

2006 Plan Booklet



Orca Lodge #194
Redwood Empire Council



Chief's Column

Hi, my name is Patrick O'Neill. I was elected in November at the Lodge Dinner to be your Lodge Chief for the 2005-2006 year.

I was inducted into the Order in June of 2000 and was excited to become involved with this organization. At first the only thing I truly wanted to do was Ceremonies and becoming a part of a dance team. But that changed in December of that year when I was elected to become the Miwok Clan Vice Chief. The following year I was elected to be the Miwok Clan Chief. There I was given the task of organizing the Clan to help with the Miwok



District Camp-o-ree and to put on our Akela Festival for the Webelos, I was also privileged to attend the 2002 NOAC and the National Leadership Seminar which really inspired me to go beyond the Clan level of leadership.

In 2003 I was fortunate enough to become the Cabrosha Chapter Chief, and was determined to get the chapter back on its feet. For a year I served as both the Cabrosha Chapter Chief and Miwok Clan Chief, and learned from that to never bite off more than you can chew, but came away from that year with a rich experience and was able to go again to the 2004 NOAC. In November of 2004 I was elected to my first Lodge position as the Orca Lodge Vice Chief and I had hoped to leave my days of holding two offices at once. But low and behold, in January of 2005 I was honored to be elected to serve not only Orca but 5 other Lodges as the 2005 Section W3B Vice Chief, which I still am today.

At the National planning meeting in December of 2005 Orca was one of ten Lodges selected to receive a *National Service Match Grant* which will help fund the construction of a shower house at Camp Riggs Johnston. Orca was also one of many Lodges to become a Quality Lodge.

2006 looks to be a great year for Orca Lodge. We have another National Order of the Arrow Conference to prepare for, and of course another of Section W3B's *first and best* Conclaves in September. There will also be a National Leadership Seminar opportunity for those members of the Lodge who are looking to become future Leaders.

Brothers, as I have stated before, become involved. This organization is one of the best in the world and it is here for you, the youth members, and cannot survive unless its members are active. Orca Lodge has been around for 12 years and is still very strong and I feel our future is going to be even stronger. I look forward to meeting you, the lodge members, and look forward to serving you as your 2006 Lodge Chief.

Yours in Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service,
Patrick O'Neill
2005-2006 Orca Lodge Chief

The Obligation

I do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout,
that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve
the traditions of the Order of the Arrow,
Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui.

I will always regard the ties of brotherhood
in the Order of the Arrow as lasting,
and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit
even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities,
and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies,
to be unselfish in service and devotion
to the welfare of others.

The Official Order of The Arrow Song

Firm bound in brotherhood,
gather the clan
that cheerful service brings
to fellow man.
Circle our council fire,
weld tightly every link
that binds us in brotherhood,
Wimachtendienk.

Purpose of the Order of the Arrow

To recognize those campers - Scouts and Scouters - who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition.

To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.

To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.

To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Orca Lodge Rules

I. NAME AND AFFILIATION

A. The name of the Redwood Empire Council Order of the Arrow Lodge shall be Orca Lodge #194, which in the language of the Tlingit Native American tribe means killer whale.

B. Orca Lodge #194 shall be affiliated with the Redwood Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America, under the administrative authority of the Scout Executive. The Lodge will also be under the supervision of the Council Camping Committee and the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow. Further, the Lodge will be subject to all regulations as contained in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

C. The totem of Orca Lodge #194 shall be the killer whale.

II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

We, of the Orca Lodge #194, Order of the Arrow W.W.W., in order to recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves as to warrant such recognition; to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit; to promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp as directed by the Council Camping Committee; and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others, do hereby ordain and establish these Lodge Rules for the Orca Lodge #194, Order of the Arrow, W.W.W.

III. LODGE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

A. The Lodge may schedule the following events:

1. Lodge Officer Retreat
2. Lodge Fellowship
3. Vigil Weekend
4. Annual Lodge Banquet

All events must be pre-registered through the Council Office.

