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## Spring Ordeals Acclaimed Successes!!

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Orca Lodge held its two Spring Ordeals on the weekends of June 4-6 and June 18-20.

Mow-A-Toc hosted their Ordeal at Elk River Scout Camp. Seven candidates successfully completed the ordeal, while five ordeal members earned the Brotherhood Honor. Two weeks later, Cabrosha Chapter held their ordeal at Camp Navarro. Twenty-four candidates completed the ordeal, and five members sealed their membership, and attained Brotherhood. Many jobs were completed at both ordeals and the weekends were hailed successes.

Work crews at Elk River completed several jobs around camp during the weekend. A crew installed a water pipe at camp, while another crew ran an electrical conduit from the bathrooms and showers to the fire bowl. The weekend was successful, and the jobs undertaken could not have been completed without the dedication of Lodge members.

At Camp Navarro, many projects were undertaken and completed. Teams were organized on Friday night, consisting of members and Ordeal candidates. Each team chose a job, and then worked to complete it. The tasks included cleaning the roof, gutters, and windows of Bosch Lodge, building a new trail to Bosch Lodge, creating a foundation for the new barbecue, emptying and then moving the recycle bins, weeding at the waterfront, and cleaning the roofs of Shannon Lodge and the staff cabins. Other projects undertaken were the cleaning of the McComb chapel, erection of a



Kitchen / Main Hall at Elk River Scout Camp

new sign at the camp entrance, and the resurfacing of tables in Bosch Lodge. Everyone was occupied at the ordeal, and worked to complete the jobs. Members praised the Ordeal as one of the most productive in years. In addition to the twenty-four Ordeal candidates, about 50 members attended the weekend.

A big thank you to **Mr. Hannan** and **Mr. Delgado** for providing excellent meals at both Ordeals (and a extra special thanks to Delgado for his omission of five dozen eggs at Navarro).

Congratulations to the following members who sealed their membership during the Spring Ordeals: **Edward Gee, Gavin Gee, Jim McCarthy, and Mike O'Neill** at Navarro and **Scott Alto, Sam Aronson, Curtis Aultman, Ku**

**Lee, and Steven Sandelin** at Elk River. We look forward to even more members attaining the Brotherhood Honor during the Fall Ordeals. If you are an Ordeal member, for at least ten months, who has continued in active service to your troop, then you are eligible. Why don't you review the requirements and seal your membership in the OA this fall?

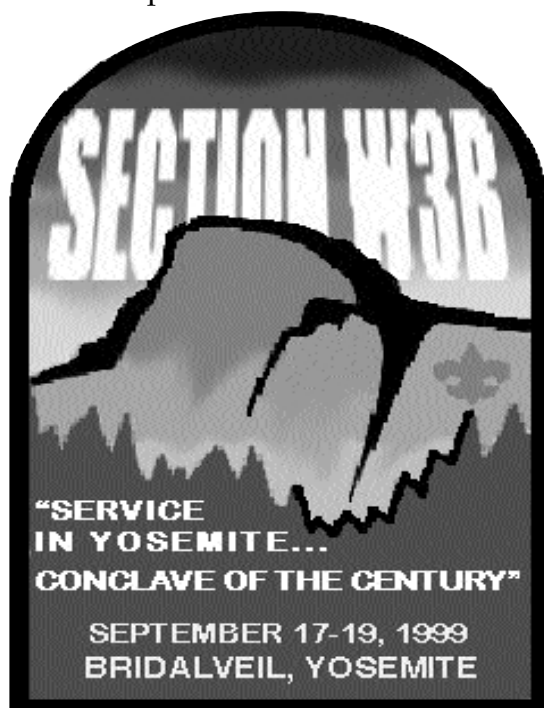
Cabrosha Chapter will hold their Ordeal on the weekend of October 15-17, while Mow-A-Toc Chapter will host their Ordeal on the weekend of November 5-7. Look for a sign-up sheet in this edition of the *Orca Spouts*. Hope to see all of you there.

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## 1999 Section W-3B Conclave to be Held at YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

This year, Section W-3B will hold its conclave at Yosemite National Park. The conclave will be held from Friday, 17 Sept. to Sunday, 19 Sept. 1999, and will feature lodges from around the section. The conclave features a large service project. The project will involve clearing brush and plants along a four-mile section of trail. This service project will take place on the valley floor, in view of Half Dome and El Capitan. The National Park Service has said that this will be the largest group ever to undertake a service project in Yosemite. The conclave will also feature the usual activities, as well as competitions.



The cost for the weekend is just \$28.00. The National Park Service has limited the number of participants to five hundred. There will be no on site registration. Be sure to mail in the registration form enclosed in the June/August issue of *The Shaft...* or if it is after September 1st contact your Lodge Chief for any last minute spaces.

