



ORCA SPOUTS

2012 Spring Ordeal A Weekend of Service

June 15-17 at Camp Masonite Navarro



We will be holding our Spring Ordeal June 15-17 at Camp Masonite-Navarro. As we plan to have a larger than normal group of Ordeal candidates this year, your help with these events is even more critical than usual if we are to make this a meaningful experience for those candidates. The cost for this event for members will be \$30.00, which includes your meals for the weekend from Saturday breakfast through Sunday Breakfast. Dues for current year are just \$15.00, which must be up to date and may be paid at camp.



Whether you completed your Ordeal last year and are now a Brotherhood Candidate, or if you completed your Ordeal thirty years ago, the Ordeal is an event for everyone to participate in. There is work to be done, fellowship around every corner, and lasting memories to be made. Make sure that you do not miss out on making the Ordeal a memorable experience for all of our new brothers!



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Ordeal Registration — Cut and Mail Today or Register on line at www.orca194.org

Mail this form with your check payable to BSA/Orca Lodge #194, and marked "Spring Ordeal"

Orca Lodge #194/Spring Ordeal
Boy Scouts of America
1000 Apollo Way, Suite 106
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Cost of the Ordeal is \$30.
You will also be able to pay your \$15.00, 2012 dues at the Ordeal.
Questions? Contact Mike Bell 527-6282/mikebell055@comcast.net

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Clan: _____ Honor: _____

I will participate in the Brotherhood Hike

Event Code 2371

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____



Adviser's Minute

With the transfer of Mow-A-Toc Chapter in January, Orca Lodge became a one Chapter Lodge. That is just not right. I believe the lodge will need to revise

the lodge by-laws for the 2nd year in a row. Some of the changes we should be thinking about will involve both youth and adults stepping up to the plate to fill leadership positions in three chapters, Miwok Chapter (Miwok District), Won-Ka-Tonk Chapter (Pomo District) and Allohak Chapter (Yokayo Logger District). Each Chapter will have its own Chapter Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary and Adult Adviser. The Chapters will form a partnership with its District to promote and assist with its camping programs. The Chapters will hold meetings as necessary to fulfill their obligations to their Districts, Councils and Lodges. It would be great if the Chapter Adviser or one of his associate advisers would commit to the District Camping Chairman Position.

Along with the idea of having three chapters comes the notion that there also should be committees on both

the Chapter and Lodge levels. These committees could consist of Activities, Ceremonies, Program, Membership, News Letter/Communications, Finance, Inductions, Service, Camp Promotions, and Unit Elections. The committees are ran by the youth and guided by an adult adviser. Think about what direction you would like to put more effort, time and ideas into helping your Chapter/Lodge move forward, onward and upward.

These ideas may seem a bit scary to most of us. We never want to commit or leave our comfort zone. So just think about change, it will come. Look at the lodge By-Laws, they are on our Orca Web Page <orca194.org>, see if there are changes you may want to recommend to strengthen our commitments.

Yours in Brotherhood
Mike Bell

MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS



May 28th was another beautiful morning in Santa Rosa. You have to get up early to appreciate how great it can be at 6 AM, before the heat of the sun breaches the eastern horizon, drinking cocoa/coffee and eating donuts at the Santa Rosa Memorial Cemetery. Assembled this morning is a group of local members of Orca Lodge to once again assist the Veterans, their families, local Boy Scout Troops and Packs, and other members of the community in posting 1,000 flags for Memorial Day. The process starts with a group distributing 10 foot metal flag poles to their posting sites. While this is going on everybody else is helping to load pick-up trucks with the flags which are stored at two separate lockers. From the trucks they are distributed through-out the cemetery, snapped to its pole, and posted.

These flags are special; they are donated coffin flags which are donated by veteran's widows/widowers when their husbands/wives pass on. Each flag has a Veterans name and a number on it. The number designates the flag to a certain location in the cemetery, this way the family members know its location and can visit it every year.

Getting back to the day's events. The flags are posted in the morning. It may take 2 hours at the most. Your breakfast coffee and newspaper will still be home waiting for you

when you get home. If you want to assist in taking the flags down, that process starts later in the afternoon and is the exact reverse of the morning program and is followed by a BBQ.

