



News from

THE OTTER SIDE

Winter 2008

Upcoming Events January 2008

3 Village Meetings 7:30pm
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

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

February 2008

2 Merit Badge Midway
Ralston Middle School
2675 Ralston Avenue - *Belmont*

7 Village Meetings 7:30pm
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

15 - 17 Winter Fellowship 5pm - 11am
Cutter Scout Reservation

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

March 2008

6 Village Meetings 7:30pm
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

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

April 2008

3 Village Meetings 7:30pm
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

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

18 - 20 Spring Ordeal
Cutter Scout Reservation



Ordeal candidates preparing firewood at Boulder Creek Scout Reservation during a recent Ordeal.

April 2008 (continued)

18 - 20 Vigil Weekend
Cutter Scout Reservation

25 - 27 Section W3A Conclave
Coast Guard Island - *Alameda*

Merit Badge Midway

The Ohlone Lodge will be providing food and refreshments at the Merit Badge Midway. We need to serve over 600 meals, so we could use your help.

Even if you are participating in the Merit Badge Midway, drop by during lunch and help serve. Don't forget to bring your sash!

Winter Fellowship

The Winter Fellowship is coming up! It will be hosted at the Cutter Scout Reservation. There will be great opportunities to learn something new in the classes.

Also, bring any patches you want to get rid of, because there will be patch trading. If you've been an Ordeal member for ten months, you can advance to Brotherhood.

See page 2 for a list of requirements to complete before you come to the Fellowship, as there will

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be a Brotherhood Ceremony there.

It's not all just classes and advancement, there will be great food, plenty of fun games, and Native American dancing.

Spring Ordeal

The Spring Ordeal is a wonderful opportunity to either earn your Brotherhood, or just help out and have fun. Volunteers are needed to make the Ordeal run smoothly, and it is a fun way to help out your Lodge. There will be great food, and you get to stay in the Harkson Lodge or the staff tents!

W3A Conclave

Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and learning. Help your fellow Ohlone Lodge members as we win Section W3A's Conclave.

Past classes have included a great selection. Just a few were Indian Fry Bread, making regalia, drumming, and leadership development.

Other activities will include hatchet throwing, Indian Hand Ball, Lodgeball, and much, much more. See the enclosed flyer for details. Come experience this fantastic weekend!



The largest service opportunity ever undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America is happening, and you can be a part of it! In our area, the project is taking place at Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The highest-priority projects, such as trail repair, facilities improvement and more, will be set aside for us to complete during the week-long project. Please contact the lodge chief, Ian Davis, at ohlone.chief@gmail.com, for more information.

Words from the Chief

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, and a happy New Year. Since it is common to make a resolution at the start of each New Year, the LEC and I have resolved to make this Ohlone's best year yet.

We have a variety of new and exciting events coming up this year, including a revamped version of our Fellowship. This will include classes about Indian lore and leadership, games in order to prepare us for conclave, and a Powwow at night, where the whole lodge joins together in dance. We also have a special location for our banquet this year, though we don't want to give away the surprise just yet. Just know this: it will be amazing!

But, in order to fully succeed next year, we need your help too. These events will not be amazing if we do not have Arrowmen like you there. So I exhort each and every one of you to attend at least one of our upcoming events (Fellowship, Spring Ordeal, or Conclave). I promise you will not be disappointed.

So, my fellow Arrowmen, I invite you to join your officers and me in making this year Ohlone's greatest. I know that if we all chip in, we will succeed.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Ian Davis
Lodge Chief

Congratulations to our New Ordeal Members!

A warm welcome to our new Ordeal members, listed below:

Kevin Aflatooni
Grant Arjani
Felix Burovnikov
Christopher Carter
Ronald Chang
Nicholas Duehring
J. Robert Fox
Matthew Hargadon
Martin Hu
Nicholas Larsen
Craig Mason
Scotty McComas
Stephen Pessagno
Jordan Petersen
Michael Powell
Alex Reid

Aaron Robitsch
Daniel Schade
Stacy Schneider
William Schultz
Max Ullrich
Andreis Vanderbilt
Samuel Weber
John Wick

Congratulations to our New Brotherhood Members!

We also have three new Brotherhood members:

Alexander Venosa
Joseph Venosa
Leslie Wise

How You Can Help Us Make Quality Lodge Brotherhood Requirements

Becoming a Brotherhood member not only helps you by completing the induction process you began with your Ordeal, it also helps the Lodge achieve the status of Quality Lodge.

Ohlone Lodge charges no fee for the ceremony or the Brotherhood Sash.

The following requirements must be known or completed to become a Brotherhood member:

1. The hailing sign of the OA
2. The Obligation
3. The OA Song
4. The Admonition
5. The OA Handshake
6. Have a full understanding of the Ordeal
7. Retain Membership in Scouting
8. Write a letter to the lodge secretary (secretary@ohlone63.org) containing:
 - What the Obligation means.
 - How you are fulfilling the Obligation in your Troop or Team and in daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to this end.
 - Describe specific plans for giving service to lodge.

All the required information is in your OA handbook. If you have any questions, feel free to contact publications@ohlone63.org

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www.aa-bsa.org/

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Find the lodge calendar, committee and village information and more!

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