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# THE OTTER SIDE

September 2015

## Upcoming Events

### October 2015

8 LEC Meeting  
TBD

23 – 25 Fall Ordeal  
Cutter Scout Reservation

### November 2015

12 LEC Meeting  
TBD  
13 – 14 NorCal Trade-O-Ree  
Palo Alto Service Center

### December 2015

10 LEC Meeting  
TBD

### January 2015

7 LEC Meeting  
TBD

### February 2015

11 LEC Meeting  
TBD  
12 – 14 Winter Fellowship  
Cutter Scout Reservation

## Banquet & Anniversary

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By: Ali Abukhater

### 20 Years of Ohlone!

This year, Ohlone celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at our annual banquet on June 6th! It was a great opportunity to meet other great arrowmen from our lodge! It was during the course of the banquet that we reflected on the past 20 years of our lodge and looked forward to even more!

The banquet is a fantastic event that allows us to review the last year and talk about what events we had and how well we enjoyed them. It also is a great way to talk to everyone about what they would like to do for the next year! This really allows us to improve events and build upon what we've already done to make events even better!

During the banquet, we induct our new lodge officers into their positions. Be sure to take a look at our new lodge officers! We also recognize all our past officers for their service. Many thanks to Clayton Hagy, our outgoing chief, Seth Howe, our outgoing treasurer, and Lance Torno, our outgoing secretary.

After we induct the new officers, we begin presenting awards to Arrowmen outstanding in their service to the lodge, and to the order itself. We are proud to present two new Vigil Honor members from our lodge! Congratulations to Michael Wu and Alex Marcopulos on attaining the Vigil Honor!

We also presented the Founder's Award to two men who went above and beyond in service to our lodge. Congratulations to Clayton Hagy and Mr. Greg Miura on achieving this momentous award.

Finally, in honor of the Order's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, several key members of our lodge were awarded the Centurion award. Congratulations to Clayton Hagy, Michael Wu, Mr. Clint Takeshita, Mr. Greg Miura, Mr. Jay "Kelly" Veach, and Mr. Frank Coltart!

All in all, the banquet was a great event. I look forward to seeing you all at the next one!

## Elections are Coming. We Need Your Help!

By: Nolan Kowitt

Election season is coming up and we need you to help to run local elections. At the elections we need a delegation of two Arrowmen. These delegates make it possible for regular scouters to join the OA. This job requires minimal effort and takes 30-45 minutes depending on how big the Troop is. Running an OA election is very simple. Each of our three districts will have multiple teams of Arrowmen to help run elections in each district. The Ohlone lodge's Elections Committee chairman, Nolan Kowitt, will contact you if there is an election ... *cont. on pg. 2*

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WIN  
A GAME OF OHLONE  
WINTER FELLOWSHIP IS COMING  
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## Lodge Chief's Corner

By: Michael Wu

I have learned a lot about leadership through Boy Scouts and the Order of the Arrow. In my home Troop, I have served in many leadership positions, which gave me a variety of leadership experience. However, the OA has taught me even more about leadership than my Troop has. I hope to share some of the things I have learned about leadership with you all.

There are a few characteristics that, to me, define a great leader: passion, dedication, and vision. Think back to some of your leadership terms in your Troop. Were you truly passionate? Become a leader in those organizations and groups which you are passionate about your Troop, or were you just doing a job? If you were not passionate perhaps you did not enjoy your role very much, or you have not found your passion yet. Your passion will become clear to those around you and people will respect you for it. You need dedication to follow through with your plans. Put in the time when no one else does. Have a sense of "Lead by example". Lastly, you need vision. As a leader, never be satisfied with the status quo. Always ask, "What can we be doing better?" Then use your dedication to work to always improve.

Although being a leader is never easy, it is one of the most rewarding things you can do. Assume the responsibility when no one else does. Step and shoulder the burden. Become a leader!

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Michael Wu  
2015-2016 Ohlone Lodge Chief

## Elections (cont.)

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The Ohlone lodge's Elections Committee chairman, Nolan Kowitt, will contact you if there is an election in our district he needs your help to run. He will let you know when and where the election is taking place.

On the day of a troop's OA election, you will explain to the troop what the Order is, and what we do (we will supply you with this information). You explain the voting process, and pass out the ballots (which the troop will supply). You will collect and count the ballots, then inform the SPL and Scoutmaster the result of the election. The results will be announced to the troop at the end of the meeting. You then meet with the newly elected candidates, as well as any current OA members, to discuss the next steps (this will be supplied as well). NOTE: Some troops decide to announce results at a later date. In this case, materials will be given to the Scoutmaster or SPL to hold on to. Regardless, parents should be informed of the Ordeal date and other upcoming trips.

If you are interested in signing up please email [VCI@ohlone63.org](mailto:VCI@ohlone63.org) or [LodgeChief@ohlone63.org](mailto:LodgeChief@ohlone63.org). Being part of an election team is simple and fun, and will allow troop members from all parts of the council to join Scouting's national honor society.



# Fall Ordeal Preview

By: Ryan Tagawa

Congratulations on becoming a member in the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrant similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Candidates have one year from the day elected to complete their Ordeal. This ordeal will take place at Cutter Scout Reservation on October 24-26. An Ordeal weekend is undertaken by every new candidate and is a meaningful and inspiring experience that will not soon be forgotten. To do this, we need your help.

Induction in the Order of the Arrow will open many new doors for the candidates. Our lodge participates in many events every year. In addition, the OA provides extensive youth leadership training and opportunities available. These opportunities will build upon the knowledge the candidate already has received during his Scouting experience.

Ordeal Dates: October 24th - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Where: Cutter Scout Reservation, 2500 China Grade Rd., Boulder Creek, CA 95006

Register online at: <http://www.ohlone63.org/calendar/ordeal/>

Registration: The cost will be \$15 for all Ohlone members and \$40 for candidates.

**Registration ends on October 23rd.**

All attendees must bring a copy of their completed (signed) Medical Form A&B to the Ordeal. (<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>)

Your help as an Elangomat is very much appreciated. If you have been ordeal for ten months, you can try to earn your brotherhood. Make sure to study the OA knowledge in your book!

Equipment list:

1. Breechcloth instructions are at: <http://ohlone63.org/downloads/breechcloth.pdf>
2. Full Scout Uniform - Class A
3. Sleeping Bag
4. Ground Cover
5. Old Clothes and Work Gloves
6. Flashlight
7. Sleeping Pad  
Personal
8. Additional or  
Extra Clothing

Questions:

Contact your VCI at [VCI@ohlone63.org](mailto:VCI@ohlone63.org)



# NOAC Recap

By: Lance Torno

On August 3rd, 2015 an OA contingent from our lodge attended the 100th anniversary NOAC at Michigan St. University (MSU). After a tour of the Chicago Area, which included Sears Tower and The Henry J. Ford Museum in Detroit, everyone settled down in the Bryan Dorms at MSU. While at the event our contingent participated in many events such as OA warrior and Lodge Soccer. In OA warrior, there was a long obstacle course and was timed. While we did not place well, everyone who participated had a blast participating in it. However, in soccer we made it past the first round but then lost to the Germans in the second round. This may be a prediction for a future World Cup Match (US vs Germany). On another note, some members enjoyed patch- trading in the Brady complex, and collected some cool patches. Overall NOAC was a great experience and the Ohlone Lodge made a good showing at it. On to NOAC 2018.



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Western Region Order of the Arrow  
www.western.oa-bsa.org

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www.oa-bsa.org

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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](http://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.