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## Upcoming Events

### February 2016

- 11 LEC Meeting  
*Palo Alto Service Center*
- 19-21 Winter Fellowship  
*Cutter Scout Reservation*

### March 2016

- 10 LEC Meeting  
*Palo Alto Service Center*

### April 2016

- 1-3 Spring Ordeal  
*Cutter Scout Reservation*
- 14 LEC Meeting  
*Palo Alto Service Center*
- 22-24 Section W3S Conclave  
*Camp Royaneh*

### May 2016

- 12 LEC Meeting  
*Palo Alto Service Center*
- 28 Mem, Day Grave Decoration  
*Golden Gate Natl. Cemetery*

### June 2016

- 4 Lodge Banquet  
*Palo Alto Service Center*



## A Game of Ohlone: Winter Fellowship is Coming!

By: Ali Abukhater

On the weekend of February 19th through the 21st, we will be having our winter fellowship up at Camp Cutter. Prepare yourself for a weekend of adventure, with plenty of competition. Come and learn about how you can get involved in the OA in one of our morning classes, such as a lesson taught by the ceremonies team. Move on to playing in one of our tournaments or games, such as soccer or even guitar hero! Hang out with other Arrowmen and build bonds, only to have to betray them to win in our game of survival! Help prepare for the next ordeal by making bead kits and smudge pots, but always be watching your back to make sure you stay safe!

In all seriousness, the fellowship will have games, trainings, ordeal preparation, and more games! If you are interesting in coming, please sign up! If you do, we can plan for larger games, plus you could participate in breaking the all-time fellowship record! Besides, we're going to have a ton of fun and lots of time to bond with fellow Arrowmen. More details and registration information are available at [www.pacsky.org/Event.aspx?id=2206](http://www.pacsky.org/Event.aspx?id=2206).

I look forward to seeing you all there!

## Prism: See Order of the Arrow in a totally new light

By: Staff Writer

**Attend Prism, a once-in-a-lifetime experience for youth and adults at the Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR).**

Prism is a four-day, three-night experience at the SBR. Both youth and adults are invited to attend, and will have access to all of the adventure in the Scott Summit Center, and give back to SBR through a small service project. Prism's defining experience will be the inaugural rededication ceremony at the Summit Circle.

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**FIGHT – SURVIVE – WIN  
GAME OF OHLONE  
WINTER FELLOWSHIP  
February 19-21, 2016**

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## Lodge Chief's Corner

By: Michael Wu

Ohlone Lodge has been working hard over the past year in an effort to improve our events and our communication methods. Although many of our changes have been implemented just this year, they still have been very successful. We have added a theme to our Winter Fellowship event (which will take place February 19-21, 2016) for the 1st time ever. Our Ordeal program now includes many new activities for candidates and members alike.

As a result, attendance at our events is much improved. We also have greatly increased our Lodge membership as a whole, and many of our members are earning Brotherhood. Through all these improvements, we have achieved Journey to Excellence (JTE) Gold status as a Lodge! This is a tremendous improvement over previous years, when we did not qualify for JTE. We could not have achieved this without our strong leadership team for this year.

However, there are still areas to improve as a Lodge. In an effort to improve communication, we will be using a free text messaging service to help promote our events! We hope this will create an effective method of communication between the Lodge and our members. Those who would like to participate and receive text message notifications regarding OA events should text @Ohlone63 to 81010. Once signed up, you will be able to receive occasional text message alerts regarding OA events. We plan to use this in conjunction with email and social media to better reach our members.

Participation is not limited to Ohlone members. Parents and Unit leaders are also highly encouraged to sign up and stay in the loop. Please pass this message along to your parents, Unit leaders, and Arrowmen in your Troop.

Feel free to email me if you have any questions!

Yours in Scouting,  
Michael Wu  
Ohlone Lodge Chief  
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## Lodge Adviser's Corner

By: Clint Takeshita

Congratulations to the entire lodge and especially the lodge executive committee for the work and extra effort put forth to attain Journey to Excellence Gold status for 2015! This is a tremendous achievement and the lodge has now established a high bar of performance for us to strive to maintain and improve upon. JTE Gold is a measure of success and a clear indication that the lodge continues to move in the right direction as we conclude the Order's Centennial celebration and look towards the future.

There is a lot to look forward to in 2016. Our first major lodge event will be the Winter Fellowship at Cutter Scout Reservation the weekend of February 19-21st. This is a great weekend and opportunity to learn more about the OA and meet and get to know Arrowmen from across the council. While I enjoy our induction weekends and meeting our newest members, Fellowship gives everyone who participates the chance to get to know each other even better. I look forward to the activities, the chance to meet more of our members and a really fun weekend.

I hope our paths cross soon. Until then, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions. I know 2016 will be a phenomenal year for the lodge and I hope you're a part of it.

In WWW,  
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## Trade-O-Ree and New Member Orientation

By: Ali Abukhater

This year, Ohlone Lodge had our annual Trade-o-ree on November 13th and 14th. The Trade-o-ree is our patch-trading event, where lodge members can learn about patch trading and start trading on the spot. This year we had a great turnout, and we were able to raise a fantastic amount of funds for the lodge.

