

News from

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Spring 2011

Upcoming Events

April 2011

8-10 Spring Ordeal 8:00pm
Cutter Scout Reservation

14 Lodge Executive Committee 7:30pm
Foster City Scout Service Center

May 2011

12 Annual Business Meeting 7:30pm
Foster Scout Service Center

19 Annual Banquet 5:30pm
Palo Alto Scout Service Center

28 Grave Decoration
Golden Gate National Cemetery

June 2011

9 Lodge Executive Committee 7:30pm
Foster City Scout Service Center

July 2011

Have a great summer and enjoy
summer camping with your troop!

New Vigil Members

On Friday, February 19, 2011, a group of Ohlone Lodge Vigil members traveled through snow and rain to Boulder Creek Scout Reservation for the annual Vigil Honor Induction. Three members were selected by the Ohlone Vigil Committee and invited to attend the induction weekend.

The Vigil Honor was first bestowed upon E. Umer Goodman by the Unami
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Above: Fireworks and Native American dancing at a NOAC show.

NOAC

By *Manu Navjeevan*

An acronym that represents four words, National Order of the Arrow Conference, NOAC will be a week-long event from July 30 through August 4, 2012. We will be leaving on July 28th or 29th in order to allow a day for touring, as well as to reduce the cost of airfare. It is bound to be an exciting trip, with 8,000 Order of the Arrow members gathering at Michigan State University to participate in courses such as silversmithing, patch trading, knife training, and OA history.

One reason for its growing popularity is that it is planned and carried out by Arrowmen ourselves. Youth involvement ensures that the conference program will be exciting, relevant, and non-stop fun. With each conference, NOAC becomes more diversified, more fun, and more exciting.

Participants stay in college dorms with friends, and can order pizza or other deliveries if they are willing to pay. The shows are also a lot of fun and exciting. The cost of the conference is \$950 including airfare, hotel, meals, housing at the university, program, training materials, and transportation.

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The lodge is issuing a special Lodge Flap, and the proceeds will be used to further reduce the cost for youth members to attend. If you have any questions, or might be interested in attending, email David Bradley at NOAC@ohlone63.org

NOAC Design Contest for NOAC Lodge Flaps Extended to May 12th

By *Matthew Rudnick*

Editor's Note: This article was originally run in the winter edition. The LEC has extended the deadline for design submissions until the Annual Business Meeting on May 12th.

Will you be at NOAC?

Ohlone definitely will be attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2012. With over 8000 scouts and scouters from around the country learning about the OA don't you wish someone would make something fun that everyone could give, or maybe let us say "trade" to
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Lodge Banquet

It's about time for Ohlone Lodge #63's annual banquet again and I'm sure everyone is very excited. This year's banquet will begin at 5:30pm on May 19th at the Palo Alto Service Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, and will feature catered barbecue.

We will also be introducing you to the newly elected LEC. For those new to the OA, the annual Lodge Banquet
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Lodge Adviser's Corner

By Greg Miura

"Nothing is impossible. Some things are just less likely than others".

- Jonathan Winters

When you "age out" of Scouting, does that mean the end of your Scouting career until you come back and volunteer as an Adult? When I was a kid, the Order of the Arrow helped bridge that gap for me. To be honest, after I earned the Eagle rank I was ready for something new in Scouting. It was at that point that I got active in the lodge and stayed active in Scouting through college. After you earn the Eagle rank and have several years of leadership experience in your troop and hopefully in the lodge, you are a valuable asset to Scouting. It's not time to "retire" but time to take on more responsibility.

If you are interested in a Lodge leadership position, take a look at our current Lodge Executive Committee (ohlone63.org/contacts/lodgeleaders.htm). If you are interested in running for a position, please attend the Annual Business Meeting, held on May 12, 2011 in the Foster City Scout office.

Being an officer is challenging and fun and your service can have a significant impact to Scouting in our Council. When you leave the area to go to college, be sure to take your uniform along with you! There is an OA Lodge nearby that you can join. Maybe become a Lodge Officer there or experience another way of doing things. Bring back your ideas to Ohlone we are always looking to improve. If you are not sure about how to contact the local lodge, get in touch with me and I'll find out who you can call to get active.

