January - March 2007 Newsletter

Letter from the ***NEW*** President

It's a new year and it's already shaping up to be a promising water year. The OKCC's winter pool sessions are up and running with the occasional demo night and kids' night on first Tuesday of every month.

Our Second Annual Presidents Day Rogue Trip with the Oregon Whitewater Association is great for meeting rafters for those multi-day permits we all covet.

We need your help and you feedback on trips, social activities and conservation. Now's the time to help shape the OKCC for the following year.

I hope everyone has a fun and safe paddling season.

Shannon Crosswhite
OKCC President

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Save the Date!

They've invited us back… The Oregon Whitewater Association has once again invited OKCC members to join them on a multi-day trip on the Rogue River over Presidents Day Weekend. Reserve your spot before January 27, 2007!

Dreaming of a summer trip on the Rogue? Check the links on page 4 and prepare your permit applications for the Rogue and Idaho river lotteries!

More information inside…

About the OKCC

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Check us out online at www.okcc.org! Also sign up for the club's Yahoo! Groups email list at groups.yahoo.com/group/okcc.

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Membership Reminder
The label on this newsletter contains the expiration date of your OKCC membership. Please use the form on page 15 to renew your membership.

Mail the completed form along with the appropriate amount to:

Oregon Kayak & Canoe Club
PO Box 692
Portland, OR 97207

Welcome New & Renewing Members!

Jeff Acree
Josh Armagost
Melissa Bearns
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Ken Cushman
Dennis Egner
Sandra Elverud
Brian Fields
Marian Fish
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Steve Gass
John Hall
Jane Heineman
Lydia Hernandez
David Hoffman
Matt Hoffman
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Shell Jeppesen
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Amy Shipman
Shuan Slowik
Patrick Steehler
Ann Stephenson
Scott Strong
Nobuyuki Suga & Family
Gordon Taylor
Eric Thorseterson
Joy Trafton
Connie & Mark Van de Voorde

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Chris Watson & Family
Heather Wenk
Tracy Woodson

American Canoe Association Membership
Although not required, OKCC members have the option to join the ACA at a discounted membership price. The ACA's Paddle America Club provides liability insurance for OKCC trips and events. OKCC members who choose ACA membership in addition to OKCC membership will receive OKCC benefits (newsletter, social events, and meetings) in addition to the benefits of ACA membership (Paddler magazine, ACA paddling events, and member-only discounts).

American Whitewater Membership
OKCC members may now also join American Whitewater at a discounted membership price. OKCC members who join American Whitewater will receive a subscription to American Whitewater magazine and member-only discounts as well as support American Whitewater's mission to conserve and restore America's whitewater resources and to enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely.

Newsletter Advertising & Submissions
If you would like to advertise in an upcoming newsletter, please contact us at okccinfo@gmail.com for advertising rates and guidelines.

The next newsletter deadline is March 15, 2007

Submissions, photos, ideas, suggestions and the like should all be directed to okccinfo@gmail.com. Please label your email subject "Newsletter."

Club Trips

Check your email or the OKCC website at www.okcc.org/events.htm for last-minute club trips. All club trips are sanctioned by the American Canoe Association. Non-ACA members may have to pay a $10 insurance fee to participate.

Date	Location	Contact
Jan. 13	EF Lewis – Lucia- Lewisville, Class 3+	Russ Pascoe russ.bec@gmail.com
Jan. 14	Sandy R. – Revenue Br.- Dodge Park, Class 2+/3	Brendan Curran bcurran@up.edu
Jan. 20	TBD Class 3/3+	Dick Sisson longboater@comcast.net
Jan. 21	TBD Class 3/3+	Russ Pascoe russ.bec@gmail.com
Jan. 28	TBD Class 2	Jesse Mitchell jesse_mitchell@yahoo.com
Feb. 11	TBD Class 3/3+	Dick Sisson longboater@comcast.net
Feb. 16-19	OWA & OKCC Rogue Trip Class 3(4) More information on pages 6-7.	Michael Williams michael.williams@usoncology.com
Feb. 25	TBD Class 3/4	Mike Elston mykylykzyt@yahoo.com
Mar. 3	TBD Class 2	Dan Doble dandobe1@yahoo.com
Mar. 10	Wilson Class 3	Shannon Crosswhite pipirneck@earthlink.net
Mar. 11	TBD Class 3/4	Mike Elston mykylykzyt@yahoo.com
Mar. 24	Hood River (TBD) Class 3	Mark Adams marktadams99@yahoo.com

