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OTTERSIDE

OHLONE LODGES NEWSLETTER

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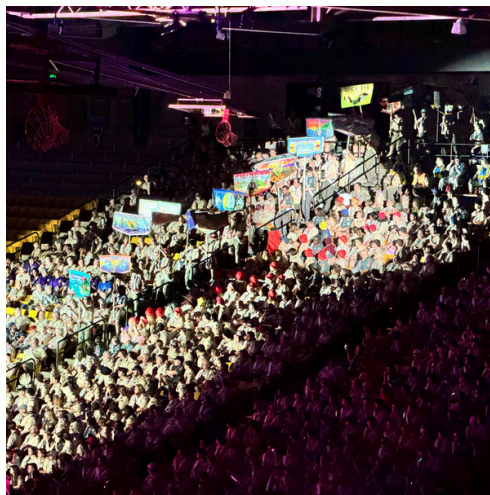
Welcome to Otterside! This is Ohlone Lodge's official Newsletter. In this edition, we'll cover everything from our ordeals to this year's 2024 NOAC which our contingent attended. Arrowman, join me and let's take a look together at these past months of service, fellowship, and new beginnings.

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Liam Payne doing BMX



All of the West Coast lodge banners walking during the opening show... including Ohlone!



Ellery Date and Sloane Smith trying out the ropes course

NOAC 2024 IN REVIEW!

This year 17 members from Ohlone Lodge traveled to Colorado for the National Order of the Arrow Conference taking place at CU Boulder. The contingent began their trip by going to the Wings over the Rockies Air and Space Museum, as well as a Butterfly Sanctuary. The week began with an amazing show that set the perfect tone for the rest of the week. Some notable activities were a ropes course, BMX, escape rooms, and lots of patch trading!

As well as the extensive activities and amazing classes one of the highlights for the contingents was the 4 shows that took place. At these shows, there were professional bands, comedians, and skits. The contingent could not have asked for a better week and are counting down the days until the next NOAC in 2027.



Find more photos on our Instagram at @ohlone63

CU BOULDER
SEEK NEW HEIGHTS

MEET YOUR 2024 LEC!

Lodge Chief



Ellery Date

Lodge Secretary



Sloane Smith

Lodge Treasurer



Owen Smith

Vice Chief of Activation



William Washington

Vice Chief of Visitation



William Bennett

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE LODGE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL?

Job Descriptions

Lodge Chief

- a) Overall responsibility for lodge operations.
- b. Preside over all LEC meetings.
- c. Represent the youth as a member of the Lodge Key Three.
- d. Approve appointments of committee chairs by Lodge Vice Chiefs.
- e. Create ad-hoc committees as needed.
- f. Serve as a member of the Council Executive Board when invited.

Secretary

- a. Responsible for keeping all records of the lodge current and accurate.
- b. Record minutes and actions at all lodge and LEC meetings.
- c. Primarily responsible for the lodge website ohlone63.org and the OA pages at PacSky.org.
- d. Oversee the creation of all publications including the official newsletter (News from the OtterSide), twice-monthly email updates (In Otter News), and weekly council email newsletter (News You Can Use).
- e. Coordinate with the Social Media Chair to promote upcoming events.
- f. Responsible for the Publications Committee of the lodge.
- g. Responsible for ensuring all publications are mailed or sent on time.

Treasurer

- a. Works with the Lodge Staff Adviser and the Treasurer Adviser to keep financial records of the lodge.
- b. Records dues and event registration payments.
- c. Prepares the annual budget.
- d. Responsible for the lodge trading post, including inventory, setup, pricing, and record keeping.
- e. Responsible for maintaining adequate inventory (sashes, books, flaps, etc.).

Vice Chief of Activation

- a. Responsible for all operational committees (Dance, Insignia/Promotions, Nominations, Cub Scout Outreach).
- b. Appoint committee chairs with approval of the Lodge Chief.
- c. Work to ensure that new Ordeal members have an opportunity to attend an event within 6 months of their Ordeal.

Vice Chief of Visitations

- a. Responsible for all lodge committees related to unit visitation (Lodge and Chapter Unit Visitation teams, Camp Promotion, OA Unit Representative).
- b. Appoint committee chairs with approval of the Lodge Chief.
- c. Create teams for hosting unit visitations.
- e. Work with Scoutmasters and SPLs to schedule unit visitations.
- f. Work with lodge leadership to conduct visitations in every unit in the Council.
- g. Report monthly unit election status at the LEC meetings.
- h. Responsible for upholding council relations and coordinating with council officials on offering OA help

Vice Chief of Inductions

- a. Responsible for all lodge committees related to the induction process (Ceremonies, Elangomat, Nimat, Ordealmaster, Taskmaster).
- b. Appoint committee chairs with approval of the Lodge Chief.
- c. Coordinate Ordeals in conjunction with the Ordeal Master.
- d. Develop and maintain programs to assure all Ordeal members attain the Brotherhood Honor.