Finally, I would encourage all Arrowmen to consider attending the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference in Michigan next summer. It is a great experience to meet Arrowmen from across the country as well as some of the top specialists dancer, ceremonialists, national leaders and you can learn a lot while having a great time. For more information, you can contact any of the Ohlone Lodge Leaders.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Greg Miura
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NOAC Design Contest for NOAC Lodge Flaps Extended to May 12th

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those scouts and scouters you meet? When Ohlone ran out of color ideas a NOAC was held for the new NOAC flap design. The winning design had a Day & Night concept. The sky on both flaps was solid white but when held under sunlight the white threads would change colors to a gorgeous day or night scene.

Now a new design is needed, one that is special for the 2012 NOAC needs to be created and it needs to be created by YOU! Make the patch unique, beautiful, and a personal request, make it tradable. So pull out the flier with the design instructions and template and get to creating. Do not worry if you are not a natural artist and you need to use a quarter to draw circles like me. The winning drawing will be cleaned up. We just want to see the great ideas you have for Ohlone's next NOAC flap.

Below: This 2009 NOAC flap had the moon, stars, and lodge name in photochromatic thread that changed color in the sunlight.



Above: Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil sashes.

New Vigil Members

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Lodge in 1915, and has since been conferred annually as a national recognition upon OA members for noteworthy members. Lodges nominate Brotherhood members for the Vigil Honor according to specific national requirements, with nominations limited according to lodge size and a balance between youth and adult members.

Those members whose lodges' nominations have been approved by the National OA office are inducted during a special ceremony, and are bestowed with a name of honor in the Lenni Lenape language as well as a translation into English. The National OA office issues a Vigil Honor certificate recognizing this honor with the honoree's given name and the Vigil Honor name in both translations.

Our new Vigil Honor members are:

Kyle Poland
Vigil Name: Wulatenamuwi
Sakima Memsochet
Translation: Cheerful Chief Who Wanders

Ian Davis
Vigil Name: Machque
Wundpeu Lowulen Alluns
Translation: Bear who Drops Flaming Arrow

Sonny Payne
Vigil Name: Wuttoney
Nachpikin Wulhaflan
Translation: Bearded Forest Guardian

OA High Adventure

By Frank Sturges

Southern Region OAHA Adviser, OA Voyage Past Participant & Foreman

Have you ever watched the Northern Lights dance across the sky over the Canadian Border? Carried a canoe a mile to see a spectacular waterfall? Worked to repair historic trails? Paddled forty miles in one day, seemingly chasing after a perfect sunset across countless still lakes?

This summer, take advantage of an opportunity to have experiences like these at the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage or Canadian Odyssey at the Northern Tier High Adventure Bases in Minnesota and Ontario. On a two-week trek with one of these programs you can give service through trail building, make unforgettable memories, and canoe in beautiful remote country. The service at the foundation of our Order acts as the cornerstone of this program.

During your first week, you will work with your crew to repair and restore portage trails in the Superior National Forest or Quetico Provincial Park. This crew is composed of Arrowmen from around the country and led by two outstanding foremen trained in trail building, outdoor skills, and the Scouting and OA programs.

During the second week you will embark on a voyage where you will explore pristine wilderness, make leadership decisions, and face up to the challenges of nature. The friendships and memories that you make in the North Woods will stand the test of time.

You can attend one of these two-week programs for only \$200. Arrowmen must be between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one to attend. For applications and more information on the opportunities please visit adventure.oa-bsa.org.



Above: An overloaded canoe at the OA Wilderness Voyage, as scouts prepare for a practice swamping.

Section Retreat Conclave Location 2011, and more!

Sections W3S and W3N held a joint retreat in Modesto on January 14th-15th for key section and lodge leadership. It was an all around success. We learned about other lodge's management styles, met new people, and learned about upcoming events.

Section Retreat started at 7pm Saturday, with an hour of bowling at the local bowling alley. It was a great way to meet people from all over the section as we were put in lanes with people from other lodges. Afterwards, we went over to the Modesto Scout Office to hear a presentation on leadership by Mr. Clint Takeshita, a former National Chief, who is also a member of our lodge. It was a very entertaining yet informative presentation that lasted about an hour, followed by a dinner, consisting of pizza, and went back to our hotels to sleep or in some cases, to not sleep.