Trip Leaders Wanted! Experienced and safety-conscious paddlers are needed to lead trips of all classes! Contact Mike Elston at mykylykzyt@yahoo.com to put your trip on future trip calendars.

2007 Permit Information

Looking forward to the long lazy days of summer and multi-day trips? You may need to apply now for some of your favorite rivers! Here's the information you need to get the process rolling…

All applications must be **received** by January 31st. If you fax in your application, it is advised to call and confirm receipt of your fax. Submit early!

Idaho Four Rivers Lottery:
http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc/recreation/4rivers/info_letter_06.pdf

Rogue River Lottery:
http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/files/Lottery_Letter_and_Application_07.pdf

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Upcoming Events

Check out our new public Google Calendar (www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=okccinfo@gmail.com) for up-to-the-minute information on events that might be of interest.

Wild Rivers, Wild Fire and Wild Creatures Film Night
Presented by Next Adventure!

- *When*: Thursday, February, 15, 2007. Doors at 6:30 pm, show starts at 7:00 pm sharp.
- *Where*: Hollywood Theatre on 4122 NE Sandy (42nd and Sandy)
- *Why*: Enjoy wild films from local filmmakers & help protect these special places.
- *Cost:* Tickets: $8. Tickets available in advance from the Hollywood Theatre. All proceeds go to the non-profit educational work including further promotion of the films

Mekong: Exploring the Mother Of Waters
The first-ever complete navigation of the Mekong River from its source in Tibet, to the South China Sea. Visually documented by Brian Eustis of Portland, Oregon the film explores and celebrates the diverse cultures and environments of the Mekong valley while exposing some of the most pressing human-rights and resource-rights issues facing the region's subsistence cultures.
(Tibet, China, Burma, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia, 45 minutes.)

Decades: Fire Scars Biscuit - Documentary
Filmmakers: Trip Jennings, Kyle Dickman & Becky Kennedy
Decades is a documentary that seeks to find truth covered up by raging fires, black trees, green trees, and the players involved in post-fire logging sensitive burned landscapes. This film takes you on a journey down the Wild Illinois River and puts together interviews from key players and live footage from the forest.
(Ashland, Oregon, 32-35 minutes.)

Solving the Klamath Crisis - Keeping Farms and Fish Alive
Takes an in-depth look at the role that dams play in the decline of Klamath River Salmon and Rural Communities. The fishing and farming communities of the Klamath Basin are stuck in a rotating crisis, where one year fishing is restricted and the next irrigation is curtailed. Klamath Basin communities have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to dramatically improve the health of the river.
(Klamath Salmon Media Collaborative, 42 minutes.)