B. The Lodge Executive Committee may schedule Lodge General Membership meetings as necessary. Each youth member of the lodge shall have a vote of matters brought before a Lodge General Membership meeting.

C. This Lodge shall participate in Section W-3B of the Western Region, BSA.

D. The Lodge Executive Committee of Orca Lodge shall hold at least four meetings annually.

E. Each meeting shall be opened with the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow and closed with the Order of the Arrow Song.

F. Members of the Order 21 years and older shall have no vote in any decisions of the Lodge.

G. Each Chapter may hold its own ordeals.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

A. The requirements for membership in the Order of the Arrow shall be followed as required in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

B. Procedures for the Ordeal, Brotherhood eligibility and membership, and attainment of the Vigil Honor shall be followed as specified in the current printing of the Order of the Arrow Handbook.

C. There shall be two classes of membership.

1. Active Membership: An active member of the Orca Lodge shall be defined as one whose dues are paid for the current year and who is registered in an active capacity with the Boy Scouts of America.

2. Inactive Membership: If the annual dues are not paid, a member is considered to be inactive.

D. All Pre-ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil Honor ceremonies shall be followed as printed in the current printing of the Ceremonies Pamphlet for each ceremony.

V. OFFICERS, ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENT

A. The officers of this Lodge shall be the Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice-Chief, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Treasurer. All Lodge officers must be under twenty-one (21) years old during their entire term in office.

B. The term of office shall run from their election to the next election. The officers may be installed at the Lodge Dinner.

C. Nominations of the Lodge Officers:

1. Nominations shall be taken from the active membership of the Lodge until nominations are closed for the offices during the election procedure. Only Active members present at the meeting may run for office.

2. Nominations may come from the floor for the candidates of Lodge office at the Lodge meeting prior to the annual Lodge dinner.

3. Nominations from the floor shall be closed and all the candidates will have a chance to complete their election address.

D. Election of Lodge Officers

1. The Lodge Chief shall preside over the elections except those offices for which he has been nominated, in which case the order of succession shall dictate which junior officer shall preside over that office's election.

2. Lodge officers shall be elected at the Lodge Dinner.

3. Voting will be done using the step-down method, beginning with Lodge Chief then Lodge Vice-Chief, Lodge Secretary, and finally Lodge Treasurer.

4. Votes shall be cast by secret ballot.

5. Only active youth members are allowed to vote.

6. The ballots shall be counted immediately after the election by the Lodge Chief (or in the event of his candidacy, his designee,) the Lodge Adviser, and the Lodge Staff Adviser or a responsible adult appointed by the Lodge Adviser.

7. Candidates shall be informed of the results as soon as possible by the Lodge Chief or his designee. Public announcement shall not be made until all candidates are informed as to the results.
- E. All Chapter officers shall be elected in the same procedure.
- F. The Lodge Executive Board shall be empowered to remove from office with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote any Lodge Officer who does not carry out his duties and to appoint another person to serve out the remainder of the unexpired term. Only the Lodge Adviser and the Lodge Staff Adviser are empowered to over-rule this vote.
- G. If any Lodge office should be vacated for any reason, the Lodge Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve out the unexpired term.
- H. The Lodge Adviser shall be appointed by the Scout Executive.
- I. The Lodge Adviser shall appoint all Lodge Associate Advisers to the Lodge committees, Chapters, and Clans with the approval of the Scout Executive.

VI. CLANS

- A. The Orca Lodge may establish within each District a Clan to further the purpose of the Order of the Arrow, The Boy Scouts of America, and the Lodge.
- C. There may be no more Clans than Districts in the Council.
- D. If a Clan has more than 50 active members, it may petition to the Lodge to become a Chapter.
- E. Each Clan shall be identified by a name selected by the Clan with the approval of the Lodge Executive Committee.
- F. The officers of each Clan shall be Clan Chief, Clan Vice Chief, and Clan Secretary. These elected Officers shall serve from January 1 to Dec. 31 and shall be under twenty-one (21) during their entire term.
- G. The Clan Adviser shall be appointed annually by the Lodge Adviser with the approval of the Scout Executive, in consultation with the Lodge Chief. He performs all duties described in the Order of the Arrow Handbook as directed by the Lodge Adviser.

