapter Chief
Vacant

Tri-Cities Chapter Chief
David Bryce

Umatilla County Chapter Chief
Vacant

Lodge Advisers

Lodge Adviser
Scott Feemster

Associate Lodge Advisers
Mike Tesky
Pete Gibbons

Staff Adviser
Monte Job

Howdy! Mark Hendricks here, your 2005 Lodge Chief. I'm an Eagle Scout from troop 237 in Richland, WA. I spend a good portion of my time with scouting; serving as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for my troop. I'm also a member of a local venture crew. I'm active on many levels of the OA, but of course Lodge Chief is my favorite position. In my spare time I enjoy hanging out with friends, skiing in the winter (when there's snow!), camping, backpacking, running, and traveling. I'm looking forward to an awesome year of progress for the lodge!



My name is Wes Johnson and I'm a Life Scout in Troop 228 chartered by CUP church in Richland, WA. I also recently joined Venture Crew. While a large portion of my life is Boy Scouting, I also enjoy playing the piano, listening to music, and fixing computers for the Richland School District. During the past two summers, and soon to be this coming summer, I have gone down to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico to participate in and staff their leadership training course. During my term as Vice Chief of Administration I will strive to get a functional Where to go Camping Guide up on the lodge website as well as continue to help with the lodge's ceremony team. I know that this year will be filled with some exciting events. We are returning to Camp Wallowa, and I hope to see you all there at our Ordeals!

Hello, my name is Alex Mears and I'm the 2005 lodge Vice Chief of Program. I'm a member of Boy Scout Troop 228 in Richland, WA. My goal for the year is to run improved lodge events, including successful Ordeals with phenomenal ceremonies. I'm also looking forward to the Rendezvous this spring!

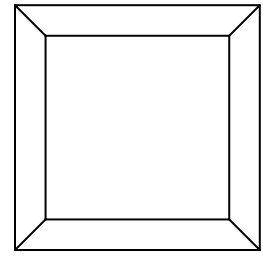


Hi Guys! My name is Rob Buxbaum and I am your Wa-La-Moot-Kin lodge treasurer for 2005. This is my second term as treasurer and I hope it to be a good one. I am looking forward to the coming challenges that this office will require of me.

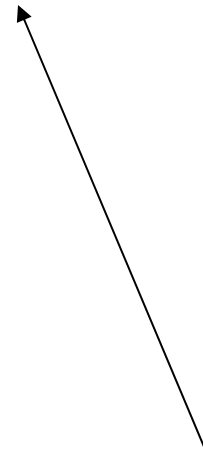
I look forward to working with all of you and to a great year for the lodge. Thank you for electing me as your 2005 lodge treasurer.

Hello, my name is Travis Person. I'm a Star Scout in Troop 237, associated with West Side Church. I'm the scribe for my troop and I'm also an Assistant Patrol Leader. In my spare time I like to design and program webpages, or just read a good book. My goals for this year include producing impressive newsletters and helping revise and update the website.

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Have You Paid Your Dues?
Check the Date Next to Your Name Above



OA High Adventure

It's not too late to sign up for Order of the Trail Crew. If your 16 years old (and not yet 21) and want to go to Philmont, this is your chance! This is truly a mountain-top experience in the OA and scouting. There's a reason your lodge chief just sent in his application to attend for a second time... E-mail MarkPH@msn.com for more info!

Website Changes!

We are making a lot of new changes to the webpage that should help our lodge's communication. There is a new layout that improved the look of the webpage drastically and added an easier user interface. There will be weekly updates that will make the webpage more interesting and useful. The site is filled with a great deal of information about the lodge with more being added regularly, so check it out soon! Visit the website at www.walamootkin.org for the most up-to-date info from the lodge!

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