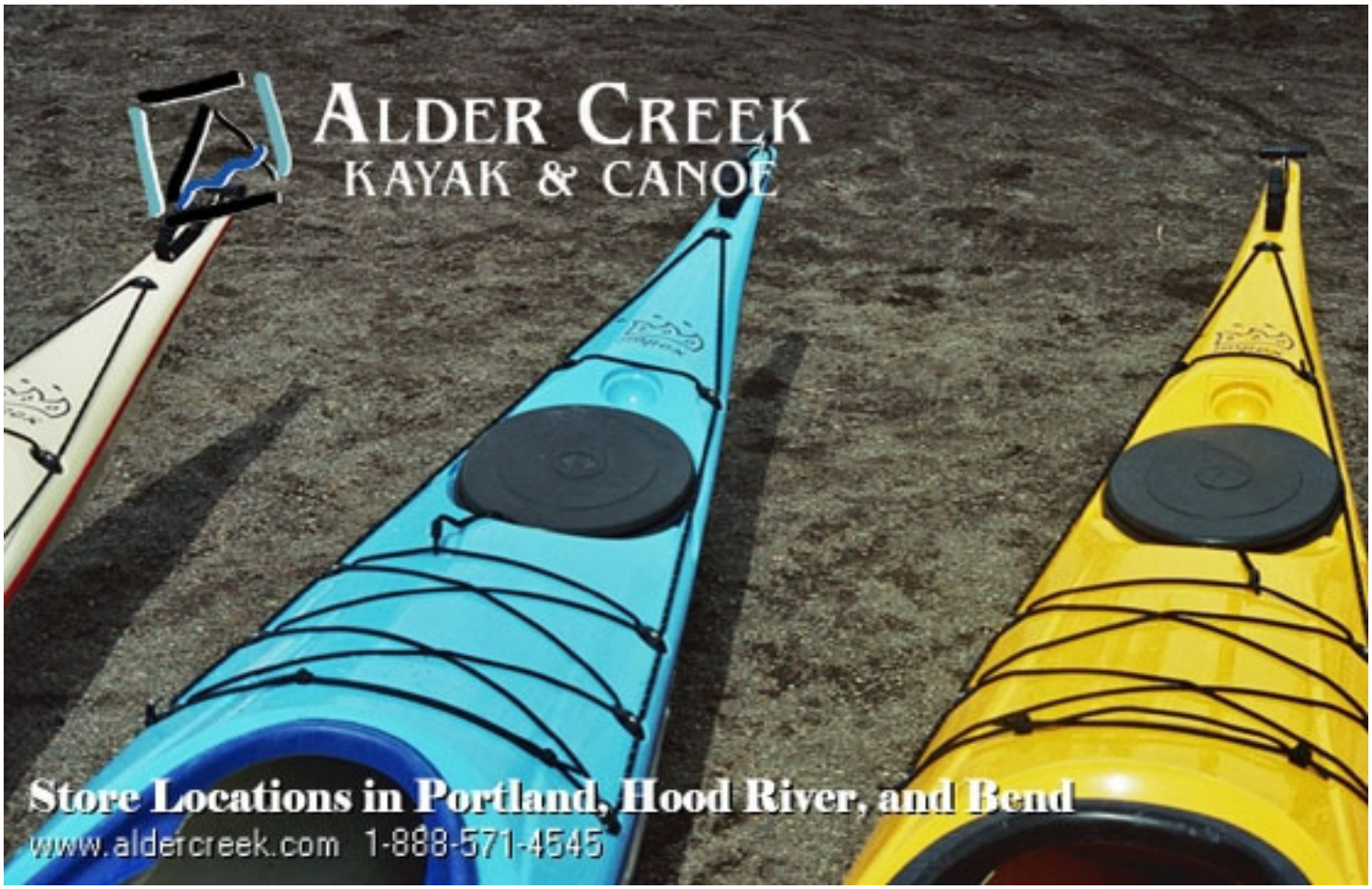
OWA & OKCC Presidents Day Weekend Rogue River Trip
February 17-19, 2007

Hey OKCC Boaters, its time for another Rogue River trip! This is an event organized by the Oregon Whitewater Association (rafters), who has been gracious enough to invite kayakers on their multi-day trips. The trip fee includes all meals and transportation of gear down the river.

Setting up camp at Battle Bar during the 2006 trip.

Shuttles: Set up your own shuttles. I assume the Bear Camp road will be closed and the shuttle will be down to California and up to Gold Beach – this means more expensive. Here are the two providers I have used in the past. There are other shuttle services for the Rogue/Illinois, I've only used these two:

- Samantha Waters at +1 (541) 474-5632 and LaVerne Parry have teamed up to



run shuttles for this trip. Sam and Laverne are both long term providers of shuttle services and are now working together. I will use these guys as they have been super reliable for me over the last 20 years.

