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Ordeal Cancelled

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the California Inland Empire Council has decided to cancel the Fall Ordeal planned at Camp Emerson for August 14-16. Our first priority is the safety and health of our youth and adult members. After careful consideration we have determined that an in-person Ordeal, even with social distancing restrictions, poses too great a risk for the spread of COVID-19.

We realize this is disappointing for the youth and adults who were looking forward to being inducted into the Order in August. We are working with national Order of the Arrow leadership to determine a safe way we can induct all candidates as soon as possible.

Thank you for your hard work electing new candidates for our Order and preparing for the Ordeal. The success of our lodge is vital to the success of our council and Cahuilla Lodge continues to receive national recognition for excellence. I look forward to joining you in welcoming our new members soon.

WWW,
Matt Myers
Scout Executive/CEO
Supreme Chief of the Fire



Induction Date Extension

Due to the cancellation of many induction events, candidates that were elected after February 1, 2019 will have 24 months from the date of election to complete their ordeal. This change is in effect until otherwise notified that we will go back to 12 months.



Online Elections

Due to the Covid-19 quarantine restrictions, Scouting in person came to a halt. Most Troops moved to an online format for their meetings and the Order of the Arrow followed.

We still had elections to complete and so the LEC decided that having an easy to use online election portal to simplify the process was needed.



Since the portal was brought online there have been 20 virtual elections. Here is the breakdown of how many youths have been elected using the virtual elections.

A-tsa – 11 Navajo – 33 Serrano – 2 Tahquitz – 6 Wanakik – 9

That's 61 additional youth elected and eligible for the Order of the Arrow.

Also due to the special circumstances we are facing, those elected this year have 24 months to complete their Ordeal.

Remember you have until August 1st to schedule a virtual election with one of your units.

Chapters - If anyone has Chapter news or other articles they would like to see in The Call, please contact your 3rd Vice Zac Paquett.

We are always looking for updates on what you are doing at the Chapter level.

Get all the latest updates and more at <http://www.snakepower.org>

National Day Of Remembrance

A Day of Remembrance, Memorial Day 2020

A National Day of Remembrance was a nationwide collaboration between Scouts BSA and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Scouts were asked to salute the US flag and say the name of a fallen veteran at 3 pm on Memorial Day. This was to be a surrogate to placing flags on Veterans Graves on Memorial Day due to social distancing and rules against public gatherings during the coronavirus outbreak.

The members of Cahuilla Lodge answered this call by hosting a National Day of Remembrance on social media. This was a live video stream featuring scouts from across the Inland Empire Council saluting our nation's flag and saying the name of a fallen veteran. The scouts featured were from Ontario, Desert Hot Springs, Bermuda Dunes, Jurupa Valley, and Indio. The last scout shown on the video played taps on their trumpet... LIVE.



Special thanks to all the OA members and Scouts that participated in special addition to a National Day of Remembrance.



News

Operation Arrow Opportunities

From July 21st - 30th, 2021, Scouts and Scouters from across the nation will attend the 2021 National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve. Along with them will be hundreds of volunteers from the Order of Arrow helping out as part of Operation Arrow.



Although the OA has had a role in supporting the national jamboree since the 1950's, 2021 will be our biggest initiative to date. If we are to accomplish this goal, we must have a wide range of Arrowmen from across the nation volunteer.

Youth Arrowmen who participate in Operation Arrow will have three separate options for service they can choose from. The first option is to be a member of the Service Corps, which for the past 18 Jamborees has worked tirelessly to complete numerous projects. The Service Corps is divided into chapters to complete daily tasks while demonstrating cheerful service! The second option is to work on the Activation Team, which serves as a new area that will work on ways to invigorate all Arrowmen. The OA Activation Team will host live interactive experiences and community engagement in order to energize our future Arrowmen and spread the virtues of brotherhood and cheerful service. The third choice is to serve as part of the Conservation Team, which in partnership with the US Forest Service, the Conservation Team will lead units in conservation-based trail building and repairing. This is a perfect fit for those who love to get their hands dirty and make a direct and positive impact on their surroundings.

More Information at: <https://oa-bsa.org/article/operation-arrow-opportunities>

LODGE DUES

Don't forget to pay your 2020 Lodge dues.

Choose Golden Arrow and all your Lodge events for the year are included.

(Ordeals - Fall Fellowship - 2021 Banquet)

With active membership, you are entitled to attend all functions of the lodge appropriate for your honor level. It also entitles you to wear your OA flap.

