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Upcoming Events

October 2014

24-26 Fall Ordeal
Cutter Scout Reservation

November 2014

7-8 Movie Night &
Nor Cal Trade-o-ree
Palo Alto Scout Service Center

13 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm

Foster City Scout Service Center

December 2014

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

January 2015

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

February 2015

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

20-22 Winter Fellowship

Cutter Scout Reservation

NOAC: Join Us in Michigan to Celebrate 100 Years

By: Will Egleston

From August 3-8, 2015, Arrowmen from around the country will have the unique opportunity to gather together at Michigan State University to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow at the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). Over 10,000 Arrowmen are expected to attend the 2015 conference seeking the best that the Order has to offer. Each time a national conference is held, Arrowmen come together from around the world to share ideas, learn from one another, and most importantly experience an outstanding conference that is unlike any other event in Scouting. NOAC is open only to members of the OA.

There will be a vast array of courses in things such as silver-smithing, patch trading, knife sharpening, and OA history, as well as high-adventure activities such as SCUBA, kayaking, and canoeing. Other competitions include Native American dancing and drumming, pinewood derby, a lodge mascot competition, golf, dodge ball, and much, much more.

The training at each NOAC is world class. Trainers at NOAC are hand selected by conference leadership due to their immense knowledge and expertise in a particular subject. Trainers come from around the world to share their expertise so that you may bring information and new ideas back to your home lodge and grow as an individual. Training sessions range in topics from leadership, to event planning, to Native American crafts, dancing, and ceremonies just to name a few of the many topics available. No matter what you are interested in there is a NOAC training session for you!

Each afternoon, conference participants can choose to participate in a wide array of

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OTTO Singers and Dancers, Join Us!

By: Michael Larsen

Interested in the Dance Team? We will be holding monthly singing, drumming and dancing workshops at the Foster City Scout Service Center to coincide with the Lodge Executive Committee Meeting.

What that means is, at 7:00 p.m., we will set up in one of the meeting rooms and practice songs, practice dance steps, plan and make outfits, etc. We encourage all OA members, male and female (as well as any scout aged girls between the ages of

11 and 21), if you would like to participate, to come join us. Please share this message with your fellow Arrowmen and their families. We will see you all on November 13th, 2014

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Lodge Chief's Corner

By: Clayton Hagy

Ohlone Lodge began the year with our Lodge Leadership Development (LLD), where we planned out the upcoming year and gave our incoming Lodge Leaders the responsibilities of their positions. I'm pleased to say that we are in a great position to achieve our goal of sustained lodge growth, and increased Arrowman participation at lodge events.

At our September 11th lodge meeting we discussed bringing back the Ohlone Dance team with the help of the extremely gifted Larsen family. I hope that this will get Arrowmen excited about the awesome opportunities the lodge has to offer, and reconnect them with Native American culture. In addition, we will be trying to increase the role for Order of the Arrow Troop Representatives by reaching out to them with information about the lodge and upcoming events for their troop's fellow Arrowmen. Hopefully, this will streamline our ability to communicate with our members.

We are also creating ties with our sister Lodge Saklan down south so that our two lodges can work together by building a better experience for our Arrowmen and develop cross-lodge camaraderie. One catalyst for this was the Ohlone Ceremony team's participation at Saklan's Fall Ordeal. I'm looking forward to our lodges having a great working relationship, and I hope to see everyone reading this at our next event, our Fall Ordeal at Cutter Scout Reservation on October 24th – 26th.



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activities and special events. The National Order of the Arrow museum will be on display, showcasing unique historical items that cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

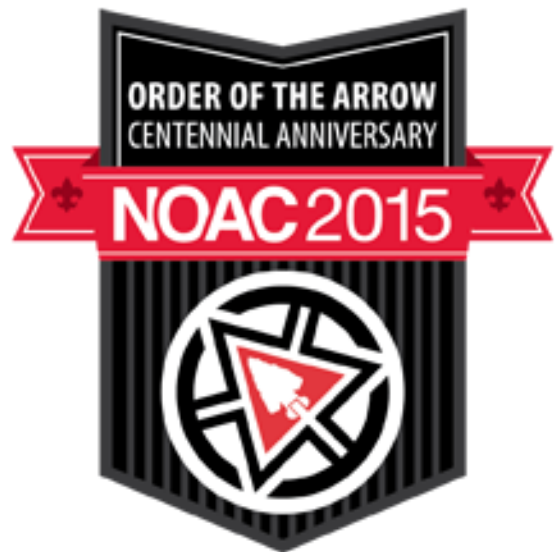
What would a gathering of people from all over the country be without a little competition? Attendees have the opportunity to compete in athletic events like dodge ball and ultimate Frisbee. Arrowmen can also participate in OA ceremonies evaluations to improve their performance and learn from the experts. Interested in Native America dance? We have that too! No matter what your talent there is no shortage of opportunity to showcase them at NOAC.