These flags look glorious waving in the breeze during the 10 AM Memorial Day Service. This year's speaker was Terry Hart, her son David was a past member of Orca Lodge. Since I actually knew the speaker, seen her sun faded green picture mounted on the post office wall every day along with our other service people, I was compelled to attend the services. Terry is a Chief Warrant Officer in the Army Reserves, has served in both Iraq and Afghanistan and has earned the Bronze Star. Her speech covered the time she served, the people she knew, her Dad, and those who did not come back home. She had a lot of us tearing up. She reminded us all that Memorial Day is about remembering and paying respect to our soldiers who did not get to return home to raise their families and go to work every day, not really about family barbecues.

Anyhow, next year plan on coming out and helping. It does not have to be the Santa Rosa Cemetery. Maybe there is something happening similar in your town which your local OA members can gather and help give service back to the community.

Story by Mike Bell



Pictured are: Bill St. John, Chas Christianson, Greg Forrest, Mike LeRoy, Jack France, Mrs. LeRoy, Jason Kracht, Jeff Forrest, Mike Bell, and Terri Forrest



Meet our New Orca Lodge Staff Adviser

On May 15, Daniel Hemphill arrived in Santa Rosa to become the Redwood Empire's newest District Executive and our Lodge Staff Adviser. Wasting little time, that night he attended his first Miwok District meeting. In fact, Daniel will be Miwok's District Executive and will

work with Danielle Ing for Yokayo Logger District.

Daniel is new to Professional Scouting, so try to break him in gently. But don't worry about being too soft, he has a lot of experience in Scouting and comes armed with a Bachelor's of Business Administration: Emphasis in Enterprise Management from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

I was fortunate enough to work with and see Daniel in action at Family Camp during Memorial Day Weekend. He is easy to get along with and quick to jump in and help. I guess this is only natural, as Daniel is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member. His most recent position in the OA found him serving as Elangomat Committee Chairman for three years in Tamagonit Lodge (Heart of America Council). Should you think that sounds easy, you have to realize the size of the lodge he served. Daniel was responsible for the organization, scheduling of work, safety and well-being of anywhere from 100 to 450 volunteers. Orca Lodge will seem like a piece of cake in comparison!

I guess it goes without saying he must have some computer skills to keep all this organized and communicated to the arrowmen of his lodge. He is certified in Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Oriented in Microsoft Access. He further has many years of experience with Microsoft operating systems, including XP Professional, Vista, and Windows 7 Professional..I know who I'm calling when I need some software help next time. To further enhance his communication skills, Daniel is proficient in conversational Spanish.

When not Scouting, Daniel enjoys Swing Dancing and was very involved in the management of the Swingsters of Kansas City. We wish Daniel all success toward getting Orca Lodge and the Redwood Empire Council in step and dancing real soon!

Story by Bruce Mayfield



Camp Masonite Navarro Sold

*The following excerpt was first published in the **North Coast Scouter** and reprinted here for those that may not have seen it.*

...Our Board of Directors has had the responsibility of weighing the benefit to Scouting of Camp Masonite Navarro against the cost of maintaining the large property. On average, over the last three or so years, approximately 11% of the council's units have utilized the Masonite Navarro property in any way. With the cost of maintaining the property nearing \$45,000 per year, the realization that not enough Scouts use our property to warrant the expense, became painfully clear.

Due to many of our board members having attended Masonite Navarro as a youth and, now with their children, it was with heavy hearts that the camp was put up for sale. After one year and three offers later, Camp Masonite Navarro has been sold to Northwest Stewards, LLC.

The camp was sold to them for \$1.9 million. We will receive \$100,000 promissory note on Monday (April 2012) and an additional \$200,000 at the close of escrow in September. The Council will carry a note for the remaining \$1.6 million for which we will be paid \$80,000 in interest (5%) each year for ten years. It will be paid on August 1st of each year. If the note is extended for a one-time five year period, the buyers will pay \$100,000 on the principle and \$105,000 (7%) a year in interest for the five year extension period.

In addition, Northwest Stewards, LLC will work out a long-term use agreement whereby Council shall enjoy ongoing use of the camp for years to come. The use agreement with associated terms and conditions to be detailed in a separate agreement entered into by both parties before the close of escrow. In the meantime, our full 2012 camping season will happen as planned.

