

News from

THE OTTER SIDE



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Fall 2008

Upcoming Events

October 2008

2 Village Meetings 7:30pm
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

4 Lodge Leadership Development
7:30pm
Foster City Scout Service Center

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

24-26 Fall Ordeal
Cutter Scout Reservation

November 2008

6 No Village Meetings
The Villages will be united at the
Lodge Meeting on December 6th.

7-8 Northern California Trade-O-Ree
Palo Alto Scout Service Center

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

20 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
Foster City Scout Service Center

December 2008

4 No Village Meetings
The Villages will be united at the
Lodge Meeting on December 6th

6 Lodge Meeting 2:00p - 5:00p
Foster City Scout Service Center

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



Pictured above are Ohlone Lodge members preparing and serving lunch at Webelos Extreme on Saturday, September 27.

January 2009

8 No Village Meetings
The Villages will be united at the
Lodge Meeting on January 22nd.

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

22 Lodge Meeting (see website for time)
3601 Alameda de las Pulgas
- *San Mateo*

New Lodge Meetings

In order to strengthen our lodge, the three village meetings will be united into one lodge meeting. This meeting will be held the fourth Thursday of the month (except for December). These are a replacement of the village meetings and are meant to make the meetings more enjoyable to you. We will have drumming, dance team, pizza, Indian Handball, Apples to Apples, and more! So I hope to see all of you at our lodge meeting for fun, friends, and meaningful experiences.

Inverted Lodge Flap

The last batch of lodge flaps we ordered had some of the flaps with the sky colors inverted. Very collectable. Get them while you can.

Northern California Trade-O-Ree

Ohlone Lodge will be hosting the annual Northern California Trade-O-Ree on Friday, November 7th and Saturday, November 8th, 2008 at the Palo Alto Service Center. Boy Scout patch collectors will assemble to trade, buy, and sell rare Scouting memorabilia and collectables. There will be trading taking place on Friday night, and auctions held throughout the day on Saturday.

Lodge members who come and help will be able to earn a special trade-o-ree lodge flap.



For more information, check out the lodge website or email Kyle Poland, Vice Chief of Administration, or his adviser, David Miura at: TOR@Ohlone63.org

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 \$15, what reason do you have not to come?

Lodge Leadership Opportunities

The Lodge has several excellent leadership opportunities available. Positions include ceremonies, Native American dancing, drumming, and elangomats. No experience is required and training will be provided. A good way to get work experience. If you are interested email the Chief, Bradley Bottoms, at lodgechief@ohlone63.org for more info.

Get Your Brotherhood!

If you had your Ordeal in 2007 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 24-26, 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.

Free Brotherhood Sashes

Ohlone Lodge is currently giving away free Brotherhood Sashes to our members who earn the Brotherhood Honor. See your handbook for details, or the article preceding this one. Contact our new Vice-Chief of Inductions, Dan, at VCI@ohlone63.org for details.

When Does Ordeal Start and End?

Many people ask when Ordeals start and end. The official start time of an Ordeal is 8:00, although it is recommended that you are there by 6:00. Really, the earlier you can get there the better. Who doesn't want to hang out with their favorite chief for a few extra hours? The official end time is Sunday at 11:00, so that way we can squeeze in a few fun activities in the morning. If you need to leave on Saturday night due to religious issues or other commitments, the best time to do so is right after dinner.

Chiefs' Corner

Dear Arrowmen,

Representation. That is the most important thing that our lodge must focus upon. Throughout history, representation has been a key topic. For instance, the rally cry of the American Revolution was "no taxation without representation." But why is this so imperative to our lodge?

There are nearly 300 current members of our lodge, and we have had over 400 inducted in the past few years. We have many dedicated members who make our events a true success, but we simply cannot have full attendance of all our members at our events, with the exception of Conclave. For this reason, the OA national committee as well as the Boy Scouting committee formed the OA Representative position several years ago.

That is why I ask you to become your troop's OA Rep. This position should not be considered an easy one that can be used as credit toward rank advancement, but should instead be a valuable tool for both the troop and the lodge. The Rep should attend all events, know the schedule, and should be in contact with the Lodge Executive Committee. You should know when your troop needs an election and provide information to your troop about every event and meeting. It is your job to make sure that your troop has a great brotherhood conversion rate. You need to make your troop know the importance of the OA.

I know that this position sounds difficult, but it is just the opposite. All it requires is a love for the Order. I, along with the rest of the officers and advisors, are here to help. So become OA Reps, and if you already are, contact me, and I will help you each step of the way.
Yours in Brotherhood,

Bradley Bottoms
Lodge Chief
Ohlone Lodge
lodgechief@ohlone63.org

Secret password

The password to the 'umpstart link on our homepage 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.)

Lodge Lore

By David Miura

"The Fish"

Over a decade ago, Ohlone Lodge was formed by the merger of two great lodges, Stanford-Oljato Lodge 207 of Stanford Area Council and Pomponio Lodge 528 of San Mateo County Council. As our lodge creates its own unique traditions, I would like to pass down some of the history and traditions of the old lodges so we can all be bound to the Arrowmen of the past by the sharing of this knowledge.

Patch traders from Pomponio Lodge used to talk about "The Fish." What they were referring to was the lodge flap that has since been designated 528 F4 by the patch collecting community. This was the first flap utilizing the thunderbird design that continued as the lodge's restricted two per year flap until it merged in 1995. The difference is that it was a twill patch and the white of the thunderbird's wings were not sewn in. But why was it called "The Fish?"

Back in 1965 when Chuck Marr was lodge chief, the lodge sported a very plain lodge flap featuring a bell (representing the mission bells along El Camino Real) and arrow on a white background. Chuck was determined to create a new, more interesting lodge flap, and he designed one based on the thunderbird and bell motif of the lodge neckerchief. This was accepted and the new flaps were ordered in time for the Spring Ordeal.

