



News from

THE OTTER SIDE

Fall 2006

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Upcoming Events

October 2006

5 Village Meetings 7:30pm
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

12 Lodge Executive Committee 7:30pm
Pacific Skyline Council Scout Service
Center - *Foster City*

20-22 Fall Ordeal
Boulder Creek Scout Reservation
All members can be on staff.
Contact the Lodge Chief at:
VCI@ohlone63.org

27-29 Frontier Skills Weekend
Cutter Scout Reservation

November 2006

2 Village Meetings 7:30pm
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

9 Lodge Executive Committee 7:30pm
Pacific Skyline Council Scout Service
Center - *Foster City*

December 2006

7 Village Meetings 7:30pm
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

14 Lodge Executive Committee 7:30pm
Pacific Skyline Council Scout Service
Center - *Foster City*

January 2007

5 Village Meetings 7:30pm
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

12 Lodge Executive Committee 7:30pm
Pacific Skyline Council Scout Service
Center - *Foster City*



Pictured above are Ohlone Lodge Chief Nick Wilmes Jr., National Chief Sean Murray, and Ohlone Lodge Secretary Ian Davis. Nick had just completed a pie eating contest at NOAC when this picture was taken.

Fun at Fall Ordeal

Yes, you read the title right, it does say fun. You may be thinking of your past experience as a candidate in Ordeal, and how it was, well, and ordeal. But now that you are an arrowman, come back to and have fun helping lead the Ordeal. Come hang out with fellow OA members, play cards and other games till all hours of the night, join a ceremonies team and help pass the legend on to a new generation of candidates, and most importantly, you get to sleep indoors. Don't let this fun-filled weekend pass you up, and for just \$10, what reason do you have not to come?

Frontier Skills Weekend

On the weekend of October 27-29 there will be an old time gathering at Cutter Scout Reservation. Activities will include black powder rifles, tomahawk throwing, authentic frontier crafts and cooking, gold mining, and much more!!! The cost is \$15, which covers all supplies for all activities and a lunch on saturday of "buffalo stew cooked on cow chips with venison garnish." Return payment to the Foster City Scout Office no later than October 25th

High Adventure!

Philmont, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base! What do these places have in common with each other besides adrenaline?

Price! Although adventures in these world class Scouting locales are usually in the Jamboree price range you can go there for free, that's right free!

THE BEST TIME TO APPLY IS NOW, IN THE FALL. THE PROGRAMS FILL UP AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE SUMMER.

Due to special prices available to OA members and scholarship opportunities with our OA section and lodge **you can go there for free.**

See www.western.ou-bsa.org/program/opportunities/ for program details

Email the Chief, Nick Wilmes Jr., at OhloneRSVP@aol.com for information about the scholarships.

Lodge Leadership Opportunities

The Lodge has several excellent leadership opportunities available. Positions include finance and administration, ceremonies, Native American dancing, and drumming. No experience is required and training will be provided. A good way to get work experience. If you are interested email the Chief, Nick Wilmes Jr., at OhloneRSVP@aol.com for more info.

Secret password

The password to the <http://www.jumpstart.ou-bsa.org/> website is the fifth word of the title on page 10 of your OA Handbook. (Use all lower case letters, no spaces, no quotes, no punctuation.)

Become a Part of the 2007 Conclave!

The 2006 Section W3A Conclave will be held the weekend of **April 27 -29th** at College of Marin - Indian Valley Campus. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Order of the Arrow, help arrowmen from around the Bay Area and beyond, and generally make our lodge name shine! Plus, its fun! It is a big event so we will need a large turnout. Put it on your calendar now and stay tuned for details.

Section W3A is designing a patch! Last meeting, they decided upon a theme for conclave, "Strong with this one, the service is." Now they need a patch. Design a patch for them, and if yours is selected you will win a free, yes free, conclave! Bring your submissions to your next village or E-mail it to OhloneRSVP@aol.com

Get Your Brotherhood!

If you had your Ordeal in 2005 or earlier, then you are now eligible to attain your Brotherhood Honor. Don't let this opportunity to seal your membership in the Order pass you up. Plus, you get a cool new sash! Come to the fall ordeal, October 20-22, and attend the Brotherhood ceremony. Requirements are listed below. This could help us earn Quality Lodge this year.

OA Brotherhood Requirements

(As listed in the OA Handbook)

1. Memorize the signs of Arrow membership. Memorize the Obligation of the Order, which you received from Allowat Sakima (printed on the back of your membership card and in your handbook). Also memorize the Order of the Arrow Official Song, the Admonition, the sign of Ordeal membership, and the Arrow handclasp.

2. Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal. Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through

which you have passed.

3. Serve your unit. Retain your registration in Scouting. During a period of at least 10 months, strive to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop or team.

4. Plan for service in your Lodge. Retain your registration in your Order of the Arrow Lodge and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the lodge. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.

5. Review your progress. When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to your lodge secretary. In this letter:

a. Explain what you think the Obligation means.

b. Describe how you have been fulfilling this obligation in your troop or team and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service.

c. Describe your specific plans for giving service in the lodge program.

Include with this letter your advance registration application and fees for the next

Brotherhood ceremony according to the instructions given by the lodge.

Otter Side needs you!!

We are rebuilding *The Otter Side* from the ground up! Articles, information about OA opportunities, humor, trivia, etc.

We also welcome *small* ads for local businesses selling OA related stuff (ie regalia, furs, hides, beads, and hatchets).

Promote your village, upcoming event, or Eagle project with a well placed article.

The Otter Side is published quarterly. Temporarily, the best way to submit something for publication is to email OhloneRSVP@aol.com



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For more OA news, check out the following websites:

National Order of the Arrow
<http://www. oa-bsa. org/>
Western Region Order of the Arrow
<http://www. oawest. org/>

Need more information about the lodge or the Order of the Arrow? Check out Ohlone lodge's website at www.ohlone63.org
Find the lodge calendar, committee and village information and more!

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