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

16-18 Bay Area 100 year Jamboree
Alameda Fair Grounds

23-25 Spring Ordeal
Cutter Scout Reservation

May 2010

13 Annual Business Meeting 7:00p
Foster City Scout Service Center

June 2010

10 Lodge Executive Committee 7:30p
Foster City Scout Service Center

July 2010

Enjoy summer camping with your units!

LEC Meetings

Have a great idea for an event or a way of making a planned one even better? Come to the monthly LEC meetings and voice your ideas! Who knows, maybe you'll be inspired and decide to run for an office in the next election?

100TH Anniversary NorCal Jamboree

(courtesy of LDPD)

Calling all Scouts young and old; new and lifetime members; boys, girls, and adults. It's 2010 and the most exciting event in 100 years of Boy Scouting in California is coming to the Bay Area April 15TH -18TH -- that's in the HISTORY OF BOY SCOUTS IN AMERICA! That's right. To celebrate the 100TH Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America, 10 Boy Scout councils in Northern California have joined together to bring you the event of a lifetime – the 100TH ANNIVERSARY JAMBOREE: A PORTAL THROUGH TIME.

Jamboree organizers say they expect more than 12,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, Adult Scouters and other guests to attend this once-in-a-lifetime, four-day event. You won't want to miss this amazing "Portal through time." You'll be able to look back at the founding roots of Boy Scouting in America and see where the organization of more than 2.8 million youth members and 1.2 million volunteers began and the changes that have occurred throughout the past 100 years. Explore where Scouting is headed in the next century. Be a part of history as attendees attempt to set Guinness World Records. If you have ever been, are, or will be a part of Boy Scouts you need to be a part of this historic event April 15TH -18TH, 2010 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Scout units are encouraged to camp overnight while families can also camp or attend just on a Day Pass. RV camping is also available. Spots are filling, so see web site for details and sign up your unit and families today at:

www.100thanniversaryjamboree.org

Chief's Corner

by Michael Miura



Ohlone Arrowmen,

Do you remember what Chingachgook, Chief of the Delawares, said in the Order of the Arrow legend?

*“For, said he, who serves his fellows
Is, of all his fellows, greatest.”*

Can you consider yourself a “great” Scout, a “great” OA member? What does one need to do to achieve “greatness”? There are not many Ohlone Lodge functions during the year; we have two Ordeals, a Section Conclave, and a Winter Fellowship. We are not asking for a large commitment from the Arrowmen, but a focused commitment. Can you commit to three, maybe four events during the year? I don't think we've done a good job of communicating the importance of the Lodge events to you in the past, and I am here now to let you know we need your participation, enthusiasm and energy to make Ohlone Lodge strong. The feast at your Ordeal was not the end of your Order of the Arrow commitment, but the start of something great.

If you are an Ordeal Member, commit to attaining Brotherhood this year. If you are a Brotherhood or Vigil member, commit to strengthening the program. If you are a 2010 Ordeal member, commit to achieving Brotherhood in 2011. If you need more information you can contact any of us via email (<http://ohlone63.org/contacts/lodgeleaders.htm>)

or you can get a lot of good information from the OA Jumpstart website (<http://jumpstart.ohlonebsa.org/>). We had three Arrowmen achieve Brotherhood at the Winter Fellowship, and there are many more of you eligible this year. Follow their lead and achieve Brotherhood in the 15th Anniversary year of Ohlone Lodge!

At the National Order of the Arrow Conference last year, the theme was “The Power of One”. The message was that everyone can contribute and everyone's contribution is significant, no matter how small or insignificant it may appear to be. We need you to be a contributing member of the lodge. Your troop voted for you and are counting on you to make a difference in the troop, Ohlone Lodge and Scouting.

I am a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down.

-Abraham Lincoln

We are still focused on attaining Quality Lodge for 2010, working hard on our upcoming events, (Spring and Fall Ordeal, Section Conclave, Service Projects) and will still support the council when needed (Merit Badge Midway Lunch preparation and Memorial Day Flag event). We are a service organization, and we are planning events for this year to make a difference to our Lodge, our Council and ourselves.

