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2013 Jamboree

“The 2013 Jamboree will be a historical scouting event with 40,000 scouts and leaders from all over the country this July in West Virginia. Troop A448 is 36 scouts and 4 adults from the Redwood Empire Council headquartered in Santa Rosa, CA.” - *Troop A448, the local Jamboree troop’s facebook information panel.*

“The Summit is the Boy Scouts of America’s newest High Adventure Base & home of the National Scout Jamboree.” - *Betchel Summit Reserve’s Twitter information.*

Both Jason Kracht and Bruce Mayfield worked on OA staff at this year’s Jamboree.

Jamboree was quite fun. While some of us served on Staff (sorry if we didn’t get to come see you!), most of us were part of the participating group.

The participating group went on a tour of Philadelphia, New York City, Washington D.C., and Gettysburg. The tour was lots of fun - we got to see locations that we had only ever seen in pictures or heard about before.

Arriving at the Jamboree site, we all unpacked and enjoyed Alpha camp. The showers were “ambient” ground temperature, and the campsite was all nice and fresh. The zip lines, mountain bikes, barrels (gun range) and all other activities were pretty well managed. Upon “relocation” to Foxtrot, we experienced free power, personal troop bathroom, and a great view. There was a lot of walking from anywhere at the jamboree. The weather was very stormy, humid, and hot. Mr. Hatch cooked food for the Jambo troop. The food, while it would have otherwise been horrible, turned out very nice thanks to his efforts.

Right: Western Region patch wall. ORCA is in the lower right, though it is too small to see.

Full size image at:

<http://oa.igloo22225.net/patchwall.jpg>



Right: Drew Davidson pointing out ORCA on the NOAC 2015 poster.

Left: Zoom in on ORCA on the poster.



Conclave 2013

“One Arrow To Guide Us All”

This year our Section W3N Conclave is a week earlier than usual due to the Air Show in Reno. But, it is back in Nevada, where Tannu Lodge lives and thrives. The exact location will be at Churchill County Fairgrounds in the city of Fallon.

The Conclave this year will be unlike any other. It will mix the old favorites with a creative sprinkling of brand new innovative training programs and competitions. The Conclave will be a unique experience. As we mentioned, this Conclave will be part training, part Jamboree, part Scouting Reunion and all party. It will be the premier Order of the Arrow event with 350 members from Northern California and Nevada. Learn SCUBA, rock-climbing, swimming, play games, try your hand at Native American crafts, and sit back and enjoy the shows.

This year's Conclave starts September 6th, Friday night, and runs through September 8th, Sunday Morning. It will be an action packed weekend including the elections of new Section Offices, Vigil Re-dedication and awards presentations.

How do you get to Conclave? Usually you know someone else who is going and get a ride with them. But, if you need a ride we will do our best to back-fill those seats of the adult drivers who are attending with our youth who want to attend. Or, you can convince your parents to go to Reno for the weekend. That way they can drop off you and your OA buddies at Conclave. If you need a ride please call or e-mail Mike Bell, 527-6282 or mikebell055@comcast.net.

Register now! Go to: www.sectionw3n.org
\$25 for new Youth ordeal members
\$40 for all other OA members



June Lodge Fellowship

Orca Lodge June Fellowship

June 15th turned out to be a bright sunny day, just the right kind of day to hold our Lodge Executive Board Meeting and follow it with a Lodge Fellowship. We managed to get the business of the meeting out of the way and before we moved into the fellowship part of the day we all enjoyed a marvelous tri-tip lunch with assorted side dishes and desert. The Fellowship itself consisted of an action packed Volleyball match which lasted until everybody tired. The balance of the youth was huddled around Jake Slater and his computer. The day was over by 2 PM with everyone on their way back to their homes.

It was a good meeting, good food, and good fellowship. All this and you also got to do it with your best friends.



A Notice from the Chief

Have you ever thought about staffing a camp? Personally I hadn't, but when I saw an opportunity to staff our council's camp I decided to give it a try. Camp Noyo is a small camp compared to some I have seen but it was the most fun time I have ever had at a scout camp. Not only are the staff a blast but the campers were extremely enthusiastic in everything; even the no paddle canoe races! The purpose of Noyo seems to be having the best time one can have. Almost every night there was a competition between the campers and the staff. They also had one night where everyone has an "out of camp experience." This might involve a canoe trip or a hike to a place where you and your group spends the night. For the OA we had an OA day which included a service project and a call-out ceremony. I loved every bit of Noyo and I recommend it to every troop out there. I also recommend being on staff. Not only do you get to have even more fun but you can earn merit badges if you are a counselor in training (CIT). Camp staff is well worth any person's time. Trust me.

ORCA Lodge Facebook

Did you know that Orca Lodge has a Facebook group? This group is a way for you to keep in touch with your friends that you have made at various Order of the Arrow events. In addition, announcements of upcoming Lodge and Section events are frequently posted on this group.

This will also be a place where you can share the great things that you are doing in Orca Lodge with brothers across the country, and so that members of Redwood Empire Council can see what great things you are up to.

If you want to join our Facebook group, please go to: <http://goo.gl/BO6hxx>, or search for "Orca Lodge #194" on Facebook.



