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Spring Ordeal

April 5th marked the first Ordeal Induction weekend of the year at beautiful Camp Emerson, and what a weekend it was! A total of thirty-four dedicated candidates completed their Ordeal and officially joined the Order of the Arrow, while seven committed Arrowmen earned their Brotherhood. Even though nighttime temperatures dropped into the brisk mid-30s, spirits remained high and the sense of camaraderie was undeniable. The energy throughout the weekend was electric, with everyone working together toward a common purpose.

Collectively, these incredible individuals contributed an astounding 794 hours of cheerful service to the camp—an inspiring start to the year and a true testament to the power of teamwork and servant leadership.

Congratulations to all of our newest brothers! We can't wait to see you at future events as you continue your journey in the OA.



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Lodge Events

National Trails Day Service Project Spring Fellowship

On June 7th, scouts gathered at Lake Perris to give back to the community through cheerful service. They walked along the picturesque shoreline, collecting trash and debris to make the lakeside a more enjoyable place for everyone to relax and hang out. A few scouts also had the chance to take kayaks to an island in Lake Perris and clean up trash on that beach and in the water. The scouts donated countless hours of service to Lake Perris, demonstrating their ongoing commitment to cheerful service to others. The Cahuilla Lodge is very proud of all the hard work scouts put into cleaning the lake.

Later, the scouts wound down at the beach, where they enjoyed a variety of activities, such as playing in the lake and kayaking along the shore. They also savored delicious food while resting in the summer sun.



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Wanakik

In April, the Wanakik Chapter enjoyed selling pancakes at the Riverside Show and Go car show. Arrowmen helped to serve pancakes, sausage, and beverages to attendees and raised funds. They served over \$1000 worth of food in only 3 hours! Arrowmen who participated also had the opportunity to view the numerous classic cars at the show and speak with the various experts present. Alongside the car show, Arrowmen were able to help out with the Cub Scout pinewood derby event, getting the chance to show what the Order of the Arrow is to the people of Riverside.

Tahquitz

Following the Spring ordeal, Tahquitz chapter planned events to give all of the new arrowmen a warm welcome to their chapter. They hosted a taco night in May, where they enjoyed delicious tacos courtesy of their adult leaders and fellowship with their new friends.

Tahquitz also held an OA scouting event for food on April 16. The OA showed their cheerful service by helping out their meeting place at the Murrieta United Methodist Church and donating food that they needed for their food pantry, which will go back and support the less fortunate of their community.



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A-tsa



Over the past few months, A-tsa Chapter members have enjoyed a variety of exciting themed meetings and meaningful service projects. In April, they explored the spirit of the frontier with a pioneering-themed meeting that featured gold panning activities and lessons about early American settlers. May brought a lively circus-themed gathering, complete with games, challenges, and a festive atmosphere that encouraged fun and fellowship.

Beyond the themed fun, the chapter also gave back to the community by cleaning a local hiking trail. Their cheerful service helped improve the outdoor space for others to enjoy, showcasing their commitment to the values of the Order of the Arrow.

Serrano

Serrano chapter has been working with their new arrowmen to help them along their journey to seal their ties of brotherhood, and to help them earn the first-year arrowmen award (info for both available on snakepower.org).



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Upcoming Events

Registration Link



Flyer



August Ordeal

Registration for the Ordeal Induction Weekend can be completed online through the council website (available on Snakepower.org). All participants must pre-register by August 4th; no walk-ins will be accepted. The ordeal will take place at Camp Emerson from August 8 to 10. Meals are provided throughout the weekend, except on Friday evening. If you need special accommodations or have dietary restrictions, contact Lodge Adviser Cynthia Blessum at adviser@snakepower.org. Current members who have paid their dues can register as General Members or serve as Elangomats—Arrowmen who guide Ordeal Candidates through the induction process. If you've been an Ordeal member for at least six months and have paid your 2025 dues, you're eligible to seal your membership by registering as a Brotherhood Candidate. All attendees must bring a complete BSA uniform, OA sash, BSA Health Form parts A & B, and camping essentials including a tent, sleeping bag, warm clothing, and work gloves. Brotherhood requirements and a full packing list are available via Snakepower.org.

Conclave

Conclave is a section-wide event where the Cahuilla Lodge participates in training, activities, and competitions alongside the Puvunga and Wiatava Lodges, all of which comprise Section G18s. There will be enjoyable activities for Arrowmen of all ages and abilities to ensure that no one is left out of the fun.

This year, Conclave will take place at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center from August 22 to 24. The registration cost is \$65 per person (both youth and adults), but there is a discounted rate of \$55 for first-year Arrowmen (those who were inducted in 2025). Please ensure you register before August 11th, as prices will increase to \$85 per person after that date.

The event handbook and all other relevant information can be found at <https://g18s.oa-scouting.org/conclave/>.

We hope to see you there!

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**BACK TO THE ARROW
SECTION G18S CONCLAVE**



BACK AT THE IRVINE RANCH
OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER AUG 22-24



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Upcoming Events

Fall Fellowship



Fall Fellowship is an exciting event filled with activities, competitions, and various trainings. Arrowmen will enjoy a fun weekend at Camp Emerson from September 12-15. Additionally, Lodge Elections will occur during the Fall Fellowship. If you are interested in running for a lodge position, please fill out the candidacy form available on Snakepower.org, under forms > General. Registration details and event specifics are still being finalized, so stay alert for updates when this information becomes available. Information will be sent out via email and available on Snakepower.org.

Adventure Weekend Fundraisers & OA Island



Every year at Adventure Weekend, the Cahuilla Lodge organizes a pancake breakfast fundraiser to take place during the council's Adventure Weekend event this September. The lodge will need assistance preparing food, serving food, and cleaning the pavilion for the pancake breakfast in the morning and the hotdog/hamburger dinner in the evening. Throughout the day, the lodge would also like to host a camp promotion booth, so we will need volunteers for that as well. Additionally, the OA will be hosting OA Island, filled with displays for all scouts to enjoy. Every arrowman is welcome to help out, so if you wish to support and promote the lodge, please be sure to attend Adventure Weekend on Saturday, September 27th. See you there!



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