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What can you do to help? Check the Lodge calendar (<http://ohlone63.org/calendar/index.htm>) and look at our newsletter, the Otterside, for event information. Send an email for more information if you are interested or just come by to help out.

We are also looking for Arrowmen interested in the Ceremony Team, Dance Team and the Elangomat Team. If you are interested, please send an email to Kyle Poland, our Vice Chief of Inductions.

Try one of these teams out – I think you'll find it's enjoyable and you can spend time with your fellow Lodge members. If you are not interested in joining one of these teams, then just attend the event and see what interests you. You can get involved in Native American crafts (beading, drum making, etc) or just help keep our Council Camps in great shape.

Looking forward to a great year!

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Winter Fellowship

By Michael Miura

This year's Winter Fellowship at Cutter Scout Reservation was a weekend of preparation and fun. We managed to finish refilling the smudge pots and torches for the Spring Ordeal, and took

an inventory of the props and materials needed. We also bagged the beads and sinew for the clan chokers.

On Saturday we learned how to make Native American beadwork. Nick Wilmes patiently showed us how to weave the beads into a pattern. It is challenging but fun work, and we all left with a greater appreciation for the large pieces of beadwork art seen on traditional Native American clothing and ceremonial wear.

Saturday afternoon we had a broomball game between the Ordeal and Brotherhood members. It was a well-fought battle, but the Ordeal members managed to eke out a close win. We feel a rematch at the Spring Ordeal is essential. We also decided it would be fun to have a Candidate Clan broomball tournament at the Spring Ordeal. You won't want to miss seeing that!

Saturday night we held a Brotherhood Ceremony. Alex Marcopulos, Ted Marcopulos and John Wilken all achieved Brotherhood. We celebrated with them with a steak dinner, complete with baked potatoes, salad and cherry pie and ice cream for dessert.

Sunday morning after breakfast we gave Harkson Lodge a good cleaning. Afterwards, Steve DeVere led a Scout's Own. He talked about slowing down and taking a look around at the beauty of nature when we are out camping. Deer, birds, and other wildlife around the camp as well as the beauty of the trees and the stars at night.

This was a great event for the lodge. Don't miss out on the next one!

Lodge Annual Business Meeting

Have you ever wanted to get more involved in the Lodge? Come to the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, May 13 and run for a Lodge position! *More info:* <http://www.ohlone63.org/contacts/lodgeleaders.htm>

Available Lodge Executive Committee Positions:

Lodge Chief:

The Lodge Chief is the representative of the Lodge. He runs all lodge meetings, approves all committee chairmen appointed by the Vice Chiefs, and creates temporary committees as needed.

Lodge Vice Chief of Administration (VCA):

The VCA is responsible for all administrative functions of the lodge. He oversees all operational committees in the lodge and appoints committee chairman as necessary. More importantly, if the Lodge Chief dies, he takes over.

Lodge Vice Chief of Inductions (VCI):

The VCI is responsible for any lodge functions involved with bringing new members into the Lodge. He runs the Ordeals, Elections, Ceremonies, and the Elangomats. He is also responsible for developing a plan to assure all Ordeal members attain the Brotherhood Honor.

Lodge Secretary:

The Lodge Secretary is responsible for the communications of the lodge. He makes sure that minutes are kept for all LEC meetings and is primarily responsible for the Lodge Planbook and Website.

Lodge Treasurer:

The Lodge Treasurer is responsible for keeping the Lodge's finances in order. He is responsible for releasing a Lodge Budget at the beginning of each year, and a budget for each event, as well as registration at the events. He is also responsible for the Lodge Trading Post.

Other Lodge Positions:

Publications Chairman: *(Often combined with role of Secretary)*

The Publications Chairman is responsible for the Otter Side publications. He is responsible for sending an Otter Side to Lodge members quarterly and works closely with the Lodge Secretary.



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For more OA news, check out the following websites:

National Order of the Arrow
www.aa-bsa.org
Western Region Order of the Arrow
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!
Also, see our Facebook group

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