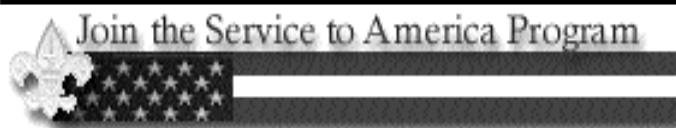
Bridalveil Creek campground is located at approximately 7200 feet, 27 miles from Yosemite valley. It is a few miles east of Badger Pass Ski Area. Registration at the conclave will take place from 5-1 a.m. on Friday, and from 7-9 a.m. on Saturday. Please leave early enough to allow for driving time, and drive carefully. Hope to see as many arrowmen from Orca as possible.

## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

While many of you were enjoying the sun this summer, Orca Lodge sent 4 representatives to Colorado State University in Fort Collins, to learn about the changes in store for the Order of the Arrow. Attending were Lodge Chief, **Jason Yarnall**; Vice Chief, **Daniel Dukeman**; Adviser, **Greg Hannan**; & Chapter Adviser, **Dave Dukeman**. Also attending from Orca, but representing *Section W3B* were **Matt Dukeman**, CVC of Program (serving on Staff); **Ray Leonard**, Section Adviser, & **Bruce Mayfield**, Associate Section Adviser.

While there were many facets of change, the emphasis was placed on 4 areas: 1) *New Role of the Section* - The section will be assisting lodges throughout the year, not just at Conclaves; 2) *OA Troop/Team Representative Program* - See article elsewhere in this issue; 3) *Quality Lodge Program* - Changes to requirements, notably an emphasis on Community Service, not just Scouting Service; 4) *Lodge Leadership Development* - This is a completely new package including CD Disk & Course Booklet to effect better training/development on the lodge level.

It looks like an exciting time is in store for the OA as we move into the next century. You will be hearing more details in the next few months. Stay tuned or ask one of your Lodge representatives for further information.



## Patch Opportunities

### Get Your 1998 NOAC Patches

For all of you who haven't purchased the full-pocket, two-piece NOAC patch, there are still a few available. By order of the Lodge Executive Board the price has been reduced to \$5.00 for the top and \$2.50 for the bottom. A Great Deal!! They will be available to purchase at both of the Fall Ordeals. Supplies are limited, so hurry!





Order of the Arrow

ORCA LODGE #194

1999 Annual Registration Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Clan \_\_\_\_\_

UnitNo. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ BusPhone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Honor & Dates:*

Ordeal \_\_\_\_\_ Brotherhood \_\_\_\_\_ Vigil \_\_\_\_\_

Vigil Name \_\_\_\_\_ English Translation \_\_\_\_\_

Offices, Awards and Notes \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Collected By: \_\_\_\_\_ At: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check or money order out to Orca Lodge / B S A**

***Please, do not send cash!!***

# To Do Your Due-ty...

Arrowmen, we are still collecting dues for the 1999 year. If you have not paid already, LAST SPRING was the time to turn in your \$8.00, and participate in all of the activities the rest of this year. Fill out the attached form, NOW, and mail it to the Lodge Treasurer. Pay your dues, NOW, to avoid being dropped from the mailing list of members when we recharter...and you wouldn't want to miss out on several thought-provoking issues of the Orca Spouts, the official newsletter of Orca Lodge, not to mention a spiffy, shiny, brand-new membership card. **What a deal!**

***Please fill out the above and mail with payment to:***

Will Keaney, Orca Lodge - Treasurer  
C/O Redwood Empire Council, Inc.  
Boy Scouts of America  
2240 Professional Drive  
Santa Rosa CA 95403

***Thanks!!***

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Presents

the Fall

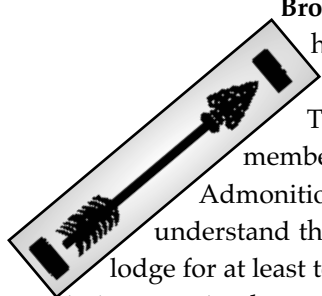
# Ordeal/Workpartys

**Camp Masonite Navarro**  
**October 15-17**

**Elk River Scout Camp**  
**November 5-7**

It's that time of year again. Orca Lodge is once again holding two Fall Ordeals this year. Cabrosha Chapter will be hosting their Ordeal at Camp Masonite Navarro on the weekend of October 15-17. Three weeks later, on the weekend on November 5-7, Mow-A-Toc Chapter will be holding their Ordeal at Elk River Scout Camp. These Ordeals should be similar to ones held in the past. There are many service projects to complete at both camps, as well as a variety of other jobs. A *Brotherhood Review* session will be offered at each Ordeal, for those who wish to seal their membership in the order. Be sure that you attend one of the weekends, and participate in the Fun, Service and Fellowship. Return the enclosed registration form to the Santa Rosa Council Office no later than Friday, October 9 (if attending Masonite Navarro) or Friday, October 30 (if attending Elk River). Anyone with questions about either Ordeal, can call Jason Yarnall at 268-8558 or Greg Hannan at 433-4632.