We can also take new reservations for this period until escrow closes in September of this year.

The Northwest Stewards, LLC was chosen for their proven track record for being excellent stewards of the properties they already operate and the fact that they have a common mission with the Boy Scouts of America-to provide camping and outdoor education opportunities to the public. More details of the agreement will be available on our website as they develop.

The proceeds from the sale of camp will be used to retire our debt, increase services to Scouts through outreach programs, increasing unit-serving staff, camperships and scholarships and program support. Amidst all of these changes, the Board of Directors continues to work with the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to determine the business model that will best facilitate service to Scouting in the Redwood Empire. Partnerships and mergers are both being considered and studied by a task force made of Redwood Empire and Marin Council Scouters. We will continue to make the best decisions possible for Scouts and Scouters of Mendocino and Sonoma Counties through January of 2013. We hope that by then, solutions will have been found and agreed upon by the Redwood Empire Council Board of Directors, the Marin Council Board of Directors and the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The sale of Camp Masonite/Navarro is not a time of celebration as we ALL loved the camp. It is where my son cemented his resolve to become an Eagle Scout as did so many young boys before and after him. Masonite/Navarro is steeped in memories for all of us. But, camping at Masonite/Navarro is not over as the Council will still be using the facility to deliver camping for Scouting Families for years to come.

We ask for your continued support of Scouting in your unit, your district and the Redwood Empire Council. We thank you for being a Scouting parent, a volunteer and a donor in our council. We have a great history of volunteerism and Scouting Spirit of which each of you should be proud. It is with this spirit and pride that I hope you will join us in leading the 2,054 youth of the Redwood Empire Council into a bright future.

Yours in Scouting,

Herb Williams, Council President



Order of the Arrow
ORCA LODGE Redwood Empire
 Council, No. 41
 2012 Annual Registration

Date _____
 BSA Rgstr No. _____
 Unit No. _____

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: _____

Event Code 2371

Talent Release Form

I hereby assign and grant to the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me this date by the Boy Scouts of America, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Yes No

I understand that, if any information I/we have provided is found to be inaccurate, it may limit and/or eliminate the opportunity for participation in any event or activity.

Participants Name: _____

Participants Signature: _____

Parent/guardian's Signature: _____

(if under the age of 18)

Date: _____

Important - Make and keep a copy for yourself before returning

Dues are \$15 per member

Checks payable to: BSA/Orca Lodge #194

Completed forms should be mailed to

Orca Lodge Dues

Redwood Empire Council

1000 Apollo Way, Suite 106

Santa Rosa, CA 95407-5442



2012 CONCLAVE

“Firm Bound in Brotherhood”

Presented by

Section W-3N - Order of the Arrow



September 14th – 16th, 2012

At B.S.A. Camp Marin Sierra *

To be held at the beautiful Boy Scout Camp Marin Sierra

Unless you happen to live at 2,500 feet elevation, this is the great outdoors in the Sierra mountains. The trees are tall, Chubb Lake is full, there are galaxies of stars at night time, and the fun will be great from morning to night. You will be sleeping in your tent. Meals will be provided for you. Just come and have fun !



What is an Order of the Arrow Conclave and why should you attend?

A Conclave is a gathering of the O.A. members in all of the lodges in a Section. You will have fun with over 400 other honored campers just like you. There is Saturday morning training like leadership, American Indian culture and crafts, outdoor skills training including GPS navigation, tomahawk, firearms safety and camp games. The afternoon is full of fun and games as well as patch trading and just hanging out with new friends. There is a fantastic show in the evening.

← Oh, that cool patch? It's yours for attending!

REGISTER SOON (the sooner, the cheaper) at www.sectionw3n.org

- \$20 for New Youth Arrowmen (Ordeal after Sept. 9, 2011)
- \$30 before June 1
- \$35 June 1 through August 26
- \$45 August 27 through Sept. 9th
- \$50 Sept. 10th through Onsite

Are you Brotherhood eligible?



There will be a Brotherhood ceremony for you at Conclave.

* Camp Marin Sierra is off of Hwy. 20 near the intersection with Hwy. 80, approximately 27 miles east of Grass Valley. Car pooling is encouraged. See <http://sectionw3n.org/conclave.php> for what to bring.

