

Golden Gate Area Council
 OA Lodge Merger Framework
 Key Decisions

Phase 1 - FOUNDATION	Decision	Notes
1.1 How will the merged lodge operate? (as one entity or leveraging chapters?)	New lodge will leverage chapters. 1:1 chapter to district ratio [approved 8/13]	- Noted that the opportunity exists to combine chapters across districts if warranted - Follow up for Phase 5, will they be called chapters or something else? will we rename the chapters? - Follow up for Phase 3, how will the chapter fund themselves - Chapters will need support from the lodge to provide camping / resident camping promotion
1.2 If leveraging chapters, what will the chapters be responsible for?	Chapter Responsibilities [approved 8/13] * Unit Visitation - including camp promotion of council resident camps * Meet regularly (at least once a month) * Option to host their own events/activities (ordeals will be hosted by the lodge w/exception for special circumstances with approval from the lodge) * Option to support district events and activities (e.g. camporee) but not required * Provide chapter updates at each monthly LEC meeting	
1.3 What program/fiscal calendar will the new lodge follow?	New lodge will operate on an annual / calendar year basis (January - December) to align with lodge charter. [approved 8/24]	
1.4 What are our council responsibilities/requirements?	[approved 8/24] 1. Support the Camping program * Include camping promotion with unit visitations * Support council to promote resident camping (focus on ScoutsBSA but also include Cub Scouts) * Hold a camp opening induction for Camp Wolfeboro 2. Financially support GGAC operations and endowment yearly 3. (optional) Support and sponsor council camping events (not a council requirement) * Family Camping * Webelos Events (Webelos Woods) * Council Training Events	need to work through financial contributions amount
Phase 2	Decision	Notes
2.1 What events will the lodge host? What is the general timing?	* Inductions (including Brotherhood Events) - Spring (location TBD) - June (Wolfeboro opening per council request) - Autumn (location TBD) * Lodge Recognition Banquet - early December - includes Lodge Elections * Annual Planning - late December * LLD - February * Fellowship (including Brotherhood Events) - Spring (following Spring induction)	Brainstorm: * Focus on older Scouts, a 'big' event, day to support the community, friendly chapter competition (with awards), focus on chapter affiliation, focus on new members (elangomat). Pre-ordeal bbq or event after induction to encourage fellowship and 'activate'
<i>*e.g. – Inductions in the spring and fall, fellowship in the fall, etc.</i>		
2.2 What will be the lodge's primary program components?	[insert list of program components]	
Phase 3 OPERATIONS	Decision	Notes
3.1 What will be the lodge's initial communication channels and deliverables? <i>How will lodge leadership communicate?</i> <i>How will the lodge communicate with its general membership?</i>		
3.2 What awards and recognition will the lodge present?		
3.3 How will the lodge manage its finances?		
Phase 4 ORG STRUCTURE	Decision	Notes
4.1 Agree to Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) members and roles <i>Is the role a voting or non-voting member of the LEC?</i>		
4.2 Confirm committees to support lodge operations and program <i>Consider events and program and operational components defined in Phase 2</i> <i>Consider lodge performance measurement program / Thrive</i>		
4.3 1. Confirm process and timing of new lodge officer elections and chapter		
Phase 5 ORG STRUCTURE	Decision	Notes
5.1 Establish Lodge Identity Lodge Name Lodge Totem Lodge Colors Lodge Logo/Brand Lodge Flap		
5.2 Establish chapter identity		
Phase 6 ORG STRUCTURE	Decision	Notes
6.1 Will the new lodge create special memorabilia to commemorate the		
6.2 Will the new lodge host any special events in the next 6-12 months to		
6.2 Create Lodge Rules based on outcome decisions including process to		