- Galice Resort: The Galice Resort provides both shuttle and lodging services. The Lodging at Galice is very nice and the people are super. Galice has been providing shuttles for 30 years and has a great reputation. The rooms are $77 on Thursday, breakfast is $10 per head and the shuttle (long) is $125. Please contact Monica at the Galice Resort (P.O. Box 99, 1744 Galice Road, Merlin, OR 97532, 541-476-3818, fun@galice.com, www.galice.com)

Lodging: Set up your own lodging with Galice or motels are available in Grants Pass. If you get lodging at Galice on Friday night, the overflow cabin has a kitchen to prepare your own breakfast.

Recommendations based on previous trips:

- Bring a really good tent, it has rained a lot over the years and there have been a number of tent failures. Sleeping two nights in a cold, wet sleeping bag is no good.
- Bring a pretty good sleeping bag. I think it was in the upper 20's on Sunday am last year.
- Bring warm stuff for the river. We will have good tarps or the shelter at Battle Bar, but on the river if it is windy and cold – be prepared.

Contact Michael Williams with any questions: Michael.Williams@USOncology.com

$30 payment to reserve your spot is due no later than January 27th!

Payment info: Make checks payable to OKCC and send to: 4017 NE 66th Ave, Portland OR, 97213

PPP (Porn, Pizza, Pint) Night is Back!

When: **Monday, February 5th**
Gather at 7:00 pm
Video starts at 7:30 pm

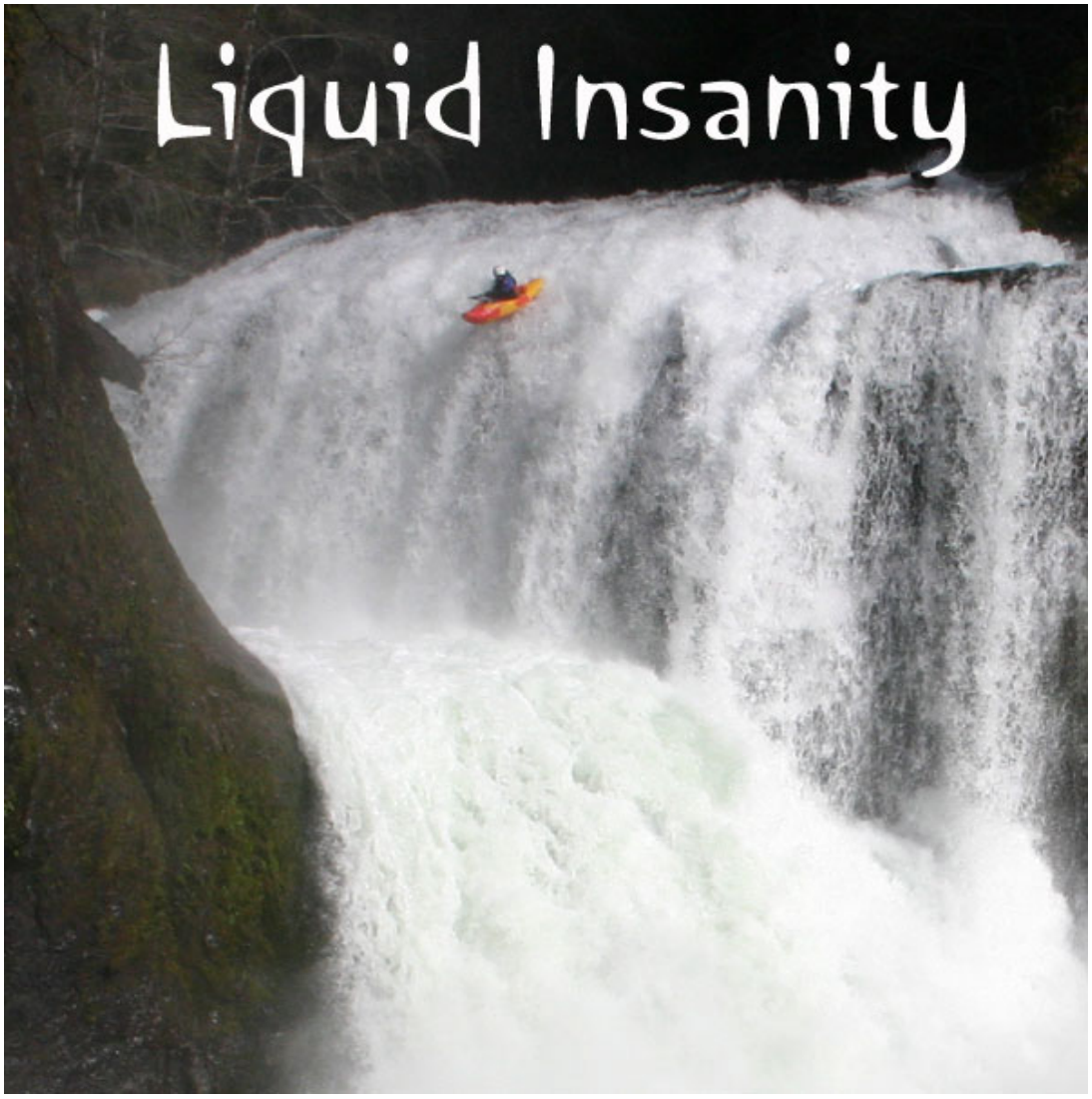
Where: **Old Town Pizza**
226 NW Davis
Portland, OR 97209
www.oldtownpizza.com