VII. CHAPTERS

- A. The Lodge shall be organized into two chapters to lessen the strain of distance in the smooth operation of the Lodge.
- B. The Chapters of Orca Lodge shall be the Mow-A-Toc Chapter and the Cabrosha Chapter.
- C. The officers of the chapter shall be Chapter Chief, Chapter Vice-Chief, and Chapter Secretary. The Chapter, however, may decide to invoke a Guard of the Chapter to further the direction and unity of the Chapter.

VIII. DUTIES OF LODGE AND CHAPTER OFFICERS

A. Lodge Chief

1. The Lodge Chief will direct the administration of the Lodge in consultation with the Lodge Adviser and the Lodge Staff Adviser.
2. He will, with the approval of the Lodge Executive Committee, appoint chairmen for the Lodge Committees and other activities as needed.
3. He will see to it that all Chapters are running according to the Order of the Arrow and Orca Lodge Rules.
4. He will be part of the council camping committee.
5. He will attend the Section W3B Meetings.
6. He will encourage Arrowmen to be active in the Lodge and live up to the ideals of Scouting, and will himself be an example of the principles of the Order of the Arrow.

B. Lodge Vice Chief

1. He will be assigned specific Lodge committees to oversee and duties to perform.
2. In case of absence of the Lodge Chief, he will act on Lodge matters with the assistance of the Lodge Adviser. The order of succession shall proceed from the Lodge Vice Chief to the Lodge Secretary to the Lodge Treasurer.
3. In all Lodge matters he will work closely with the Lodge Chief and the Lodge Adviser.

C. Lodge Secretary

1. The Lodge Secretary will take the minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee and will be responsible for sending copies to the Executive Committee.
2. He will take care of such correspondence as the Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser may direct.
3. He will, in conjunction with the Lodge Treasurer issue membership cards.
4. He will be responsible for the production of the Lodge newsletter.

D. Lodge Treasurer

1. The Lodge Treasurer will collect the dues of the Lodge.
2. He will oversee the budget and inform the Executive Committee of the financial status of the Lodge.
3. He will follow the normal accounting procedures of the Council office and will work with the Council office in the handling of the Order of the Arrow funds.
4. He will inventory regularly the Lodge Supplies and oversee the sale of Lodge supplies.

E. Chapter Chiefs

1. The Chapter Chief will direct the administration of the Chapter in consultation with the Chapter Adviser.
2. He will, with the approval of the Chapter Executive Committee, appoint chairmen for the Chapter Committees and other activities as needed.

3. He will see that all Clans in his Chapter, if any, are running according to the Order of the Arrow Handbook and the Orca Lodge Rules.
 4. He will supply the Lodge Executive Committee with proposed budgets for all Chapter events.
 5. He will be an example of leadership and responsibility in his Chapter.
- F. Chapter Vice Chiefs
1. Shall be directly under the direction of the Chapter Chief.
 2. He will be responsible for the planning of the Chapter ordeals. The Chapter Vice Chief has the power to delegate the ordeals to an ordeal master approved by the Chapter Executive Committee, if he wishes to do so.
- H. Chapter Secretaries
1. He will have the same responsibilities as the Lodge Secretary on behalf of the Chapter.

IX. LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The Lodge Executive Committee shall consist of the Lodge Officers, immediate past Lodge Chief, Chapter Chiefs, Lodge Adviser, Lodge Staff Adviser, and Lodge Associate Advisers.
 - B. In the Executive Committee, all voting members will have one vote, except for the Lodge Chief who only votes in the case of a tie.
 - C. Additional or special meetings of the Lodge Executive Committee may be called by the Lodge Chief with the approval of the Lodge Adviser.
 - D. A simple majority shall be required of the voting members of the Lodge Executive Committee to pass any motion brought before the Committee, except as specified otherwise in these rules.
- E. The Lodge Quorum shall include the following:
- Lodge Chief or Lodge Vice-Chief
 - A Chapter Designee from each Chapter
 - One (1) others from the Lodge Executive Committee
- The Lodge Quorum shall have a total of four (4). To hold a Lodge Executive Committee meeting or make any Lodge Executive Committee decision a quorum must be present.

