



News from

THE OTTER SIDE

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Upcoming Events

July and August 2006

Enjoy summer camp with your units.

September 2006

7 Village Meetings 7:30pm
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

14 Council of Chiefs 7:30pm
Pacific Skyline Council Scout Service
Center - Foster City

16 Lodge Pow Wow 12:00pm
Palo Alto Scout Service Center
1305 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto

17 Section Meeting - email
OhloneRSVP@aol.com for details

October 2006

5 Village Meetings 7:30pm
District Roundtable Meeting Sites

12 Council of Chiefs 7:30pm
Pacific Skyline Council Scout Service
Center - Foster City

20-22 Fall Ordeal - see attached flyer
or email
OhloneRSVP@aol.com for details

Lodge Pow Wow

The Lodge will be holding a Pow Wow at the Palo Alto Service Center on September 16 from 12 noon until 6 pm, but feel free to come or leave at will. There will be food, fellowship, tipis, drumming, singing and a lodge meeting. Native American dancing. The cost is \$5.



Pictured above is Steve DeVere,
Our Lodge Advisor from 2006 to 2007

A Letter From Steve DeVere

I would like to thank each and everyone for helping to make this such a good year. We had two outstanding Ordeals and an excellent Conclave, as well as many other successful and fun events.

Your hard work and devotion to the lodge has been the force behind our success. You can be proud of a job well done.

I personally thank all of you for the support and respect you have given to me this year. Because of some family matters I will be stepping down as lodge advisor in June. I am sure you will give the same support and respect to our new lodge advisor.

I have a special place in my heart for all of you.

For those wise and helpful friends that have given me guidance and advice, I will remember your friendship for ever.

May the Great Mystery guide your lives as it does mine.

Love in Brotherhood,
Steve
Ohlone Lodge Advisor

New Lodge Advisor

As my last act as your Supreme Chief of the Fire, I am pleased to praise Steve DeVere for his hard work as Lodge Advisor. Family matters are such that Steve must step down as Lodge Advisor, but he will continue to be an active adult arrowman for the Lodge. I am pleased therefore to announce the selection of Stan Rudnick as our new Lodge Advisor. Stan will give sound stewardship to the human and administrative resources of the Lodge. Please continue on the path the Lodge has taken these past several years and continue to weld tightly the links of brotherhood.

W W W
John Richers
Supreme Chief of the Fire

Frontier Skills Weekend

On the weekend of October 27-29 there will be an old time gathering at Cutter Scout Reservation. Activities will include black powder rifles, tomahawk throwing, authentic frontier crafts and cooking, gold mining, and much more!!! The cost is \$15, which covers all supplies for all activities and a lunch on Saturday of "buffalo stew cooked on cow chips with venison garnish." Return payment to the Foster City Scout Office no later than October 25th

Lodge Officers Needed

The Lodge is seeking a Treasurer and Vice Chief of Inductions. If you are interested you should email the Chief, Nick Wilmes at
OhloneRSVP@aol.com for info.

Secrets of the Order of the Arrow revealed!

Cub Scout

The older boys that came to my pack to perform an arrow of light and bridging ceremony were dressed in Native American regalia, I sure would like to do that.

Tenderfoot Scout

As a boy scout I can now start to fulfill the requirements to qualify for the OA. I can be an active member of my troop, attend the weekend campouts and summer camp. I can live the scout oath and law in my daily life and help the younger scouts in my troop.

First Class Scout

Now that I have achieved the rank of 1st class, I can continue the OA requirements I started as a tenderfoot scout. Now I have the opportunity to be elected by my peers into the order of the arrow.

Order of the Arrow Candidate

WOW! I have dreamed of this since I was a cub scout and saw the boys from the OA perform at my pack arrow of light ceremony. What comes next is a mystery, but I am so excited I can't eat or sleep.

OA ordeal member

My ordeal was fun even though it was difficult at times, the tests and activities were a real challenge. I really feel good about myself. Now I can attend the fun activities offered to OA members like Conclave, NOAC and I can be on staff at ordeals and maybe even summer camp.

OA Brotherhood Member

Being a brotherhood member of my lodge was a choice I made and a step that I took. It was a weight I carried alone. The OA has helped me be a better Scout, in my troop/unit, at school, to my friends and helped me see the value of helping others. I really like spending time with my OA friends; we have a lot of activities and events that are educational, fun and exciting.

OA Vigil Member

As a Vigil member of the lodge it meant that my peers saw that I played

an active part in my troop/unit, in my lodge and that I performed my duties over and above what was expected of me. I kept the fire of cheerful service burning for all to see.

Scout Master or unit leader to an OA Member

The youth and adults in my unit that belong to the OA have a different attitude. They are the ones I can always count on. At one time I thought the OA would take my boys away from troop/unit activities. I was wrong. The OA has helped our camping program, our OA youth help the younger boys with camping and scouting skills and I see the OA boys on staff at our summer camps. The OA has given more to our troop/unit than it has taken from our troop/unit.

Parent of an OA Member

His room is still a mess, he still teases his sister and he acts like a boiled egg, crusty on the outside but soft in the center. The OA has made him much more active in scouts and in his school. Something is different about him; he manages his time better and follows through on difficult tasks. I like his involvement in the Order of the Arrow.

OA Adult Advisor

Youths come in all sizes, shapes and abilities. As advisors we get the honor of working with our youth and to see they perform their duties and have fun as they enjoy scouts. From the time we meet new ordeal members, boys are like diamonds in the rough. From this, until we have the pleasure of working with youth officers, we follow their growth, we share their lives. Many boys shine when given the opportunity, but some never recognize the opportunity when offered, they lack the ability to lead or the desire to serve. The ones that lead, the ones that serve, the ones that want to learn, the ones that realize that they don't have all the answers, they are the true leaders. We advisors get the privilege of working with and seeing these youth leaders shine brighter than diamonds.

Yours in brotherhood
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Find the lodge calendar, committee and village information and more!

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