On Friday, we opened the event at 4pm. Several patch vendors showed up and set up their tables full of patches. Ohlone Lodge also had a trading post for official Ohlone

merchandise. By the end of the evening, all available tables were full of patches, with trading going on between scouts and adults. We didn't close up until late that night.

While trading was going on inside, we had orientation for the new members of our 2015 Fall Ordeal. Michael Wu, our lodge chief, gave a presentation about what the lodge has to offer, such as our other events like fellowship and our movie nights. Michael also talked about what OA members can do after ordeal, such as attain Brotherhood or become involved in the LEC. This event had fantastic turnout, with around 75% of the Fall Ordeal participants attending. In turn, the Trade-o-ree had a larger turnout.

Saturday morning, we started bright and early with the silent auction. Tables were covered with patches and assorted items, and people could bid on them. We had things from patches from Kentucky all the way up to a large statue of a scout and a set of decorative plates. Lunch was served, and people packed up and went home.

All in all, the event was great, and hopefully you can attend next year!

## Section W-3S Conclave

*By: Staff Writer*

Support your lodge!

The 2016 Section W-3S Conclave will be held April 22-24 at Camp Royaneh. The theme this year is 'Straight Outta Conclave' and we need YOU to attend and support the lodge.

Enjoy a fun-filled weekend learning more about the OA during morning training sessions followed by awesome afternoon activities, competitions, and fellowship with members of the other six lodges from the Bay Area, Stockton and Fresno.

Cost is \$35 until February 28 and then rises to \$40! Register at [www.sectionw3s.org/conclave](http://www.sectionw3s.org/conclave).

The Ohlone Lodge Conclave Rideshare is new this year! Let the lodge help get you up to conclave and back. If you have questions, please contact [lodgeadviser@ohlone63.org](mailto:lodgeadviser@ohlone63.org).

See you at conclave!

## Order of the Arrow High Adventure

*By: Staff Writer*

Each summer, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch where you can hike the same trails as your Scoutmaster or Scouting ancestors as a part of your Trail Crew experience.

Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders? Maybe the OA Voyage is for calling. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you.

Along with your one-week trek completely designed by you, each Arrowmen will be afforded the opportunity to leave their mark in history by helping to set up portage trails, backpacking trails or coral reefs. Aside from providing a good deed to each of these high adventure bases, every participant will have the opportunity to work closely with Arrowmen from across the country, who have a similar interest in the future of both the program and the adventure base.

You may be thinking that this is a daunting task but it is an experience unlike any other afforded to you in Scouting in that it takes you out of your world and places with people, who want to do something different. It's not everyday that you can tell your friends that you climbed into Cypher's Mine, watched the Northern Lights from a canoe or went scuba diving in the Florida Keys.

These programs help to insure that the future of Scouting has a place to live, work and interact. This summer, try something new or do something you thoroughly enjoy, but do something with the Order of the Arrow High adventure opportunities. Please visit [Adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://Adventure.oa-bsa.org) or talk to your lodge chief for more information about these High Adventure programs.

Your destiny awaits you ...



## Prism: See the Order of the Arrow in a totally new light

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The Summit Circle is the original ceremony circle from Treasure Island. In 2015, the site of the Order's founding was transported piece-by-piece to the Summit, and was combined with the rocks donated by lodges past and present to create a timeless experience that presents the Order across its 100-year history.

**Prism guests will be the first Arrowmen to experience the new national ceremonies grounds.**

Each session of Prism will be hosted by a region, and the program will run through the summer of 2016 only. Guests may attend any session.

Prism's capstone will be a personal experience at the Summit Circle, the OA's new national ceremony grounds. Each guest will participate in an inaugural rededication ceremony at the circle and reflect on the Order.

**Beyond the ceremony, guests will engage with the SBR in a way no others have.**

One day of Prism will include access to all of the Scott Summit Center: BMX, mountain biking, skateboarding, archery, climbing and more. Participants will spend the other day of Prism doing a service project for the Summit to leave their mark on Scouting for generations to come.

Prism's \$180 fee for youth and adults includes all housing, meals and a special

commemorative patch for this once-ever event. A beam of light passing through a prism transforms into the full spectrum of color. This program will create the same experience in Arrowmen, giving them new perspective on the Order and transforming them in the process.

Date	Host
June 19-22, 22-25	Southern
June 26-29, 29-July 2	Central
July 3-6, 6-9	Northeast
July 10-13	Western

Unclaimed tickets will be released in a drawing. Visit [prism.oa-bsa.org](http://prism.oa-bsa.org) and join the drawing today!

### Arrowman Service Award

Congratulations to the following Arrowmen who have completed the requirements for the Centennial Arrowman Service Award:

Celisa Date  
Bryan Klech  
Nolan Kowitt  
Gage Rodriguez  
Ryan Tagawa  
Daryl Thomas  
Alex Villablanca



The Jumpstart website continues your orientation at home to learn more about the OA. There you will find helpful information and explanation as you continue the path to Brotherhood. New Arrowmen are encouraged to visit the [JumpStart.OA-BSA.org](http://JumpStart.OA-BSA.org) to learn more about Order of the Arrow. You will need your OA Handbook to enter the site, so be sure to have it handy.



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