For all of you who are Ordeal members, and wish to seal your membership in the Order, *NOW IS THE TIME*, **Brotherhood Reviews** will be offered at both of the Fall Ordeals. For those Ordeal members who have been in the Order for at least ten months, you now have the opportunity to achieve the Brotherhood honor.



There are *five steps* that a Brotherhood candidate must complete in order to become a Brotherhood member. The first of these steps is to memorize the signs of the Order (including the Obligation, the Admonition, the song, the handclasp, and the sign of Ordeal membership). Next, the candidate must understand the Ordeal that he has passed. The candidate must also be involved with his troop and with his lodge for at least ten months. The Brotherhood candidate must also formulate a plan on how he plans to serve the lodge. Lastly, the Brotherhood candidate should review what he has learned, by writing a letter. This letter should state how the candidate feels about all of the above steps for membership. It should clearly explain what the Obligation means, and how the candidate plans to serve the lodge. Don't be afraid, with a little effort and the Review session, you too can join the honor of Brotherhood.

Now is the time to start studying for the Brotherhood Review. It is also the time to begin to think about your long-term service plans towards the lodge. Brotherhood is not for everybody, but for those who truly wish to seal their membership, it is the ideal goal.

Hope to see all of you there!

←----- Fall Ordeal Registration Form -----→

Mail this form with your check payable to *Orca Lodge / BSA*. and mark it for *Fall Ordeal*

**Orca Lodge / Fall Ordeal**  
**Boy Scouts of America**  
**2240 Professional Drive**  
**Santa Rosa CA 95403**

*The costs for the event are as follows:*

*\$10.00 for members (food)*

*\$20.00 for Brotherhood Candidates (food and Sash)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

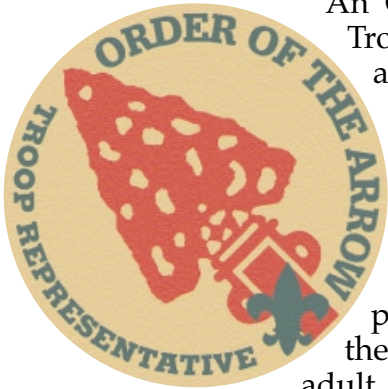
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Honor \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the following Ordeals: Masonite Navarro \_\_\_\_\_ Elk River \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending to attain Brotherhood \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# OA Troop Representative

Hey guys! A new position has been created and was introduced at the '99 Summit. This is an important new part of the OA and I'm sure many of you will want to become Troop Representatives. As follows are the details.



An Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge and/or chapter and his troop. In his troop, he serves as a communication and programmatic link to the Arrowman and to adult leaders and Scouts

who are not presently members of the Order. He does this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge and purpose of the Order. By setting a good example, he enhances the image of the Order as a service arm to his troop.

### *OA Troop Representative Duties:*

- \* Serves as a communication link between the lodge or chapter and the troop.
- \* Encourages year round and resident camping in the troop.
- \* Encourages older Scout participation in high adventure programs.
- \* Encourages Scouts to actively participate in community service projects.
- \* Assists with leadership skills training in the troop.
- \* Encourages Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop.
- \* Encourages Arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in the lodge and/or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.
- \* Sets a good example
- \* Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- \* Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and OA Obligation

\* Shows Scout spirit

### *OA Troop Representative Qualifications:*

- \* Under 18 years old
- \* Appointed by SPL with SM approval
- \* OA Member in good standing

*OA Troop Representative Reports To:*  
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

## Letters to the Editor

*To all members of the Order of the Arrow,;*

My most sincere thanks and hats off to the team that did such an outstanding job, at Camp Masonite Navarro. The Spring Ordeal of June 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> will go into the books as one of the most productive in a long time.

There was so much going on that I could not keep track of it all. From the repair of the sign at the camp entrance, the weed removal around the rifle and archery range, the cleaning off of the roof on Bosch Lodge, the preparation for the new barbecue, a new handicap access ramp into Bosch Lodge, work in the nature glen, all the buildings getting their roofs cleansed, weeds whacked on the waterfront, screens repaired and windows washed and someone said that we have a bunch of tables that were repaired. I know that other things were done, and I don't mean to slight anyone, but so much was going on that I just could not keep track of it all. I did not hear a single grumble, except from yours truly, because of lack of sleep. The effort that was put forth exemplified the spirit of the Order of the Arrow—service to others.

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Redwood Empire Council, a most sincere thank you, each and every one. We have one of the finest camp facilities that I have seen. The work that the Order of the Arrow put forth last weekend will help to maintain it [Camp Navarr] so that it will continue to help young men grow into fine citizens with good memories of their days at Camp Masonite Navarro.

*Lee O. McCann*

Vice President  
of Camping  
Redwood  
Empire  
Council



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