After dinner, all participants and staff gather at the university's arena for the evening show. These shows are nothing short of amazing and are on par with what you would expect on Broadway or the biggest touring concert of the year! Each evening show is unique ranging from the opening and closing show, to Native American dance, to national awards and recognition. These shows will remain as one of your fondest memories of NOAC.

After the evening show, there are many opportunities to enjoy fun, food, and fellowship (not to mention trade your favorite patches)!

Contact Will at NOAC@ohlone63.org to get more information and reserve your spot today!

Everyone who registers for NOAC



will receive one of these promotional patches



Past Fun at Last Year's Winter Fellowship

Winter Fellowship; A Time to Relax

By: Michael Wu

Coming up next February is our annual Winter Fellowship Retreat. This is a fun, relaxed campout up at Cutter Scout Reservation.

This is a great opportunity to achieve your Brotherhood! Requirements for Brotherhood can be found at Ohlone63.org, or email VCI@Ohlone63.org. I encourage everyone who has been an ordeal candidate for 10 months (as of next February) to come to the Winter Fellowship, and earn your Brotherhood.

During the Fellowship, a big emphasis is placed on brotherhood between lodge members, making new friends, and strengthening bonds between existing friends. We focus on relaxing, and having fun. We schedule in many fun activities, such as board games, card games, and a movie or two at night, complete with popcorn and other snacks. We also play broomball, which is almost like hockey, but played with brooms. We also just spend a lot of time talking, relaxing, and getting to know each other.

Another focus of the annual Fellowship is service to the lodge, and to the council. We help put together the smudge pots, which light the way during Ordeal and other ceremonies. This involves placing wood chips (usually hamster bedding) inside of old film cans, then pouring wax on top. We also help to prepare chocker kits and beads, as well as booklets, for the upcoming spring Ordeal. We also work on simple service projects for the camp and council, such as helping around the lake or tidying up campsites.

Lastly, we focus on furthering our knowledge of Native American Traditions. One way we do this is by conducting ceremonies in traditional Native American Regalia. Ceremony characters, participants, and spectators alike learn a lot from attending, and sometimes participating in, these ceremonies. Ordeal members also further their knowledge by earning their Brotherhood.

You learn a lot at Winter Fellowship, and I hope to see you all there.

Arrowman Service Award

The purpose of the Arrowman Service Award (ASA) is to encourage Arrowmen to recommit themselves to the ideals of the Order, increase their level of service to their local unit and council, and participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the OA. The award will have three categories of criteria with various requirements that Arrowmen can complete. These include components on personal growth, service to Scouting, and participation in the centennial celebration.

The category on personal growth will challenge both youth and adult Arrowmen to advance their own leadership skills by participating in or staffing a BSA training course. The category on Scout service advocates for Arrowmen to go above and beyond and serve in a variety of leadership positions. The category on centennial events correlates with the national Order of the Arrow's 100th anniversary. The Arrowmen requirements include attendance at your section's 100th anniversary conclave, your lodge's sponsored 100th anniversary event, an ArrowTour event, and the 2015 NOAC.

Arrowmen can commence working on requirements now and continue working towards its completion through December 31st, 2015. This award will be recognized as one of the few patches that have ever been approved by the national Order of the Arrow committee to be worn on an OA sash. Arrowmen can fill out a requirement card that will be available for download on oa-bsa.org.





Trade-o-ree and Lodge Movie Night

By: Michael Wu

Coming up in early November will be our annual Trade-o-ree and a movie night. Every year, Ohlone lodge hosts a fun event, where Arrowmen from all around western region come to the Palo Alto Service Center to trade scouting-related patches.

This year, the Trade-o-ree will take place from November 7-8. Arrowmen also display their patch collections, and patches will be for sale for those scouts who wish to start patch trading and collecting themselves. This event is really cool, as you get to see all the unique patches devoted Arrowmen have collected over the years.

Those attending will be able to see (and possibly trade for) patches that cannot be found anywhere else, such as National Jamboree shoulder patches, and patches from past National Order of the Arrow Conferences (NOAC). This event is great for scouts who would like to see some cool patches, trade for patches, or even start their own patch collection.

Also happening on November 7th at the Palo Alto Service Center, after the trade-o-ree finishes for the day, will be a movie night. We will be showing a fun movie, and will have pizza and drinks. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Arrowmen, without the long drive to Cutter. It will be a fun and relaxed night. I hope to see you all there! Please email me if you have any questions about the trade-o-ree or movie night.



The Jumpstart website continues your orientation at home to learn more about the OA. There you will find helpful information and explanation as you continue the path to Brotherhood. New Arrowmen are encouraged to visit the jumpstart.oa-bsa.org to learn more about Order of the Arrow. You will need your OA Handbook to enter the site, so be sure to have it handy.

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