Questions: contact Mike Bell, Orca Lodge Adviser at 572-6282 or email to mikebell055@comcast.net



PROJECT 2013

@the 2013 National Scout Jamboree

Project 2013 is recruiting 700 Arrowmen to serve on the Order of the Arrow staff at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. Project 2013 will be comprised of three groups including the Jamboree Trek Guides, Day of Service Guides, and the OA Service Corps. All three groups will support a variety of new and traditional activities at the jamboree site. This will be the largest OA Service Corps contingent in history and the Order is looking for the best Arrowmen in the organization to join Project 2013. Plan to attend NOAC 2012 and sign up as a Project 2013 participant. Please note that attendance at NOAC, although preferred, is NOT a prerequisite to be on the Jamboree staff.

The Project 2013 Corps will be structured similar to a lodge with program leadership and chapters. The Project 2013 will be a youth run program at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree led by Order of the Arrow leaders from around the country.

In addition to providing cheerful service,



Project 2013 Corps members will be able to participate in evening recreation, visit jamboree program areas, staff the jamboree arena shows, and meet Arrowmen from around the nation. Since 1950, the Order of the Arrow has been supporting the National Scout Jamborees through the OA Service Corps. The corps is led by youth members of the Order of the Arrow who are responsible for planning and carrying out the responsibilities of the corps at the jamboree.

Requirements:

Arrowmen must meet the following requirements to participate in Project 2013:

- Must be 16 years of age, but not older than 20 years of age, by July 15, 2013
- Must be physically fit
- Preference will be given to Arrowmen who will be a Life or Eagle Scout by the start of the Jamboree
- Need approval from their lodge adviser
- NOAC Training:



At the 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference, there will be special half day training for Project 2013 Corps members. This half day event will focus on developing the corps for 2013 and will include special guest speakers. Attendees will receive a special recognition at NOAC.

If you are interested in serving on the Project 2013 Corps, please fill out an interest form to receive more information as it is made available at: <<http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/jambo2013/project-2013-interest.html>>.

Redwood Empire Council Jamboree Registration is Open

July 9-24 2013

The Redwood Empire is taking applications for the Council Troop headed to the 2013 National Jamboree. The Council has planned 5 days exploring the East Coast including the Statue of Liberty, Gettysburg and Washington DC before joining the Jamboree at the new Summit Bechtel Reserve!

You can join the Redwood Empire Council National Jamboree Troop for the first National Jamboree at the newest high-adventure camp, in West Virginia on July 9-24, 2013. The cost is just \$2,950 per scout, total!



There are a few requirements:

- Applicants must be at least First Class Scouts.
- Must be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree or an 11 year old that has graduated the 6th grade, but has not reach their 18th birthday by the last day of the jamboree.
- Be approved by the unit leader and the local council
- Participate in a pre-jamboree training experience.
- Submit a Jamboree Personal Health and Medical record with

the Council Jamboree Committee before the pre-jamboree training.

There is a \$200 deposit with application and after that a quarterly payment schedule. Applications can be submitted on-line at <BSAJAMBOREE.ORG>. You can get more information at the website or call the Council Office at 546.8137... do it today....It's not to late to make the trip of a lifetime, National Scout Jamboree 2013!



NOAC 2012 IT'S ALMOST HERE

United, We Leave a Legacy.

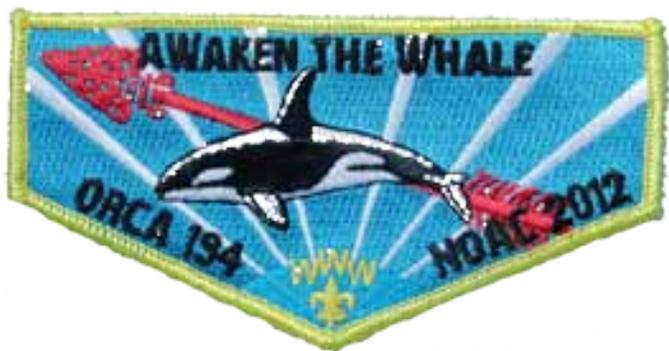
Hey you, yes you, the Arrowman reading this. You need to be going to Michigan State from July 30 to August 4. Many of you have already signed up for the best NOAC that has ever happened, but if you haven't, there is still time! If each of you convince one Arrowman to go with you to Michigan State University, they will thank you forever. Why would anyone spend more than one hundred dollars to go to an OA event? The answer is that NOAC is better than any other OA event. You have Arrowmen from around the nation training many different classes. You have the best ceremonialists and dancers performing. You have awesome activities like Founder's Fair, which showcases the best that Arrowmen can bring from around the nation. Regionball, which is NOAC's version of Dodgeball is epic! NOAC has an inspiring side as well as a fun side. It motivates you, as an OA member, to go back to your lodge and accomplish more than you ever thought possible. It gives you the tools you need to be better in your lodge, as

