

News from

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Upcoming Events

October 2018

26-28 Fall Induction Weekend*Cutter Scout Reservation*

November 2018

2-4 Trail to First Class*Cutter Scout Reservation***7 LEC Meeting***Foster City Service Center***9-10 Trade-o-Ree***Palo Alto Service Center***9-11 Fellowship and Service Weekend***Cutter Scout Reservation*

December 2018

13 LEC Meeting*Foster City Service Center*

Full Calendar

<http://ohlone63.org/calendar>

Lodge Chief's Corner

By: Nolan Kowitt

The Ohlone lodge started this year with a fantastic LLD, short for Lodge Leadership Development, where we worked with the Saklan lodge to plan out our year and develop great lodge leaders. Our whole team is excited for a great year full of exciting events. From there we went on to have a fantastic NOAC, highlighted by our winning of the national Lip Sync battle and beating Saklan in basketball.

This year, our lodge is excited to be restarting the chapters program. From the Sipliskin (Discovery) chapter, we will have Brian Solomon as chapter chief and Mike Pranza as chapter adviser. From the Muwekma (Redwood) chapter, we will have Owen

Convery as chapter chief. From the Puyson (Stanford) chapter, we will have Ryan Biesty as chapter chief and Michael Wu as adviser. Additionally if you are at all interested in helping out in the lodge leadership, please contact me or talk to a lodge officer, we'd love to give anyone the opportunity to help out. We are also excited that it is Ohlone's turn to host the annual Section W-3S Conclave! Make sure you mark your calendars for that weekend, April 26-28, 2019, for an unforgettable weekend at the beautiful Cutter Scout Reservation.

Finally, we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events. Our biggest one is the fall induction weekend, October 26-28, 2018 at Cutter Scout Reservation. This will be a weekend of meaningful service and fun. If you were inducted before the spring induction, come to attain the brotherhood honor. Even if you aren't brotherhood eligible or already have brotherhood, make sure you show up for a weekend of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

Nolan Kowitt

Ohlone Lodge Chief

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NOAC 2018

By: *Andres Pranza*

This past summer 16 of our arrowmen went to the National Order of the Arrow Conference for a week over at Indiana University, Bloomington. We learned a lot and had a lot of fun doing many activities from the Spartan Race to patch trading in front of stadium where we were having shows. The classes covered things like STEM to going to the Wayfinder Festival and doing 40 sit ups for a cheerwine.



Ohlone even won the Lip Sync Competition, where the Cutter Road Otters sang the song Bye, Bye, Bye by NSYNC three times. They kept winning at each round until the finale at the Wayfinder Festival where they sang and won the entire competition.



*The Cutter Road Otters
Will Merwin, Owen Convery, and Ryan Tagawa
2018 NOAC Lip Sync Champions*

All the arrowmen who went really enjoyed NOAC and recommend to going again. The next NOAC will be in 2020 at Michigan State University. We hope you can join us in two years at the OA's biggest event.

New LEC Members

By: *Andres Pranza*

Recently we had our lodge banquet on June 7th where we elect new lodge officers every year. We had some great arrowmen nominated for each position.

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 Ohlone Lodge officers:

- **Nolan Kowitt** from Troop 321 is our newly elected Lodge Chief for the lodge. The Lodge Chief is in charge of the lodge and runs all Lodge Executive Council and lodge meetings. He represents the lodge at meetings outside of the lodge.
- **Will Merwin** from Troop 29 is our new Vice Chief of Administrations. The VCA runs all the administrative functions within the lodge like finding committee chairman and if the lodge chief can't make an event the VCA usually takes over.
- **Omar Abukhater** from Troop 75 is our new Vice Chief of Inductions. The VCI is in charge of overseeing the ordeals, ceremonies, the elangomats, and making sure ordeal members make it to brotherhood.
- **Andres Pranza** from Troop 256 is our new Lodge Secretary. The Lodge Secretary is in charge of the communications within the lodge. The secretary is also supposed to keep the minutes of the Lodge Executive Council meetings.
- **Malcolm Hall** from Troop 256 is our new Lodge Treasurer. The Lodge Treasurer is in charge of handling the money within the lodge. He is responsible for the yearly and event budgets. He is also in charge of running the lodge's trading post.