ANY QUESTIONS? INTEREST?
REACH OUT!

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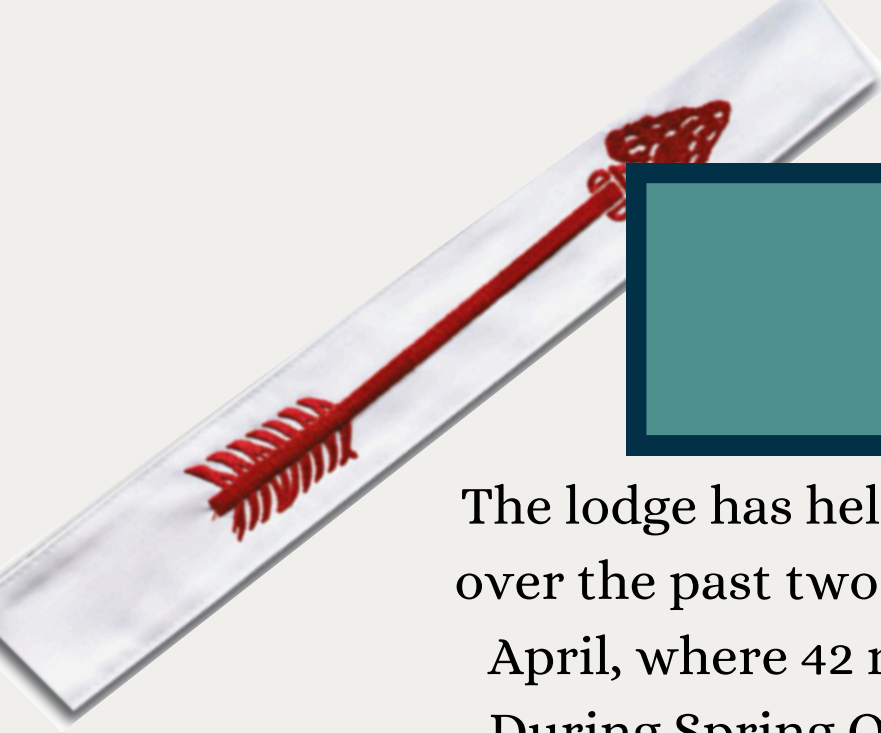
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ORDEAL

The lodge has held multiple successful Ordeals over the past two years, including one this past April, where 42 new brothers were inducted.

During Spring Ordeal scouts worked hard to prepare Boulder Creek for Conclave, a section event hosted by Ohlone this year. The lodge is now looking forward to its second yearly Ordeal this fall which will take place October 11th to 13th. Make sure to sign up now to be an elangomat or ceremonies team! Not only will you get to serve your fellow brothers at Ordeal but you have the opportunity to obtain the next rank in the Order, Brotherhood. To sign up you can check previous In Otter News, the Pacsky, or the Ohlone website.



BROTHERHOOD

Sample Letter Format

Dear Lodge Secretary:

To me, the Obligation and the Order of the Arrow means _____*.

I try to fulfill the Obligation in my troop and my life by _____.

Something I learned through the Ordeal that helps me fulfill the Obligation is _____

(explain how you practice one of the ideals of the Ordeal) As a Brotherhood member, I plan to serve Ohlone Lodge by _____

Sincerely,

Your Name

***Each blank should be 1-2 short paragraphs in the letter**

OA Obligation

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui. I will always regard the ties of Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting, and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities, and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

In addition to the letter, to earn Brotherhood you must have been Ordeal rank for 6 months as well as memorizing the obligation, song, handshake, and admonition. To find all of this information you can look at the Ohlone Lodge website in the election tab. **Ohlone63.org**



CHIEF'S CORNER

Hey Ohlone Lodge! I'm incredibly honored to serve as your Ohlone Lodge Chief for the 2024 term! My name is Ellery Date, and I'm a senior at Mountain View High School. I enjoy consuming media/relaxing with people close to me, hiking (on brand for a Scout haha), and playing tennis. I'm also a die hard fruit eater and can barely go anywhere without bringing some with me. I'm a founding member of Troop 4030 in Los Altos and earned the rank of Eagle in July of last year. I was elected and inducted into the Order of the Arrow, and I have loved my time in it. It provides me with a multitude of opportunities to engage in service, create long-standing connections with new people, and relax in nature or wherever we decide to go. I highly recommend taking advantage of said opportunities because it truly can change your life.

Whether it be through the people, the activity, or the leadership position, sweet memories, and life-changing values become instilled in you that I believe are crucial to your own development as a person. My favorite event this year has been our Section G17-S Conclave in April. Seeing hundreds of Arrowmen come together for a western-themed event was amazing. I particularly enjoyed dressing up, the Saloon, and the Friday night bash—I had some phenomenal cobbler! I'm looking forward to finishing this year strong and seeing our organization grow and improve. I'm also super excited about our upcoming fellowships! I'm so proud of this year's LEC for making the beginning of the year so memorable, and can't wait for what's next to come!