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Upcoming Events

Winter, Fellowship, Fun!

February 2014

13 LEC Meeting 7:30pm
Foster City Scout Service Center

21-23 Winter Weekend Fellowship
Cutter Scout Reservation

March 2014

13 LEC Meeting 7:30pm
Foster City Scout Service Center

29 Ordeal "Downhill" Fellowship
Palo Alto Scout Center

April 2014

10 LEC Meeting 7:30pm
Foster City Scout Service Center

11-13 Spring Ordeal
Cutter Scout Reservation

25-27 W3S Section Conclave
Camp McConnell – Livingston, CA

May 2014

8 Lodge Elections & Annual Business Meeting 7:30pm
Foster City Scout Service Center

June 2014

5 Lodge Banquet 7:30pm
Palo Alto Scout Service Center

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

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in person or at
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only \$10**

What comes after the Ordeal? We spent an amazing weekend of service to our camp and inducting our new brothers into the order. It was great right? Is every OA weekend like ordeal?

While ordeal was fun, the Winter Weekend in February is better. Way better! Winter Weekend is Ohlone's "fun weekend". It is the time for all the lodge's members to head to Camp Cutter and see another side to the Order of the Arrow. A side that promotes brotherhood, fellowship, fun, and the creation of some amazing memories.

Every year at Winter Weekend Ohlone Lodge does new and cool things. At my first Winter Weekend the lodge held a casino night where the more chips you won allowed you to bid for some amazing prizes; 49er tickets, skateboards, patches. We had amazing lunches and great dinners (hamburgers, hot dogs, and cold sub sandwiches all in the same meal). Most of all though I had a fun time with my new brothers and new friends.

The last couple of years have seen some great events too. Indian handball, creating regalia for our dance and ceremonies team, patch trading. It is also a great time to meet your fellow lodge members and just have fun on a camping trip the "OA way".

So what will be happening this year you ask? Video and board game tournament? Archery? You will just have to come up to the Winter Weekend to find out. I am already signed up and so are many others because this is not an event I or anyone wants to ever miss so make sure you sign up too as I want to see you there having fun. Sign up at ohlone63.org!

Welcoming Our New Brothers - Spring Ordeal

Brothers, As you may know, the Ohlone Lodge#63 annual Spring Ordeal is coming up in April from the 11-13, just two weeks before our section conclave. Spring Ordeal is a great time to come together with your OA brothers, meet the newest members of our lodge, and learn about what's new in the Lodge. This spring ordeal we will spend much of our time getting ready for the upcoming conclave, and as such will need many people to come up and help with the effort. All those who attend will be able to get insider information on what will be happening at conclave as well as a debrief of what you can do to help.

Ordeals are where we first learn about the Order of the Arrow, and where I, personally got interested in it. It is where, at times, I have felt the most at home, despite being 30 miles into the desolate Santa Cruz Mountains. Ordeal represents a sort of break from cruel reality and I personally encourage everyone who is free to come out to Ordeal and help out and experience all that Ordeal and the Order of the Arrow has to offer. Sign up at ohlone63.org!

[2014 W3S Conclave is here](#)

That's right Ohlone! It's time for all of the great otters to register for the Section W3S Conclave on April 25-27 2014, at Camp McConnell located in Livingston, CA. The theme this year is "Band of Brothers," and this year Ohlone band together at the conclave as long as all of YOU accept Allowat's invitation to attend Conclave!

For new Arrowmen, a conclave is a super camporee where the seven lodges in the Section gather to rumble for a weekend. Now what other reasons do you have to go to Conclave? First, there will be many competitions such as Indian Handball, and we need to win back our Handball championship, so we need our fierce, buffed, and crazy otters to go win that. There will be other competitions such as volleyball, OA jeopardy and Indian Dance.

There will be a midway full of fun stuff to check out and do, as well as other special events such as shows where we can go CRAZY!

You will be able to attend Trainings, where it's not boring like real school. Ohlone can have all of these awards in the bag with one secret weapon. That secret weapon is that WE NEED to bring everyone in Ohlone to conclave, so that when an Arrowman from another lodge looks around, he/she will be surrounded by people wearing Otter flaps.

Conclave will definitely be a very memorable, fun, and exciting event and everyone should take advantage of the opportunity to go. Although we are competing with the other lodges for all of the awards, they're also nice people and it's fun to hang out with them for a weekend and the other lodges love hanging out with Ohlone, even if they're losing to us. So gear up for the always GREATEST event ever!!! And prepare yourselves to shout all weekend, "Oh-Ohlone! Oh-Oh-Ohlone!!!!!!!" Sign up for conclave at [SectionW3S.org](#)!

[NOAC 2015 – 100 Years of Service](#)

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow, and is Scouting's second-largest national event. Over 10,000 Arrowmen from across our nation gather for an inspirational and unforgettable experience full of fellowship, training, adventure, and fun!

During NOAC, Arrowmen will participate in a six-day conference which includes top notch training sessions, cool recreational opportunities, evening shows full of theatrics and special effects, and exciting programs.

The 2015 NOAC will be held from August 3-8, 2015 at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, and will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Arrowmen can travel to NOAC with a contingent from their lodge, or as a staff member supporting the thousands of Arrowmen attending in the conference.

Arrowmen attending the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference will get a once in a lifetime souvenir, a special edition red sash. These sashes will differ from those currently worn in that the colors will be reversed, with a white arrow emblazoned on a red sash. The rarity of the sash is noteworthy, as only those present at NOAC 2015 will receive them. Any extras produced will not be sold.

Don't miss out on NOAC in 2015, because the next one won't be until 2018! To reserve your spot in your lodge contingent talk to your lodge chief, lodge adviser, or lodge staff adviser today. Check [oa-bsa.org](#) for more NOAC 2015 information.

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