The full details are here:

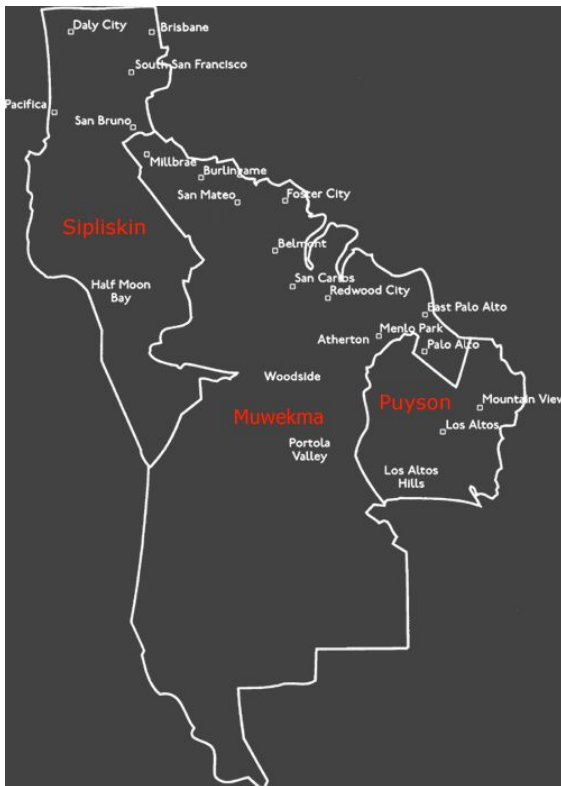
<http://ohlone63.org/contacts/lodgeleaders.htm>

Chapter Program Updates

By: Will Merwin

Hello fellow Arrowmen! As many of you know, our chapter program has not been as strong as it could be, however I am happy to say it looks like this is going to change! At NOAC this year many of us began talking about improving our chapter program, we even filled many of our positions:

- In the Puyson Chapter (Stanford District), Ryan Beisty, (a Vigil Honor Member) is the Chapter Chief; he is supported by Michael Wu as the Chapter Advisor.
- The Muwekma Chapter (Redwood District) is led by Owen Convery (also currently the Current Section Secretary) as Chapter Chief. (Adults: please let the Lodge Adviser know if you'd like to be the Muwekma Chapter Adviser!)
- Within the Sipliskin Chapter (Discovery District), Brian Solomon leads as Chapter Chief, with the support of Mike Pranza, the Chapter Adviser.



We don't have any Chapter Vice Chiefs yet but that can change because after the Fall Ordeal, the

Chapters will hold new elections to fill these positions. After the Ordeal Banquet we will have a lodge wide presentation about the OA, followed by Chapter meetings to have more focused discussion about the OA and the Chapter. We want to do this so the new members have a chance to mingle with people they already now as well as ask questions.

In the following weeks we will have our first chapter meetings, we want them to be very close to the Induction Weekend so the new members have a chance to get involved right away and not lose their interest. We want these meetings to be very fun so they can learn that the OA isn't just about a lack of food and labor. Here we would also have chapter elections that way new and old members have a chance to get involved who otherwise wouldn't. If everything went to plan we would continue these meetings monthly and they each be independent from other chapters.

Hopefully the improvement of our chapter program will improve attendance and Brotherhood conversion, making the Ohlone Lodge bigger and better in the process.

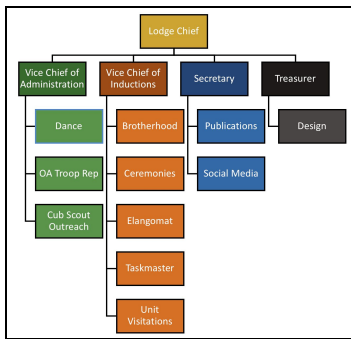
Leadership Positions Available

By: Andres Pranza

Please help make the Lodge what you want it to be! We need some new chairman to join us on the Lodge Executive Committee. Here are some open opportunities:

- Unit Visitation: coordinates a team to do annual visits to each troop to drive elections and promote camping
- OA Troop Representative: develops and trains all OA Reps in the council to improve communication with the lodge
- Social Media: run the lodge's various social media accounts
- Taskmaster: prepares for the lodge's service projects
- Brotherhood: helps guide new candidates toward getting their brotherhood
- Ceremonies: makes sure the ceremonies team is trained for all lodge ceremonies

- Cub Scout Outreach: enables the Cub Scout packs in the council in AOL and Crossover ceremonies
- Dance: organizes and maintains the Lodge's dance team
- Design: Manages creative competitions for shirts and patches
- Elangomat: makes sure the team is trained and prepared for the ordeal weekends
- Publications: drives the Otterside newsletter and the In Otter News emails



The full details are here:

<http://ohlone63.org/contacts/committees.htm>

Wanted: Native American Dancers

By: Mike Larsen

The Otto Singers and Dancers have been an active part of Ohlone since 2006. This is one of the more unique and fun traditions within the Order of the Arrow and the local community. Recently, many of the long time participants have aged out of Ohlone and have moved away. We have numerous Native American dance outfits, two drums, and a long history of participating in dance related events including conclave pow wows.