The next day started early with the scouts and adults getting woken up at six, with breakfast at six thirty. We then went over to a church where we commenced with another presentation on lodge leadership. We then broke off into our individual sections, W3S and W3N, and talked about what the Section can do to help the lodges work better. After a meeting with Alan Camarillo, our section chief, the

representatives from Ohlone Lodge were able to come up with a few ideas on how to improve the lodge.

One idea was to include an intro to the OA for candidates before the Ordeal, along with a welcome party of sorts afterward to get them interested and involved.

Afterward, all the lodges sat together at a Council of Chiefs meeting in order to decide the Slogan, Theme, and the Location for the upcoming 2011 Conclave. Though the meeting we came up with many ideas including a Zero Carbon Emissions theme, but finally, as a Section, we came up with *Legacy of Honor* for the theme, and *Answer the Call of Service* for the slogan. We also decided on a location, the Presidio in Monterey. Afterward the Council of Chief's approved a 2011 budget after some debate. All in all it was a very productive weekend and we hope to see you all at the upcoming conclave.

Fellowship

By John Wilken

Our February 2011 Winter Fellowship was a blast. Lodge member Peter Bugos, a former Ordeal member, furthered his membership in our lodge by achieving the honor of Brotherhood.

Aside from that memorable ceremony, the lodge team was able to complete new regalia for ceremonies, including one remarkable breastplate and several chokers.

Our hard work was rewarded with food prepared by our excellent chef, David Bradley, and with a few rounds of Super Smash Bros. Melee (courtesy Mr. Greg Miura).

Nerf wars and broomball only added to the fun. I highly recommend for all Brotherhood candidates to complete their requirements at Winter Fellowship- it is truly an unforgettable experience.

INDIAN SUMMER 2011



Indian Summer Offers Training, Pow-Wows

By Alex Hill
National Promotions Team

Have you ever experienced the magic of a perfect ceremony? Or watched in awe at the movements of a dance team? Or had to take a second glance at the intricacies of an outfit? Whether you simply appreciate these experiences, strive for them, or helped make them happen, Indian Summer is for you.

A weeklong event in Asheville, North Carolina, Indian Summer 2011 will expand your understanding of the American Indian culture. Depending on your interests, you will have the opportunities to focus on improving yourself as a ceremonialist, learning to dance, making outfits and crafts, and singing, among many other areas of the American Indian culture. You will have the opportunity to gain hands on experience with the most knowledgeable members of our organization and the best craftsmen in the Scouting movement.



If you are a new Arrowman don't be deterred because it's a national event. Talk to your lodge leadership about your interest in attending and start saving now. And if you are a seasoned veteran of Indian Affairs

committees Indian Summer will be the perfect forum to share ideas, learn something new, and inspire the same enthusiasm in others. While Indian Summer 2011 will focus on building your dance or ceremony skills, there will also be plenty of time to participate in other recreation.



The Activities and Recreation Committee will sponsor a number of programs and events throughout the conference for all Arrowmen to enjoy. Participants will be divided into nations, each consisting of tribes and clans. Clans will be grouped by age while maintaining the diversity of our organization, giving you the chance to network and gain knowledge from numerous Arrowmen across the country. You can learn more about Indian Summer at event.oabsa.org and talk to your lodge or chapter leadership. Don't miss the opportunity to move your feet, catch your rhythm, or awake your principal!



Note: The Indian Summer pictures and graphics on this page are reprinted from the Indian Summer website, as well as the Winter 2011 edition of the National OA newsletter, *The National Bulletin*. Their websites are as follows: event.oa-bsa.org/events/is2011 www.oa-bsa.org/bulletin

Lodge Banquet

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is a great way to get to know the people in your lodge as well as to get more information about the OA as well as upcoming events. The banquet will cost \$20 a person, and we usually get a good 50 people at each event. See the attached flier, and email VCA@ohlone63.org if you have any questions.

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Find the lodge calendar, committee information, and more

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