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Cutter Scout Reservation

Join us for annual Lodge Elections and Banquet

By: Ali Abukhater

On June 4th, we'll be having our annual lodge banquet! This is a time to get to know the other lodge members, play some fun games, and recognize important lodge members. It will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 468 Grand Street, Redwood City, CA 94061, which is a very central location for our council.

Lodge elections will start at 5 pm. Come and have your opinion heard, and select the person that you think would run the lodge best! You can even run for office! If you want to change things from the inside, you can – but don't expect to get elected without a speech. Come prepared to rock our socks off!

Directly following elections, (~6:30 pm) we'll begin the banquet. You'll be able to grab some Chinese food while we recognize scouts and adults who've served the lodge with the Founders Award. We'll also call up the scouts who became Brotherhood Members and recognize them. Finally, we'll have our Vigil Honor callouts, so you can meet the lodge's potential Vigil Members.

This event will cost \$10 for new Ordeal Members (those inducted in Fall of 2015 or Spring of 2016). All others will pay \$15.

We have two registration options: pre payment at the door is preferred (<http://www.pacsky.org/Event.aspx?id=1849>) and we're also accepting payment at the door (<https://goo.gl/DgE2vN>).

Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you all there!

Spring Ordeal

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.

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Lodge Chief's Corner

By: Michael Wu



Thank you to everyone who attended Ordeal and Conclave. Everyone had a blast, particularly Friday night of Conclave. We decided to have a Hawaiian theme for our Lodge cracker barrel, which included leis and a shaved ice machine. Your participation is what makes these events so awesome, so keep it up! Also, I would like to congratulate Ryan Tagawa (current VCI), who was elected as next year's Section Secretary! We all wish him luck in this exciting new role.

I would also like to thank everyone who made my term as Chief so special! My leadership team was great, including the LEC and many new committee chairmen. I would also like to thank all of our advisers, who helped to make our events such a success. They have volunteered their time to serve the lodge, and we owe them huge thanks. I would also like to thank everyone who came to our events and helped to make them special. Whether or not you are currently a lodge leader, your presence at our events is still valued.

Regardless, we would still like to see more people becoming involved in the Lodge. In particular, we are looking for each Troop to have an OA Rep. An OA Rep is responsible for relaying messages from the Lodge to your Troop members! This is a simple job that counts towards your leadership credit. We provide you with the messages, so even a new Ordeal member could do this easily. If you are interested in being an OA rep, please email me at LodgeChief@ohlone63.org

Lastly, we are looking to build next year's leadership team for the Lodge. The elections for the Lodge Executive Committee positions will be held before our annual banquet on June 4. We will elect the leadership for next year, including Chief, Vice Chiefs, Secretary, and Treasurer. Also, we will discuss the committee positions, such as ceremony chair, Troop Rep chair, and brotherhood chair. If you are curious about what it's like to be part of Lodge leadership and getting

involved, email me at LodgeChief@ohlone63.org. We are always looking for new faces.

See you at the Banquet,
Michael Wu
Ohlone Lodge Chief



SECTION W-3S

Section W-3S Conclave

By: Ryan Tagawa

On April 21-23, Ohlone participated in the annual section W3S Conclave at Camp Royaneh. The theme was Straight Outta Conclave, and the event provided many trainings and activities.

When Ohlone arrived at the camp, they set up shaved ice and a popcorn machine for the scouts attending. There, scouts began to have a karaoke contest for the rest of the night with other section and region chiefs watching.

Everyone woke up the next morning and set off to classes varying from patch history to rifle shooting. Once the classes wrapped up, the competitions began. The first competition was Indian handball – a game that is similar to soccer and hockey combined. Ohlone sadly lost in the first round to the host lodge Achewon Nimat. On the bright side, Ohlone mostly took second place in competitions such as dancing, relay, dodge ball, and much more. Ohlone thanks all of those who participated in these activities.

With all the competitions over, it was now time to vote for the section's new officers. Soon after, the shows began with the return of the dark order featuring all the lodge chiefs. The Saturday program came to an end and the scouts seemed worn out the next morning where there was the induction of the new officers and awards that were given to the people who made the successful event.

Ohlone is grateful for the amount of Arrowmen they brought to conclave and we look to have more in the future.

Lodge Adviser's Corner

By: *Clint Takeshita*



Your lodge youth leadership has done an excellent job so far this year with the lodge hosting a very successful Fall Ordeal, Winter Fellowship, and Spring Ordeal at Cutter Scout Reservation. I'd like to thank

Bob Marozine who cooked for

us at the Fall and Spring Ordeals, and **Colm and Deb Quinn** who kept us well fed at the Winter Fellowship! All three events had increased attendance from the previous year and we've enjoyed some excellent program from our youth leadership.

In addition to focusing on our lodge events and program, the youth leadership and youth lodge members made some important decisions at our lodge meeting at the Fellowship that will impact our future program and calendar. It is our hope that these changes will allow the lodge to better serve our members and the council. Specifically:

- Moving the Fellowship from February to October. This will spread out major lodge events more evenly through the year and provide a fun activity shortly after our Fall Ordeal that will now be held in late September.
- Moving the Spring Ordeal to after the Council Camporee. This will enable the lodge to conduct a call out at camporee and publicly recognize those individuals elected to the Order of the Arrow. We also hope this will allow the lodge to provide more support to the camporee program.

We will start this year with our Fall Ordeal the weekend of September 30th to October 2nd, followed by our Fall Fellowship on October 21st – 23rd. In 2017, we will move our Spring Ordeal to a weekend sometime after the council camporee.

I've also challenged our youth leadership to support all of our council properties by considering hosting events at Boulder Creek and potentially even Camp Oljato in addition to Cutter Scout Reservation. As you can imagine, in order for the lodge to play a bigger role in supporting council events and all of our council camps, we

need the manpower to do it. If you are a youth member who has not participated in an OA event in some time, I encourage you to talk with your friends in your troop who are also in the OA and make plans to attend our upcoming lodge elections and banquet. If you are an adult, we have a number of areas where we need help.

Finally, if you have any questions or suggestions, I would love to hear from you. Please write me at lodgeadvsier@ohlone63.org.

In WWW,
Clint Takeshita
Lodge Adviser

New Brotherhood Members

By: *Staff Writer*

Congratulations to our newest Brotherhood members who have now sealed their membership in the Order of the Arrow:

Gil Adams	Troop 175	Redwood
Bruce Deng	Troop 47	Redwood
Jacob Peterson	Troop 87	Stanford
Alex Suppiah	Troop 75	Stanford
Holman Torno	Troop 321	Redwood
Manny Macias	District Executive and Lodge Staff Adviser	

All Ordeal members who have been in the OA for at least ten months need to plan to attend the next Ordeal or the Section Conclave to complete their induction sequence and become Brotherhood members of the Order of the Arrow.



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.

Spring Ordeal

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- 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. The next Ordeal will take place at Boulder Creek Scout Reservation on September 30 – October 2, 2016. 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.

All attendees must bring a copy of their completed (signed) Medical Form A&B to the Ordeal, which can be downloaded from this link:

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx

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

Equipment list:

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

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