X. LODGE FINANCES

- A. All expenses incurred during the performance of a Lodge duty assigned to a Lodge Officer or Chapter Officer are subject to reimbursement by the Lodge, with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- B. All expenses by the Lodge will be budgeted and pre-approved by the Executive Committee.
- C. All Orca Lodge funds shall be handled by the Council office and shall go through the normal accounting procedures used by the Council.
- D. The Lodge Executive Committee shall set the annual dues as part of the yearly budget process.

- E. Inactive members may be restored to active status by payment of the current year's dues.
- F. The Chapters will be under the budget of the Lodge and will have a budget set by the Lodge Executive Committee at the beginning of each year.
- G. All expenses by the Chapter will be budgeted and pre-approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.

XI. OPERATING PROCEDURES

- A. The Lodge Executive Committee may establish operating procedures as may be required to conduct activities. Such procedures shall become part of the records of the Lodge.
- B. Each Lodge/Chapter Committee may establish operating procedures as may be required to conduct its activities. Such procedures must be approved by the Lodge Executive Committee and become part of the records of the Lodge.
- C. The Lodge Key Three can make any executive decision in matters pertaining to the Lodge.
- D. All Chapters shall be governed by these Lodge Rules and operating procedures.
- E. Lodge Flaps and other Lodge merchandise may be purchased by dues-paying members of the Orca Lodge only, and will be sold only by a Lodge officer except as otherwise approved by the Lodge Executive Committee.

XII. AMENDMENTS TO THE LODGE RULES

- A. The procedure for amending these rules shall be as follows:
 - 1. The amendment(s) is first proposed at a Lodge Executive Committee meeting.
 - 2. Such amendment(s) shall be disclosed to all active members of the Lodge by mail at least thirty (30) days before the next Lodge General Membership Meeting.
 - 3. The amendment(s) shall be voted on at the Lodge General Membership Meeting and must pass by at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those eligible voting members present.

CALENDAR

2006

<i>Jan. 6-7</i>	<i>Section W-3B Retreat/Site TBA</i>	
Jan. 14	Lodge Executive Board Meeting/Presbyterian Church, Ukiah	1:00
Jan. 17	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Jan. 24	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:30
Feb. 14	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Feb. 21	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:30
<i>Mar. 11</i>	<i>Section W-3B Meeting</i>	
Mar. 17-19	Lodge Fellowship & Meeting / Camp Riggs - Tentative	
Mar. 21	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Mar. 28	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:30
Apr. 18	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Apr. 25	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:30
<i>May 13</i>	<i>Section W-3B Meeting</i>	
May 16	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
May 20-21	High Adventure Raft Trip/American River	
May 23	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:30
Jun. 2-4	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Spring Ordeal/Camp Riggs	
Jun. 16-19	Cabrosha Chapter Spring Ordeal/Camp Masonite Navarro	
Jun. 20	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Jun. 27	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:30
Jul. 8	Lodge Executive Board Meeting/Camp Masonite Navarro (concurrent with the Council Board of Directors meeting)	
<i>Jul. 29- Aug. 3</i>	<i>National Order of the Arrow Conference/Michigan State University in Lansing Michigan</i>	

<i>Aug. 12</i>	<i>Section W-3B Meeting</i>	
Aug. 15	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Aug. 22	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:30

Sep. 15-17 Section W-3B Conclave - Site TBA

Sep. 19	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Sep. 26	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:30

Oct. 20-22 Cabrosha Chapter Fall Ordeal/Camp Masonite Navarro

Oct. 17	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
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Oct. 20-21 Spook-E-Ree/Camp Riggs

