



The Otter Side



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News to Know...

If you are interested in attending the 2005 National Jamboree as an OA staff member, positions are still available. Contact Mark Matthews to save your spot!

“ Haven't paid your dues yet? Dues are \$10 per year and provide funds for lodge operations including this newsletter. Dues can be paid by mail, at the council service center, or at any lodge event.

” Philmont Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, Northern Tier Canoe Base, and OA Ocean Adventure (S.C.U.B.A.)

applications are now available on the national OA website:

<http://www.oabsa.org/>. These programs allow arrowmen ages 16 - 20 to enjoy our national high adventure bases for two weeks. The first week is spent in service, building hiking or portage trails, or doing underwater maintenance. The second week allows participants to enjoy the full range of activities provided by Philmont, Northern Tier wilderness or OAOA. Cost for both programs is only \$100, not including travel. Full scholarships are available!

This year's Section W3A conclave will be held April 26 - 28, at Camp Royaneh in Cazedero, CA. The theme of the conclave is 'WHOA' - Work and Honor in the Order of the Arrow.

Say 'Yes' to Conclave

The conclave is a great opportunity to meet members of the lodge and arrowmen from other lodges in the Bay Area. Training, competition, fun activities and inspirational shows await all participants.

Uncas University will provide participants with a variety of training topics ranging from Leadership to Native American dancing and crafts. Earn your bachelors or masters degree, depending on your previous training and learn more about the OA.

charge of shows and planning is already underway to ensure their success.



Unfurling the OA flag underwater at the Scout Sea Base in Florida, just one of the free high adventure opportunities available to Ohlone Lodge members

Morning training will be followed by afternoon activities and competition. Join Ohlone as they defend their Indian Handball championship and work to win the coveted Conclave Award: the award presented to the best lodge at the conclave.

After dinner, participate in section officer elections, section memorabilia auction and the evening show. This year, Ohlone is in The cost of the conclave is \$35 for the weekend including four meals, a crackerbarrel and all conclave activities. You can register online at <http://www.w3a.org> or return the conclave flier. You can also take advantage of the Trading Post preorder online.

Make your plans now to attend one of the biggest OA events of the year!

European Camp Staff Program

The Order of the Arrow is offering a limited number of scholarships to qualified participants for the European Camp Staff Program. As a participant in this program the camp in which you are working provides your room and board.

You must participate in the program a minimum of four weeks to qualify for OA scholarship benefits. These benefits include \$100 for every week of your actual voluntary employment as well as up to 50% of your airline fare to and from the selected country.

If you are between 18 to 20 years of age and would be interested in this program you may obtain a booklet and application from the International Division. The application deadline for 2005 is

March 15. Please contact Ester Scoggins of the International Division for more information at 972-580-2403.

The Leadership Corner

Retaining Older Scouts in Your Unit

Young men are busier today than ever before because of a number of activities that compete with Scouting for their time. This number only increases as a Scout grows older. Many units find themselves lacking the older Scouts that are desired to maintain a healthy size troop and program.

What are some steps that can be taken to help retain older Scouts in your unit?

“ Commit your unit to youth leadership. Work to make sure your PLC is doing the planning. Do your older scouts feel responsibility and take ownership of troop program?

” Go camping once a month. Scouting is outing and challenging outdoor activities is one way that Scouting can differentiate itself from other activities that you are competing with. Encourage participation in other Scouting activities. Summer camp staff, Junior Leadership Training, Order of the Arrow, and Venturing all provide Scouts new experiences and alternatives while keeping them active in the program and most likely active in your unit.



Chief's Corner

By Andrew Coggiola
Lodge Chief

I have written many articles for the Otter Side but many were not as hard to write as this. As we gear up for an unforgettable win at conclave I have been noticing that our lodge has a great deal of potential - in many ways, we are a sleeping giant, and we have the capability to demonstrate that we can be one of the best lodges in the section...the region...or even the nation.

I hope that all of you will plan to attend the Spring Ordeal as well as the Concave. These are the two biggest events of the year and as Allowat Sakima said, "Test the bow", - come and 'test' the lodge to see how fun the Order of the Arrow can be. This summer also has great opportunities especially, the OA high adventure opportunities at Philmont, Northern Tier, and OAOA - The OA Ocean Adventure. With training, and other OA members from around the country, you will be amazed and astounded at what we can get done. Join us for high adventure, you can still get in on the fun and the action. Your Ordeal may be complete, but the best is yet to come.

I am very grateful to all my brothers for their support as it is you who make the OA Scouting's national honor society. I look forward to seeing you at future lodge activities. Finally, always remember, "...those who choose you need you."

In Scouting Andrew Coggiola



Lodge Advisors Corner

By Mark Matthews Sr.
Lodge Advisor

To the 69 new members that were inducted in April welcome. The lodge had a work party / Ordeal at Cutter Scout Reservation and provided 541 Man hours of service to the camp. Next will be Boulder Creek this October. We need as good a showing so we can provide BCSR with the same type of service.

As we go into summer all arrowmen and women should remember to take their sashes to summer camp and wear them proudly on the OA Day at whichever camp you are at. All arrowmen and women should make sure that your unit attends a summer camp, this is good for both the unit and the youth as it meets their requirements for advancement.

All arrowmen and women are encouraged to attend the May Council of Chiefs / Lodge Business Meeting on May 12, 2005. We will be electing new lodge leadership, changing bylaws, and other Lodge Business. The Council of Chiefs / Business meeting is at Foster Service Center at 7:30 pm. We will be having Pizza & Soda prior to the meeting. We need as many members at this meeting as possible.

Have a great and safe summer.

Mark Matthews Sr.
Lodge Advisor

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 (ie regalia, furs, hides, beads, and hatchets). Promote your village, favorite campsite, or Eagle project with a well placed article. The Otter Side is published

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National Order of the Arrow
<http://www. oa-bsa. org/>
Western Region Order of the Arrow
<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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