

# Cahuilla Lodge Newsletter

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## Lodge Banquet

On January 11, the Evergreen Masonic Center buzzed with excitement as ninety-eight attendees came together to celebrate the wonderful achievements of the Cahuilla Lodge. Guests had a fantastic time at the banquet, where they could capture fun moments at the photo booth, participate in both silent and live auctions, and cheer on the numerous award recipients. The 2025 Lodge officers were also sworn in, including Lodge Chief Alexander Yau, 1st Vice Aaron Truax, 2nd Vice Matthew Dewitt, and 3rd Vice Andrew Lyman.



## Lodge Leadership Development

The 2024 and 2025 youth leaders of the Cahuilla Lodge came together for the first session of the Lodge Leader Development (LLD) at the Reach Out Community Center in Jurupa Valley. This is an annual conference in which the groundwork for the upcoming year is planned. Scouts learned valuable skills like backdating, communication, and much more to help make 2025 even better than last year.



## Amboy Crater Service Project

December 7 was the annual Mojave Desert Service Project at Amboy Crater. This is a yearly service project hosted by Cahuilla Lodge in coordination with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as a part of National Public Lands Day. Fifty scouts and BLM staff came together to build almost a mile of trail through rough basalt outcroppings and desert sand. This crew of scouts was so hard-working that they completed the entire trail in only 3.5 hours. THAT'S FAST! The trail will serve as a nature trail to educate the public on the area's natural wonders and geology.



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# Chapter Highlights



## A-tsa

A-tsa chapter had a blast decorating floats for the New Year's Day Rose Parade, and even got the opportunity to volunteer in the world-renowned event.



## Serrano

On February 15, Serrano Chapter enjoyed a fun two-hour ice skating session before visiting a local skate shop to check out new gear. They then headed to Wendy's, where they ate, relaxed, and played video games together.



## Wanakik

Wanakik chapter was busy cleaning up the Chapter house, and sorting through all the excess gear. They also plain on painting it and making many refurbishments, which will benefit everyone, not just their chapter.



## Tahquitz

In February, the Tahquitz Chapter crafted their own warrior sticks, known as "Coup Sticks" by Native Americans. Used to touch enemies without harm, these symbolized honor and respect. Members customized theirs with feathers, bells, charms, and wood burning.



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# Upcoming Events

## Spring Ordeal



Current members who have paid their dues can register to attend the spring ordeal as general members or elangomats. Elangomats serve as friends to the Ordeal Candidates during the ordeal, guiding them through the various challenges. If you have been an ordeal member for at least six months, you can seal your ties of brotherhood by completing the brotherhood requirements (found on [Snakepower.org](http://Snakepower.org)). Registration should be completed no later than March 30th.

## National Trails Day and Spring Fellowship



Don't miss our annual National Trails Day Shoreline Cleanup and Cahuilla Lodge Spring Fellowship at Lake Perris SRA on Saturday, June 7. This event is open to all OA members, scouts, and scout units including packs, troops, crews, and ships as well as OA. The service project will begin at 7 AM at Lake Perris where we'll be picking up trash along the shore of the lake. Some lucky scouts will be able to paddle kayaks or canoes out to Alessandro Island to collect trash in the reeds adjacent to the shoreline. At noon we'll be winding down the service project and starting the afternoon fun with the Cahuilla Lodge Spring Fellowship. There will be lunch, games, kayaking and canoeing, competitions, and more. Registration will be released on [Snakepower.org](http://Snakepower.org) closer to the date.

## Section G18s L.I.F.T Training

Join us for the Section G18S LIFT Conference, a day of training, networking, and fellowship. Our goal is to equip lodges with the tools and skills for success. This event features new sessions tailored to your lodge's needs, helping you excel in your role and enhance the member experience. The event is free for all Arrowmen and will be at Cerro Villa Middle School on April 12, from 8:30 AM to 5 PM. Registration can be found at <https://sectiong18s.oa-bsa.org/>.



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