Chuck eagerly anticipated the arrival of the new patches, and when they came into the council office, he rushed down to inspect them. Needless to say, he was greatly disappointed! They didn't look anything like the original design; however, they had no choice but to use them at the upcoming Ordeal. Everybody thought the new flaps were ugly, and people said, "It stinks!" which ultimately led to the fish moniker.

So now you know what "The Fish" is. Only Pomponio Lodge members ever used this terminology, and now you can too.

Pictured right: Pomponio Lodge flap, "The Fish"

Next time: Hamilton's Half Century, or the sinking canoe.

Dutch Oven Cooking

All you need is:

- a dutch oven
- Charcoal and matches or a lighter
- Spray-on vegetable oil
- an assortment of favorite dried herbs and spices
- heavy leather gloves or heavy duty oven mitts
- a roll of paper towels
- Tongs, 16 inches or longer
- a chef's knife and a paring knife
- a lid lifter (a pair of pliers will work for this as well)
- Long handled spoon and fork

Of course, you will need the ingredients for the recipe you want to cook.

Philmont Ranger Peach Cobbler

2-3 cans cling peaches in heavy syrup
2 boxes of white cake mix
1 stick of butter
cinnamon to taste

- 1) Grease or foil Dutch Oven.
- 2) Place a layer of cake mix on the bottom of the pan (about 1/4 inch thick).
- 3) Drop in a can of cling peaches along with the heavy syrup (don't drain them).
- 4) Continue to alternately layering cake mix and cling peaches.
- 5) Cover remaining peaches with a final layer of cake mix.
- 6) Give a brief stir to allow syrup to mix with cake mix.
- 7) Place slices of butter over the top of the final layer of cake mix.
- 8) Sprinkle ground cinnamon over the top.
- 9) Place coals underneath and on top of Dutch Oven.
- 10) Cook for 45 minutes or longer. When you can stick a fork in and pull it out without cake sticking to it, it's done.

Courtesy of Troop 250 of San Bruno, CA.
[Dutch Oven and Outdoor Cooking Favorites.](#)
Sept. 2008. Troop 250. San Bruno, CA



National Leadership Seminar

By Matt Rudnick

Leadership training shouldn't be sitting in a windowless room for hours listening how to make a menu for a camp out. It should be getting up, having fun, and learning how to actually run your patrol, troop, or lodge and enjoy doing it! The Order of the Arrow wants to train you how to not only be a good leader but a great one, for free! The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is taught by our region's and nation's best *youth* on how to plan, set goals, make scouting an amazing experience, and even answer your questions about any and everything that has ever made you stumble as a leader.

From the moment you walk into the main room you will notice this is not like any troop or council led training seminar you have ever been to, this is training that is truly unique. National officers and OA members who have sat before in the very seats you will soon sit in are the trainers for the course. Because they are youth they have personally faced the same questions you have, but at the same time they want to make sure while we learn that we have fun.

How to problem solve. How to work as a team. How to create a program that drives the interest of the scouts. NLS' goal is to make you an amazing leader. Most trainings just tell us what they have did in the past, but NLS trains us on why ideas work and how to implement your own program. We as leaders all have new and exciting ideas to make our patrol, troop, and lodge better. NLS teaches you how to take your ideas and make them work successfully. The weekend really breaks down what real leadership, communication, and planning is all about.

This amazing event is being held in Alameda at stunning Coast Guard Island on November 14-16, 2008. All youth that want to attend can go for free! All you have to do is contact Lodge Chief Bradley Bottoms to get you signed up!

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 (i.e. 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. The best way to submit something for publication is to email publications@ohlone63.org.

NOAC 2009!!!!

NOAC 2009 is right around the corner. NOAC, National Order of the Arrow Conference will be held at the University of Indiana. Essentially, NOAC is a giant party. With Indian dancing and drumming, fantastic shows and classes, patch trading, and 8,000 Arrowmen from around the country!!!!!! Our lodge is taking a road trip to get there, so not only do you get to go to NOAC, you will also be about to see the sights in between here and Indiana, including Yellowstone National Park. NOAC will start August 1st and end on August 6th. Our lodge will be leaving on the 24th though to allow for travel time. If you are interested email the Lodge Chief immediately at lodgechief@ohlone63.org.

NOAC Patch Design

Ohlone Lodge is designing a patch for NOAC 2009! Design a patch for us, and if yours is selected you will win the final version of your patch in a frame. Bring your submissions to the next Lodge Executive Committee meeting or e-mail it to lodgechief@ohlone63.org.

High Adventure for Free!

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.

See www.western.oa-bsa.org/program/opportunities/ for program details. Philmont, Northern Tier, and Florida Sea Base are all once in a lifetime experiences, so don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Please contact the Chief, Bradley Bottoms, immediately at lodgechief@ohlone63.org for scholarship information.



(pictured above: Sailing at Florida Sea Base)

Sudoku: (www.websudoku.com)

Here is the puzzle. Good luck!

9				5				
		5		3				
7	1	3		9		6		
	5		2	7			6	
4								9
	7			4	9		2	
		2		8		4	9	1
			9			5		
			4					7

Medium Puzzle 8,138,002,798 -- Select a puzzle...

5	9	8	4	6	1	2	3	7
1	4	7	9	3	2	5	8	6
6	3	2	5	8	7	4	9	1
8	7	6	1	4	9	3	2	5
4	2	1	3	5	6	8	7	9
3	5	9	2	7	8	1	6	4
7	1	3	8	9	4	6	5	2
2	6	5	7	1	3	9	4	8
9	8	4	6	2	5	7	1	3



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<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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