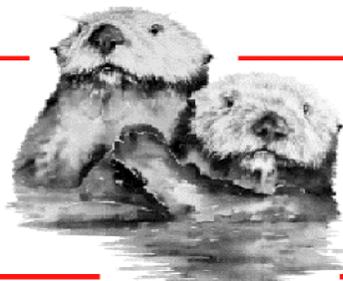


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# THE OTTER SIDE



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## Upcoming Events

### April 2008

3 Village Meetings 7:30pm  
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

5 Ordeal Candidate Orientation  
Drop-in between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm  
Palo Alto Scout Service Center  
1305 Middlefield Road - Palo Alto

10 LEC Meeting 7:30pm  
Pacific Skyline Council Scout Service  
Center - Foster City

18-20 Spring Ordeal  
Cutter Scout Reservation

18-20 Vigil Weekend  
Cutter Scout Reservation

25-27 Section W3A Conclave  
Coast Guard Island - Alameda

### May 2008

1 Village Meetings 7:30pm  
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

8 LEC Meeting 7:30pm  
Pacific Skyline Council Scout Service  
Center - Foster City

8 Annual Business Meeting 7:30pm  
Pacific Skyline Council Scout Service  
Center - Foster City

24 Grave Decoration  
Golden Gate National Cemetery

29 Lodge Banquet 6:00pm  
RSVP required by May 15th  
Hiller Aviation Museum - San Carlos



Pictured above are dancers at last year's Conclave.

### June 2008

5 Village Meetings 7:30pm  
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

14 Lodge Leadership Development  
(LLD) 10:00am  
Pacific Skyline Council Scout Service  
Center - Foster City

14 LEC Meeting Concurrent with the LLD  
Pacific Skyline Council Scout Service  
Center - Foster City

### July 2008

Enjoy summer camping with your  
units!

## Banquet at Hiller Aviation Museum

This year's banquet will be held at the Hiller Aviation Museum, with free access to all the exhibits. You and your friends can have some great food and look around the museum.

A commemorative patch has been designed just for this event and will be available for purchase.

The food is being professionally catered, so you must RSVP by returning the enclosed flyer no later than the May 15th.

## April is Brotherhood Month!

If your Ordeal was in Spring 2007 or earlier, it is time to earn Brotherhood and seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow. To make this easy, we have scheduled four Brotherhood conversion opportunities in April. Select the date and time most convenient for you and become a full member in one of the best OA lodges in the Bay Area.

- Saturday, April 5, 7:00 pm at the Palo Alto Service Center
- Thursday, April 10, 8:00 pm at the Foster City Service Center
- Friday, April 18 – Sunday, April 20 at the Spring Ordeal
- Friday April 25 – Sunday, April 27 at the Section W3A Conclave

The OA Handbook contains the requirements for earning Brotherhood.

Please email the Lodge Chief (lodgechief@ohlone63.org) to let him know which date works best for you.

## Section Conclave

This year's W3A Section Conclave is sure to be a blast! It will be held at Coast Guard Island in Alameda. There will be fun classes, great games, and a chance to compete with all the other Bay Area lodges. A former National Chief will be there as well as the Section Officers. Don't miss this great opportunity! Sing up now at [www.w3a.org](http://www.w3a.org)!

## NOAC is Coming

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is being held at Indiana University, August 1-6, 2009.

NOAC is great fun and should not be missed! There are game, classes, and fellowship with Arrowmen from all over the nation!

Spaces are limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis, so sign up today.

## Chief's Corner

### The Youth Vote

I don't know how many of you are following the presidential race; I know I am. One thing that the political pundits keep mentioning is the importance of the youth vote to the candidates.

The youth vote is also important to our lodge. In fact, it is only the youth vote that counts; the adults are thrown out of the room when important votes are cast. This vote can help the lodge continue to build on its success, but only if we get people out to vote.

And so I encourage you to let your voice be heard. Come to the lodge's Annual Business Meeting and vote on the various lodge leadership positions for next year. Come a little early and meet those who will be running and enjoy some complimentary pizza.

But a half an hour is not really enough time to enjoy the company of the future leaders of our lodge, or to really get to know them, and so I exhort you to come to our Spring Ordeal. You can even earn your brotherhood, and, since April is brotherhood month, your sash is free!

But lodge level is not the only voting opportunities available to you. We will also be voting for next year's Section Chief, Vice Chief, and Secretary at the W3A Conclave. The Section Chief that you vote for then goes on to elect the national officers at the national planning meeting in December. Plus, what better place to exercise your right to vote than at the best event the OA has to offer?

The most important aspect of the voting process, at least in my opinion, is the installations of the new officers at this year's lodge banquet, Flying with Brotherhood. This event is akin in importance to the presidential inauguration, but instead of being chalked full of excessively long, and mostly boring speeches, its focus is on you: the youth. Thanks to the gracious help of Council President Don Eaton, we will be holding this year's banquet at the Hiller Aviation Museum, and we will get exclusive access to all the exhibits, for you and your friends to peruse at your leisure. As usual, there will also be great food—a catered barbeque dinner. This is an event you won't want to miss. Yours in Brotherhood,  
Ian Davis, Lodge Chief

## Camp Staff Needed!

We are looking for Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts that are interested in having fun and who want to make Cutter Scout Reservation the best camp this summer.

We are looking for staff members fourteen or older with spirit and who love the summer camp experience. We have two exciting weeks of camp this summer, July 13-19, and July 20-26. We are in need of staff for both weeks. If you are interested for only one week, that is fine.

If you are interested in being part of Cutter Scout Reservation summer camp please contact us. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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## Ordeal Elections and Brotherhood Honors

Since January, 142 Ordeal candidates, as ones who have been recognized as exemplifying the Scouting spirit, have been elected by their troop peers to be potential Arrowmen.

Several troops had no eligible candidates. I challenge you to show OA's cheerful service by helping younger Scouts advance in Scouting and acting as a positive role-model of what Arrowmen represent.

## ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup>

This summer, OA members have the opportunity to make a profound statement, demonstrating our values of service and conservation in our National Forests. ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> will be the largest organized service project in our history and will take place in five different locations. Beyond the service provided, a creative program has also been developed to reflect our history and values, which have been hallmarks of Scouting.

Adults and youth age fourteen or older can participate. More information can be found on the National OA website, oa-bsa.org.



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