ORCA Lodge Calendar

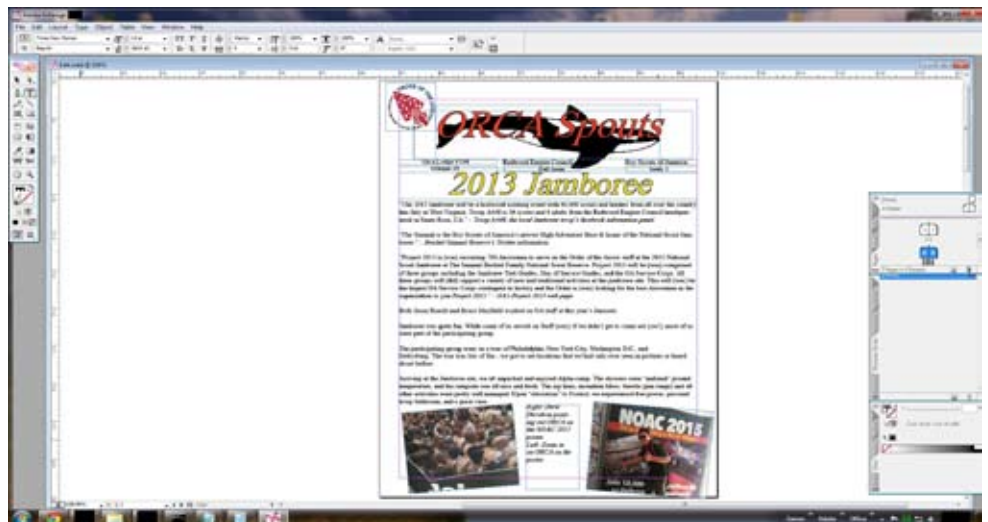
Orca's remaining Calendar for 2013

- Aug. 10 W3N Section COC Meeting on site at Fallon, NV
(everyone involved with Conclave planning needs to attend)
- Aug. 24 Orca Lodge Executive Board Meeting
(Lodge & Chapter Officers & Adviser need to attend this meeting, site to be announced)
- Sept. 6-8 Section W3N Conclave at Fallon NV, this is a yearly gathering of the Sections five Lodges, Register now at www.sectionw3n.org
- Oct. 25-27 Fall Ordeal at Camp Navarro, every Orca member is invited to attend the Ordeal in order to learn more of the mysteries of the OA, fellowship, and to welcome our new members into the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service
- Nov. 9 Annual Lodge Dinner & Executive Board Meeting, all lodge members, family and friends are invited to attend our dinner, learn more of coming events, wonderful meal, youth and adult recognitions, election of new lodge officers, and the announcement of our new Vigil Candidates. Site to be announced soon.
- Dec. 14-15 Vigil Dinner and Ceremonies at Camp Navarro, all Vigil members and candidates will Be sent invitations to attend this event.

A Request from the Secretary

As I have recently been writing the newsletter, I have discovered something. The newsletter has become routine to write. Well some might see this as a good thing, I see it as a problem - that means that the newsletters are getting to alike. I will be working on improving the newsletter in the future (and for any later secretaries). However, I'm not the best with coming up with what we should add. If anyone has any ideas, please e-mail me at ideas@oa.igloo22225.net. I really could use some new, fresh ideas - if anyone has any, please contact me.

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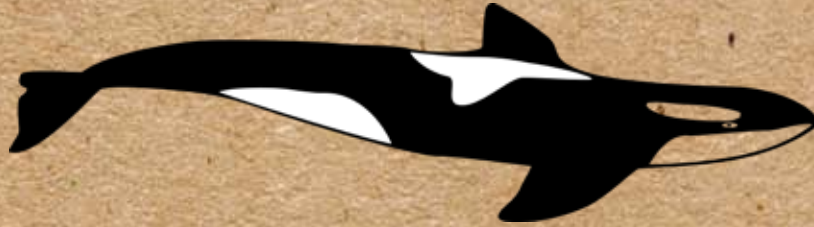
Mario Delgado

Our good friend Mario Delgado who was born January 21, 1940 in San Francisco, California, and passed away on July 16, 2013 he was 73 years old. He leaves behind his wife Beth, two sons Mario Paul and Marcus, and two daughters and grandchildren. Mario started in Scouting with his boys where they were active in Troop 21 in Healdsburg. Mario went through the Order of the Arrow ordeal on June 4, 1993 eventually attaining the Vigil Honor on December 14, 1996. His Vigil name was Amangi Gebtschaat Najundam (Clown Who Carries A Load). He cooked in the kitchens at Camp Masonite Navarro and at Camp Riggs Johnson for Ordeals, Vigil weekends, and at Conclaves. He was awarded the Silver Fluke in 1997; he was also a recipient of the James E. West Award in 2006. He always had a mischievous smile on his face and you never knew what he was going to say or do. He was always there to lend a helping hand for whatever was needed; no job was ever too big or too small for him to volunteer for. Mario was a veteran of the United States Navy. His cremated remains will be interred at the Veterans National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. If you all would take the time to bow your heads and say a little prayer for Mario it would be greatly appreciated as he will need all the help he can get as his journey continues. Farewell my brother you will be missed.

- Gihim



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