This month we will be showing Liquid Insanity, a film by Nate and Heather Herbeck.
Enter a journey into the Pacific Northwest with travel to California, Montana, BC, and North Carolina.

Music by: Luminous Fog, Madgesdiq, Caddice Fly and Dazy Head Mazy.
Featuring: Nate Herbeck, Heather Herbeck, Ryan Scott, Todd Anderson, Billy Jones, Bryan Youngs, Chuck Taylor, Ben Rieff, and many more.

www.liquidkayak.com

Questions?: Email marktadams99@yahoo.com



Trip Report

OKCC Members Go Creeking in Panama

By Mark Adams

Portland kayakers – Mark Adams, John Davis Angie Allen, Shannon Crosswhite, Michael Williams, and Hugh Boyd – enjoy the wonders of Panama.

Seven kayakers from Portland, including several active OKCC members, recently joined the Nantahala Outdoor Center for its Advanced Creeking trip in the mountains of Panama.

Hugh Boyd takes a refreshing swim in one of the Panama rivers

After arriving in hot and humid Panama City in late October, we flew to the city of David and then made a one-hour drive to the popular mountain town of Boquette, not too far from the border with Costa Rica. While kayaking is relatively undeveloped in Panama, NOC has been exploring rivers there for several years and by far has the best expertise on runs in the area, most of which are an easy drive from Boquette.

John Davis successfully takes on a ledge drop in Panama.

During six days of paddling, we enjoyed exciting class 4 creek runs in the immediate area as well as near the coast, where the rivers tend to hold a bit more water during temporary "dry spells." This was our second annual trip to the area and we certainly enjoyed it as much as the first one – despite one medical emergency, a few bug bites, and some minor casualties during the infamous fried chicken night!

The OKCC motto, "Do It Right, Keep It Tight" (your lifejacket, that is) makes it all the way to Panama!

Check out http://www.noc.com for more information about this and other NOC adventure travel.

Pool Session Information

OKCC pool sessions are happening at the North Clackamas Aquatic Park!

- *When*: Every Tuesday from January 9th to April 10th at 7:30 - 9pm.
- *Where*: NCAP – 7300 SE Harmony Road, Milwaukie, OR 97222 (near Clackamas Town Center)
- *Cost*: $8 for OKCC members, $12 for non-members, $6 for kids under 16. Join or renew your OKCC membership at the pool (just $20) and that session is free!