**WEAR THE
FLAP**

**PAY THE
DUES**

Chapter News

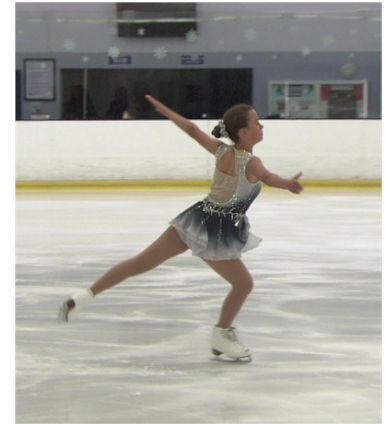
Aca Chapter

Since the quarantine that was instituted at the beginning of last March, scouts have been left bereft of the scouting experience including fun activities at troop meetings and camporees. Taking inspiration from troops that pioneered virtual campouts, the members of the Aca Chapter began holding monthly virtual campfires over Zoom.

The first virtual campfire was held in early April and the theme was ghost stories. Named Scream Night, this virtual campfire featured scouts telling their favorite ghost stories either live or via pre recorded video. The turnout was incredible with almost 100 people watching.



In late May the second virtual campfire was held and the theme was a talent show. With a dozen video submissions, Scouts showcased their talent with acts as varied as musical performances, figure skating, and gymnastics. Lodge leadership participated as judges.



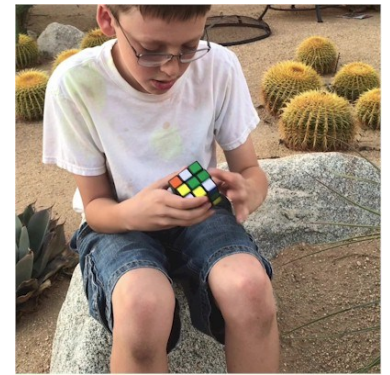
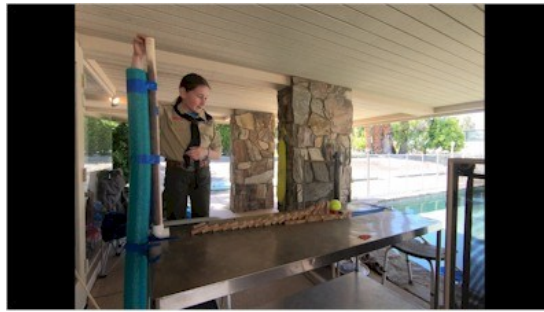
With this successful theme, the idea was presented to hold a virtual campfire featuring adult leaders showing their talents. In mid June the third virtual campfire premiered with the adult talent show theme. Adult Scout leaders were showcased with acts featuring magic tricks, telling jokes while jumping on a pogo stick, and playing a saxophone.



The monthly virtual campfires have been a successful addition to the scouting program during this time of limited scouting activities. This shows how our Scouting community can quickly adapt to the challenges posed during the coronavirus outbreak. The next virtual campfire will be a lodge-wide event so stay tuned!

Chapter News

Aca continued



Serrano Chapter

During the past three months we have been doing consistent chapter meetings talking about the recent events and what we are going to do as most of our activities were being canceled. We figured out how to do callout practice and have been trying to figure out an activity we can do with our local scouts. We are almost done with our unit elections we are just waiting on a few troops. We are trying all we can and hope we can get over this virus as soon as possible.

What is the National Leadership Seminar?



The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend conference focused on the skills and attributes of leadership.

The program enhances the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community.

The weekend format complements the longer, more detailed Junior Leadership Training program (for youth) and Wood Badge program (for adults).

During the seminar, participants make a contract with themselves to apply the skills learned on projects in the lodge, council, and community.

NLS prepares Arrowmen to become better leaders both within and outside of the Scouting program.

If you missed registering for the April NLS at the Irvine Outdoor Education Center, you can still go later this year.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the April NLS has been rescheduled to October. If you registered, you are automatically registered for October.

This is a great opportunity for Cahuilla Arrowmen to attend a relatively local training.

See the lodge website for more information and links to registration

Experience one of the many OA High Adventures next summer.

Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime to experience one of the high adventure bases as an Arrowman.



Check out the OA High Adventure opportunities and more.

Talk to your Lodge Chief about Region and Section Scholarships.

<https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure>

National Order of the Arrow Conference

Due to current circumstances and out of safety 2020 National Order of the Arrow Conference has been cancelled out of concern for all of the attending Arrowmen, as well as the Michigan State University and East Lansing communities.

Contingent members and staff will receive a full refund of all conference fees paid to-date to the national Order of the Arrow office, including the non-refundable deposit. Contingent refunds will be issued as credits to our council.

For more information visit oa-bsa.org

NOAC Update



MOMENTUM

Connect virtually with Arrowmen from across the nation for inspiration, training, and competitions in an event like no other!

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Aug. 4th-6th

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LAUNCH

Want to participate in an exciting national event this summer without leaving the comfort of your home? We encourage you to join Arrowmen from across the nation for Momentum: Launch, a unique virtual event experience taking place August 4th-6th. Momentum: Launch is more than a virtual program, it's a fully interactive and engaging event experience that will launch the momentum our organization needs to continue filling its purpose during the new normal we find ourselves in.