This year, we are looking to encourage all those interested in getting involved with the Dance Team. We are looking for dancers, drummers, and singers, both male and female. If interested, please contact Michael Larsen, Dance Team Adviser, at mklitesthead@gmail.com.

Patch Design Competition

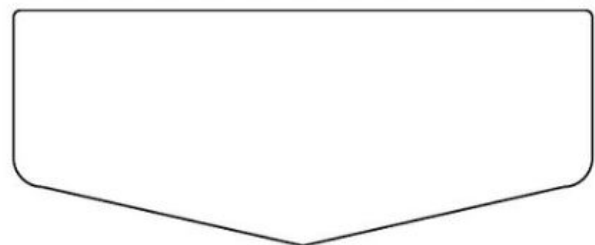
By: Holden Kowitt

My experience of patch trading at NOAC 2018 was one of the most fun experiences I have had in all of my scouting life. I took every opportunity I could during NOAC to patch trade and with that I had so much fun. I was able to learn many different strategies for patch trading and got to adjusted to what I want to collect and what I don't want to collect.

Patch trading is exactly what it sounds like, trading your patches for those of other lodges. Each lodge tries to make their patches unique and exciting so others want to get them.



We are on a mission to make the best patches and we need your help! We are hosting the 2019 Section Conclave, and we need a design ASAP! The following year will be the 50th anniversary of Cutter Scout Reservation, and we'd like to develop a commemorative flap in advance. We are happy to be announcing a patch design for these two events. If you are interested, please draw out your design within the 2"x5" flap outline and bring it to the next lodge event. If your design is selected, you'll get a free flap!



Lodge Pocket Flap
2"x5"

Trail to First Class

By: Nolan Kowitt

Building on last year's success, the Ohlone lodge will be helping to staff the council's Trail to First Class weekend! We hope you can come out and help us with this endeavor. We will be helping to train young Scouts in order to get them closer to the First Class rank. This event will be free for all the Arrowmen who participate with the Lodge in teaching one of the skills to the younger Scouts.

The Ohlone contingent will be staying in their own campsite which will likely have platform tents; please bring your own tent just in case. You'll also need the standard items -- BSA Medical Form A&B, warm clothes, 10 essentials, etc. We will be working out menus the week of October 29, so please let us know of your dietary restrictions below. We'll likely be cooking in Dutch Ovens, so let us know if you have any favorite recipes!

Note that you do NOT need to register or pay on the PacSky site if you are joining the Ohlone contingent. As a further bonus for joining us, Arrowmen will get a \$5 discount off their upcoming chapter event later in the year. These events are a great way to meet other Arrowmen from your chapter/district and council, and to have a good time.

If you can join us for Trail to First Class, please help make sure we have enough food for you by filling out the form here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ndjX5AFt8OWFuCQk2>

Trade-O-Ree

By: David Miura

The Northern California Trade-O-Ree is an Ohlone tradition. We host the two day event at the Palo Alto Service Center (1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA) each year to support fellowship within the community. Traders come from across Northern, Central, and Southern California to trade, buy, and

sell Boy Scout patches and other Scouting memorabilia. It's a lot of fun in addition to being one of the best ways to learn local and regional Scouting history.



The Trade-o-Ree opens on Friday night at 5 PM with the silent and live auctions on Saturday. The auction list and supplemental details are online here:

<http://www.ohlone63.org/calendar/tradeoree/>

We always need help with this event, so please consider volunteering with the auction operations on Saturday. RSVP to tor@ohlone63.org.

Unit Visitations

By: Will Merwin

Arrowmen love to visit units to conduct Unit Elections and promote our council camps. Senior Patrol Leaders, OA Troop Representatives, or Scoutmasters (or corresponding roles from Crews and Ships) may request an Arrowman here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/43cYfHbyKoAqkk2r2>

For those units who would like to participate, the attendance of an Arrowman from outside your Troop is required to ensure a valid election.

In advance of the visitation, members of the Unit (Troop, Crew, Ship) must prepare ballots with the names of the Scouts who meet the eligibility criteria as described below. The attending Arrowman will bring pencils and summary report forms.

National OA Policy Changes: Membership and Regalia Usage

By: Daryl Thomas

Beginning February 1, 2019, Boy Scout Troops will be rebranded as Scouts BSA and will open the membership to young women ages 11-17.

Commensurate with this change, the Order of the Arrow will enable unit elections Scouts BSA as of that date. Moreover, we will also be welcoming youth from Venturing and Sea Scout units who have earned the Discovery or Ordinary awards, respectively. We will have great opportunity to learn from these new Candidates and we will have plenty to share with them, too. The most visible early change will be the female youth at Conclave in 2019.