2012 NOAC PATCHES

They are almost here.

The patch on the top is the standard issue patch. It will be available to any lodge member for \$5.00. Arrowmen who are attending NOAC may purchase this patch for \$2 each until August 4th (the end of NOAC)

The patch on the bottom will be for the NOAC contingent, and will have a rivet on it which is not shown here. NOAC participants and Staff can purchase up to 5 each (and NOAC attendees from the Mow-A-Toc Chapter can purchase up to 3 each) for around \$5 each. There is a limited number of both patches, so get 'em while you can. These are sure to go fast!!



2006 Orca lodge Contingent with Spartacus. Will you be there this time?

well as better in your personal Scouting life.

Orca Lodge has a rich tradition of sending a small but hearty and fun loving group to every NOAC. Many of our members return time and time again, both as participants and as members of the staff. This year is no exception, with 12 participants already signed up. In addition, we are sending another 5 on staff for a total of 17...not to shabby for small lodge in the wild, wild west.

And, it is not to late to get in on the fun...but it will be soon. Contact Mike Bell at 527.6282, <mikebell055@comcast.net> TODAY!

Once you attend, you will see why everyone raves about NOAC. Come to NOAC 2012 to have fun and be inspired! NOAC 2012 is my next stop, is it yours?



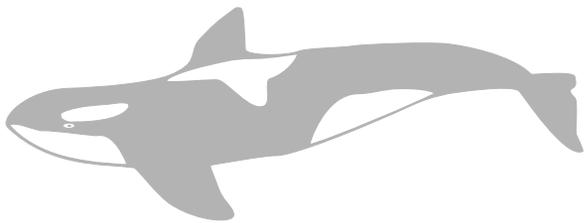
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Orca Spouts is a quarterly publication. We will email all four issues, two of which will be mailed out. We welcome all submissions, both articles as well as photographs. Sending articles and digital photos via email is highly encouraged. All photos welcomed. The deadline for submissions for the next edition is Sun., August 20th. Send articles and photos to:
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Dates to Remember...

June 14 Cabrosha Chapter Mtg/Santa Rosa Scout Office 7:00

June 15-17 Lodge Spring Ordeal/Camp Masonite Navarro

July 12 Lodge Executive Board Meeting

July 30 - Aug 4 2012 NOAC / Michigan State U - East Lansing, MI

Aug 9 Cabrosha Chapter Mtg/Santa Rosa Scout Office 7:00

Aug 11 Section W3N COC Mtg/On Site Camp Marin Sierra

Aug 18-19 26th Annl White Water Raft Trip/American River

Sept 13 Cabrosha Chapter Mtg/Santa Rosa Scout Office 7:00

Sept 14-16 Section W3N Conclave / Camp Marin Sierra

Oct 11 Cabrosha Chapter Mtg/Santa Rosa Scout Office 7:00

Oct 12-14 OA Sponsored/Council wide work party, CMN

Oct 26-28 Lodge Fall Ordeal/Camp Masonite Navarro

Nov 8 Cabrosha Chapter Mtg/Santa Rosa Scout Office 7:00

Nov 9-11 NLS/NLATS, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA

Nov 17 Annual Lodge Dinner and Excecutive Board Meeting

Dec 13 Cabrosha Chapter Mtg/Santa Rosa Scout Office 7:00

Dec 15-16 Vigil Dinner and Ceremonies / CMN

July 15 - 24 2013 Jamboree/The Bechtel Summit - West Virginia

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