We have some exciting things planned for this winter. **Kids' Nights** are back on the first Tuesday of the month (Jan. 9, Feb. 6, March 6 and April 3). Alder Creek will be bringing kids demo boats on those nights. Next Adventure will also have a couple of **Demo Nights** for you to try some of that equipment you've been eyeing.

We rent the wave pool for the entire time. The waves will only be on for the last 30 minutes for surfing and/or combat roll practice. Or get out early and soak in the HOT TUB...

Helmets are required by the pool!

Roll "coaches" will be available if requested in advance. If you need help with your roll, are interested in helping others, or are interested in hosting a pool session, please contact the OKCC Pool Session Coordinator, Shannon Crosswhite, at pipirneck@mindspring.com.

Other Pool Sessions in the Area

Check the PDX Adventure Racer website (www.pdxadventureracer.com/node/view/748) for information on other pool sessions in the area. Please confirm with each location before attending as sessions are often seasonal, change and/or cancel.

Day	Location	Time
Monday	Beaverton Swim Center	9:30 – 10:30 pm
Tuesday	Sunset Swim Center Sandy Aquatic Center	8:30 – 10:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Wednesday	Sunset Swim Center Beaverton Swim Center Sandy YMCA	8:30 – 10:00 pm 9:30 – 10:30 pm 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Thursday	Sunset Swim Center	8:30 – 10:00 pm
Saturday	Marshall Pool (Vancouver)	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Sunday	Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center	10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Intermediate/Advanced Monthly Meeting/Paddle

So, you have been paddling awhile and you have a roll…
Where do you go from there?

The program is now underway and has been a great success!!! The OKCC will continue to hold its intermediate to advanced meeting and paddle, with the next meeting on March 7, 2007. Paddling covers a broad range of skills and rivers and participants will have a chance to do it all: playboating, creekboating, big water, low water… and everything in between.

Participants will meet the first the Wednesday of every month and paddle the following Saturday. The meeting is mandatory to attend the Saturday paddle. Topics covered in the meeting will be practiced on the river. The OKCC has designed course to give beginning paddlers a place to go and keep learning on their way to becoming advanced paddlers. ACA insurance is required for all participants.

The Next Meeting is March 7th

A roll and some class 3 whitewater experience is a must!!!

Contact Michael Williams, OKCC Safety Officer, for meeting times and places.
Michael.Williams@USOncology.com

Membership Application & Renewal

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OKCC MEMBERSHIP	
	$20.00 OKCC Membership Only - Individual or Household
	$20.00 OKCC Renewal - Individual or Household
AFFILIATE CLUB ENROLLMENT (NEW ENROLLMENT WITH OKCC MEMBERSHIP ONLY)	
	$30.00 ACA Individual Membership
	$25.00 ACA Student/Junior Membership (18 and under or full-time college students with proof of a valid student ID)
	$40.00 ACA Household Membership (2 adults and children 18 and under)
	$25.00 American Whitewater Individual Membership
	$35.00 American Whitewater Household Membership
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:	

Participant's Name: _____ ACA No.: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Additional Household Members: _____ ACA No.: _____

_____ ACA No.: _____

_____ ACA No.: _____

Newsletter delivery (circle one): Mail Web (download) Email

I have read, understand, and am familiar with the American Canoe Association Waiver and Release of Liability and the American Whitewater Safety Code. I agree to be bound by the terms of the ACA Waiver and Release of Liability and to follow the guidelines of the AW Safety Code as a condition of membership in the Oregon Kayak & Canoe Club, Inc.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

ALL NEW ACA APPLICANTS MUST ALSO COMPLETE AN ACA WAIVER FORM. WAIVER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT www.acanet.org.

Please make checks payable to "OKCC" and send your completed application and waiver(s) with check to:
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