Participate in games, activities, and competition with Arrowmen from across the nation. Learn from highly qualified trainers about interesting topics—both in and out of the OA. Ask questions to a panel of OA national officers. These opportunities and more will be available to participants of Momentum: Launch!

[More Information](#)

Register Today at <https://registration.oa-bsa.org/>

January

11 Saturday - Lodge Banquet
 23 Thursday – LEC @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center
 26 Saturday - W-4S COC

February

1 Saturday - Council Recognition Dinner @ Moreno Valley Conference Center
 8 Saturday – Vigil Reunion Breakfast @ Hometown Buffet Rialto
 27 Thursday – LEC @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center
 22 Saturday - University of Scouting @ Riverside Central Middle School

March

14 Saturday - Eagle Scout Dinner (**CANCELLED**)
 26 Thursday – LEC @ ~~Jack Dembo Council Service Center~~ (Video Conference)

April

3-5 Weekend – NLS @ OC Outdoor Education Center (Rescheduled to Fall)
 23 Thursday – LEC @ ~~Jack Dembo Council Service Center~~ (Video Conference)

May

1-3 Weekend – Spring Ordeal @ Emerson (**CANCELLED**)
 15-16 Fri/Sat – Memorabilia Auction @ Riverside (**Moved to online**)
 28 Thursday - LEC @ ~~Jack Dembo Council Service Center~~ (Video Conference)

June

6 Saturday - National Trails Day @ Online
 25 Thursday – LEC @ ~~Jack Dembo Council Service Center~~ (Video Conference)

July

23 Thursday - LEC @ ~~Jack Dembo Council Service Center~~ (Video Conference)

August

2-8 Week – NOAC @ Michigan State University (**CANCELLED**)
 4-6 Weekdays—Momentum @ Online
 14-16 Weekend - ~~Summer Ordeal @ Camp Emerson~~ (**CANCELLED**)
 27 Thursday – LEC @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center

September

24 Thursday – LEC @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center
 25-27 Weekend - ~~Adventure Weekend (Saturday)~~ (**CANCELLED**)

October

9-11 Weekend - Section W4S Conclave @ Camp Tahquitz
 17 Saturday – BLM Service Project @ TBD
 22 Thursday – LEC @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center

November

6-8 Weekend - Lodge Fall Fellowship @ Camp Emerson
 19 Thursday – LEC (3rd week) @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center in Field Staff Area

December

4-6 Weekend - LEC Retreat – LLD for New Officers Location @ Emerson
 17 Thursday - LEC (3rd week) @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center in Field Staff Area

Order of the Arrow Plan for supporting our Lodges while emerging from Shelter in Place

As our communities begin to emerge from sheltering in place and we adjust to our new “normal,” the Order of the Arrow will seek to help Lodges re-engage in their activities, support their Boy Scout council, and provide cheerful service to their communities.

Goals and Objectives of this plan:

- Provide lodges with suggestions and support to maintain an active, robust program that will attract membership participation
- Maintain a priority for compliance with BSA and local health and safety guidelines
- Focus on meeting the needs of the youth membership by providing structured activities that appeal to their desire for fellowship and fun while remaining consistent with our core principles and purpose.
- Continue our focus on enhancing membership.

Maintain a sense of optimism as we develop a pathway that will ensure the future growth and relevance of the OA within Scouting and our nation.

Our Six Point Plan

1. Communicate with our leadership/membership
 - a. Message our Plan to Lodge key three in advance of the first National Message
 - b. A National Message delivered once every month
 - c. Publish a model checklist and calendar of actions for the next six months at the chapter, lodge, section, and regional levels. Recognize this is a model, and individual lodges will develop equally as robust models that fit their geographic and council specific needs.
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 - a. Modify our traditional calendar of events to focus on unit elections and inductions in the months of June through December
 - b. Objective, every unit will have or had an election in 2020
 - c. Objective, every Scout elected will be able to be inducted
 - d.
 - e. Create expanded opportunities to Induct adult unit leaders
 - f. Form a task force to explore and recommend opportunities
 - g.
 - h. Advance the roll out of the induction’s portal
 - i. Lodge training made available for use as soon as possible
 - j.
 - k. Support our existing Arrow membership with engagement tools to keep them active
 - l. Launch an online Arrow Training program
 - i. Include a range of age appropriate online programs, with an emphasis on what will engage youth Arrowmen at certain ages
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 - ii. The Order of the Arrow will encourage INNOVATION. Guided by and in accordance with the Guide to Safe Scouting and the Order’s Ten Induction Principles, encourage lodges to be innovative through these challenging times.
 - a. Encourage them to find ways to conduct summer and fall activities, with emphasis on inductions
 - b. As always, lodges need to ensure alignment of plans with their local Staff Adviser. The National OA Director and Assistant Director can help vet any ideas or plans, as such support is warranted.
 - c. Idea Sharing: lodge will be asked to voluntarily share successful innovations with others, through the national social media platforms and the monthly national communication webinar / events.