Oct. 24	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Santa Rosa Scout Office	7:30
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Jan. 16	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
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Jan. 23	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Police Station	7:00
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Feb. 13	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
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Feb. 27	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Police Station	7:00
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Mar. 10 Section W-3B Meeting

Mar. 16-18	Lodge Fellowship & Meeting / Camp Riggs - Tentative	
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Mar. 20	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
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Mar. 27	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Police Station	7:00
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Oct. 16	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Oct. 19-20	Spook-E-Ree/Camp Riggs	
Oct. 23	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Police Station	7:00
Nov. 2-4	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Fall Ordeal/Elk River Scout Camp	
Nov. 10	Annual Lodge Dinner & Executive Board Meeting/Cabrosha	5:00
Nov. 20	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30
Nov. 27	Cabrosha Chapter Meeting/Cotati Police Station	7:00
Dec. 8-9	Vigil Dinner & Ceremonies/Camp Riggs Johnston	
Dec. 18	Mow-A-Toc Chapter Meeting/Eureka Scout Office	7:30

2006 Orca Lodge Leadership

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2007 Orca Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief _____

Lodge Vice-Chief _____

Lodge Secretary _____

Lodge Treasurer _____

Lodge Adviser _____

Mow-A-Toc Chief _____

Cabrosha Chief _____

Wonk-A-Tonk Chief _____

Miwok Chief _____

Allohak Chief _____



A special area of the national OA web site has been created to help new members of the Order of the Arrow learn about the OA. The "Jumpstart for New Arrowmen" area provides an introduction to the Order and its programs, and assists new members in sealing their membership in Brotherhood.

Brotherhood Requirements

• **Memorize the signs of Ordeal Membership**

Memorize the Obligation of the Order, memorize the Order of the Arrow Official song, the Admonition, the sign of the Ordeal membership, and the OA handclasp.

• **Advance in your understanding of the Ordeal**

Gain a thorough understanding of the Ordeal through which you have passed.

• **Serve your unit**

Retain your registration in Scouting. During a period of at least ten months, strive to fulfill your Obligation by continuing and expanding your service to your own troop.

• **Plan for service in your lodge**

Retain your registration in your Order of the Arrow Lodge and keep your dues paid. Be aware that acceptance of Brotherhood membership involves a pledge of service to the lodge. Develop a concrete idea of how you plan to fulfill this pledge.

• **Review your progress**

When you earnestly feel that you have met the four challenges above, write a letter to your Lodge Secretary. In this letter:

- Explain what you think the Obligation means.
- Describe how you have been fulfilling this obligation in your troop and in your daily life, and you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service.
- Describe your specific plans for giving service in the Lodge program

At each Ordeal and Fellowship, our lodge holds a Brotherhood ceremony to honor those members who fulfill the above requirements.

OA Troop Representative

An Order of the Arrow Troop Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local OA lodge or chapter and his troop. In his troop, he serves as a communication and programmatic link to the Arrowman and adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order. He does this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the lodge and purpose of the Order. By setting a good example, he enhances the image of the Order as a service arm to his troop.



OA Troop Representative Duties:

- * Serves as a communication link between the lodge or chapter and the troop.
- * Encourages year round and resident camping in the troop.
- * Encourages older Scout participation in high adventure programs.
- * Encourages Scouts to actively participate in community service projects.
- * Assists with leadership skills training in the troop.
- * Encourages Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop.
- * Encourages Arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in the lodge and/or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.
- * Sets a good example
- * Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- * Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and OA Obligation
- * Shows Scout spirit

OA Troop Representative Qualifications:

- * Under 18 years old
- * Appointed by SPL with SM approval
- * OA Member in good standing

OA Troop Representative Reports To:

- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

My Order of the Arrow Membership Record

My name _____

Address _____

I became an *Ordeal member* on _____

in the _____ Lodge

at _____

I became a *Brotherhood member* on _____

at _____

I became a *Vigil Honor member* on _____

at _____

My Indian name is _____

which means _____

I have held these offices in my lodge _____

I have attended these area and national conferences _____