Membership details are here:

<https://oa-bsa.org/article/2018-membership-update>

Separately, there have been some changes in the use of Native American Indian regalia within the Order of the Arrow. The respectful use of these artifacts will continue to support the active Dance traditions and the internal Lodge ceremonies (Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil). The updated guidelines from National state that the Lodge will no longer allow the use of the ceremonial regalia outside these Lodge events. There are, however, new scripts to support common situations where regalia has been used. Specifically, Cub Scout Arrow of Light and Crossover ceremonies have been piloted by Ohlone and are available for use within the Council.

Regalia details are here:

<https://oa-bsa.org/article/official-arrow-light-and-crossover-ceremonies>

Beginning February 1, 2019, unit elections will be permitted in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout units. Boy Scout Troops may request a visitation to be scheduled at time. Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, and Sea Scout Ships may request a unit visitation now to be scheduled at any time after February 1.

The new Order of the Arrow membership requirements are as follows:

1. The Scout must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. The Scout must have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election.
 - a. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement.
 - b. The balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
3. At the time of their election, youth must hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher.
4. At the time of their election, youth must have approval of the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, or Sea Scout Skipper.
5. At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21.

Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee; contact the Lodge Adviser for details: lodgeadviser@ohlone63.org.

Lodge Adviser's Corner

By: Daryl Thomas

It is Fall, and change is in the air. Not just the leaves, not just the climate: change that will open up the Order of the Arrow to new groups of Scouting's youth members. This brings us tremendous opportunity to share and build on our traditions.

The status of the Ohlone Lodge is also changing -- and improving! in 2017 we nearly missed JTE Gold, but we are on track for that recognition in 2018. We are still seeing membership growth in both the youth and adult sectors, have had successful events throughout the year, and have a strong, trained LEC in place.

The Spring Ordeal was a great success. Many work projects greatly improved the look and feel of central Cutter Scout Reservation, particularly surrounding the Troop Services Building. Cheerful Service was plentiful, and both the camp the Brotherhood is stronger for it. Congratulations to the 37 new Ordeal and 2 new Brotherhood members who were inducted that weekend. Thanks again to Bob Marozine for providing a firm foundation and great food. We are on track to have another great Ordeal weekend later this month.

At the Banquet in June, four new Vigil candidates were called out: Jared Biesty, Owen Convery, Bryan Klech, and Deborah Quinn. All current Vigil members are invited to their Vigil breakfast during Fall Fellowship at Cutter Scout Reservation on November 10-11, 2018.

NOAC 2018 was a blast! Ohlone had 16 Arrowmen participating -- 11 youth, 3 adults, 3 staff, and 1 remote delegate. Some stories have been covered above; come to Ordeal and we'll tell you more.

There is change at the Section level, too. Last year, Ryan Tagawa was our Section Secretary; he has been succeeded by Owen Convery, who is focusing on section promotions for the 2019 Conclave and in general. Ryan is continuing in

another, possibly larger role: the Site CVC for the upcoming Conclave. He will be supported by Chris Morrison as Site Adviser.

In the 2018-2019 year, Ohlone will be preparing to host Conclave in April, 2019 at Cutter Scout Reservation. This is the main focal point for the year and has impacted our planned service projects and our schedule. Both Ordeals will be at Cutter, along with two Fellowship/Service weekends and a final Conclave preparation weekend. We're making great progress, but it will be all hands on deck for the next 6 months. Please join us! As Allowat Sakima said in the Pre-Ordeal ceremony, "Friends, *those who chose you need you.*"

Camp Oljato has also had great support from the Ohlone Lodge this year. Connor Grason returned on staff and was the camp's OA lead in 2018. Chris Morrison kept the camp running as Camp Commissioner in 2018 and will return as Camp Director in 2019. Several Arrowmen are interested in Oljato staff for 2019, but there are always good roles to be filled with additional Arrowmen -- please contact Mr. Morrison (vciadviser@ohlone63.org) if you are interested in a summer of fun!

Lastly, we have another leadership change -- we've added a new role of Service Adviser, held by Casey Inman. The goals are to promote service opportunities for Arrowmen within the Council; the tactics involve a new calendar to consolidate event details, ongoing promotion at Chapter and Lodge events, and logistical coordination for these events. We'll be starting with the traditional Ohlone events: Memorial Day Flags, Trail to First Class, the Christmas Tree Lot, and Camporee. The Lodge also worked on an ad hoc effort to support the new Sustainability project at Cutter by building new tent platforms in advance of the pilot Sustainability Camp in August.

Embrace the change!

In WWW,
Daryl Thomas
Lodge Adviser

