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America.

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Spring Gathering Provides Service to Bear Creek

Story and Pictures By Caleb Benson

The Lodge Spring Gathering and Ordeal was held at Bear Creek on March 27-29, 2015. The weather was perfect; clear, blue skies and nice cool breezes.

There were a number of important camp improvement projects being worked on this weekend. The wood walkway that extends along the front of the Valley Program Center was expanded to become a covered porch for Scouts and visitors to enjoy. Two candidate clans were working on that project under the supervision of a number of adults who were experienced in construction. Other clans were involved with clearing trails, fence lines and campsites in preparation of this year's Summer Camp weeks. There was also clean up going on at the Boat Docks, around the Program Center and in the Camp Staff Area.



Mr. Don Rabberman reported that 194 candidates and 110 members attended this Lodge event. Together these current and new Arrowmen provided 1527 man-hours of Service to Bear Creek and the Alamo Area Council.

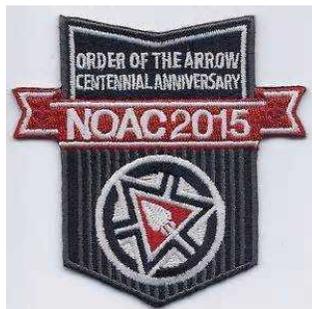


Summer Ordeal Inducts 83 New Members

Story and pictures by Terry Ricks

The Summer Ordeal began as most such weekends begin: Don Rabberman gets there about 3 or 4 PM and sets up check in. A few other early arrivals get drafted to help with check in and setting up the clans. Then the Youth Leader In Charge (YLIC) arrives and things really move forward. Check in went pretty smoothly for both candidates and members. Those members that have volunteered to serve as Elangomats are assigned to clans as they arrive. The ceremony teams let the YLIC know when they're ready, then away the clans go to the Pre-Ordeal ceremony to begin their Ordeal weekend.

Saturday morning; Elangomats awaken their clans. They stash their gear, get a very light breakfast, and walk to their assigned work areas. The members are up and head to the dining hall to get breakfast, then go out to assist the clans or to special work areas. The campsites were a priority this weekend. Tents were set up, high grass was cut, campsites were cleared of debris. In addition, scrap iron and old appliances were removed from the quartermaster building and taken to the junk yard. On the Rickenbacker side of the camp some kybos roofs were



repaired in addition to campsite clean up. There was also some clean up of walking trails. In addition, the new deck in front of the Trading Post was almost finished. Some members spent the day working on ceremony team clothing under the expert guidance of Jim Strye. All together, 76 members and 83 candidates provided 795 man-hours of service to the Council and helped the camp staff get Bear Creek ready for the summer camp season that starts the next Sunday.

In addition to the new Ordeal members a number of current Ordeal members made a new commitment to the Order by becoming Brotherhood members. After supper the Lodge Officers provide a short basic training seminar about the Order and how the Aina Topa Hutsi Lodge functions.

Sunday morning moves quickly. Breakfast, chapel service, clean up, check out and the long trip home. Another successful Ordeal weekend for ATH comes to an end.

Committee Reports

Indian Heritage Committee

The Indian Heritage group was invited to Camp Karankawa for a powwow the weekend of Feb. 27-29. Most of the adults and boys went to the camp early Saturday morning. After arriving to the camp we meet with Francisco Orozco, he is the Vice Chief of programs. We talked for a bit to discuss the plan for the day. There were classes such as beginner drum, northern traditional dancing, and regalia making.

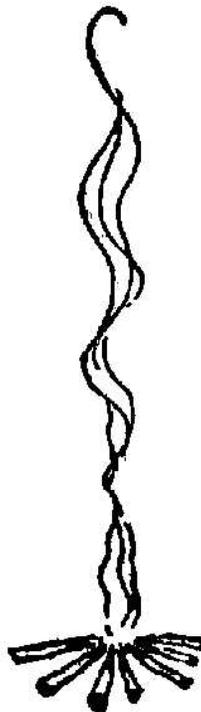
We attended the beginner drum class, Mr. Robert Barrera, Jacob Aguero, Zeb Knapp, Paul O. Aguilar and Tyler Orzech. Mr. Robert Barrera was the teacher for the Northern traditional dance class, which was also attended by Zeb Knapp.

After all the classes were done and dinner was finished the big event was going to start, the powwow. Once our IHC group was dressed we presented karankawa with a gift of appreciation. The gift was handmade by Jacob Aguero it was an arrow and hanging from the arrow was a plaque with the lodge's logo on it and under that it read "Thank you for inviting us". Everybody who attended the powwow and was part of IHC group signed their name on the plaque.

Everyone enjoyed the powwow as they watched the different dances. Some of the dances were traditional, fancy, grass, straight, and chicken. Some of the boys that attended the powwow placed. Zeb Knapp place first in both dance and regalia, Paul O. Aguilar placed second in regalia, and Jacob Aguero placed third in dance. At the end of the powwow they announced that they appreciated the gift we gave them and said that Aina Topa Hutsi is welcome any time.

In spite of the rainy weekend everyone had a great time and enjoyed some fellowship.

Jacob Aguero,
IHC Chairman



Communications Committee Brothers.

I am happy to be the bearer of this exciting news. Our Lodge's newsletter, *The Flame*, has not been in print about three years, but through the efforts of the Administration team and Mr. Terry Ricks we are thrilled to have *The Flame* back in production. The last three issues have been printed electronically only and are available for reading on the Lodge website. At the last Lodge Executive Council (LEC) meeting, during the break-out session, the youth agreed that it'd be best to restart mailing out *The Flame* to the members of our Lodge, the way it used to be distributed. Based on a few examples, the LEC realized this could jumpstart our attendance and participation at future Lodge events. Jesse Fehr has agreed to be the new Chairman of the Communications Committee to lead *The Flame* staff. The Communications Committee is under the Administration team, so Jesse will report to Brett Skogman, our Vice Chief for Administration.

I am confident that Jesse, Mr. Ricks, and the Administration team will do a fantastic job and exceed any expectations members of the Lodge might have. I'm looking forward to see what *The Flame* will do in the coming months.

Yours In Brotherhood,
Tanner Maris
Aina Topa Hutsi Lodge Chief

Lodge Chief's Message

Brothers,

For the first time in the history of the Order of the Arrow, every lodge across the world celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Arrow. In this, our Lodge has a lot to celebrate and look back on. Over the course of this last year, we have reached a substantial number of views and followers on our social media pages. We have enhanced the effectiveness of our newsletter, *The Flame*. We are preparing to take home our fifth consecutive Spirit Award at the Lone Star Fellowship, taking place July 17-19. We've found new ways to better our Lodge now and for the future. Among everything we've accomplished so far, and our continuing efforts to succeed, we'd be no where without the dedication and commitment from the Arrowmen that preceded us.

Our success isn't determined by how many Spirit Awards we've won or if we reach JTE gold. It's defined by the initiative we possess to excel beyond any future



expectations held before us. We need your support. We need your help. We need you to join with us to make the next 100 years better than the last because **our time is now!**

We are fortunate to be a part of an organization that gives both youth and adult opportunities to lead and grow; to benefit our lives in and outside of scouting. Personally, I wouldn't be half the man I am today without the Order. Arrowmen of all ages, I

encourage you to take the next step and become active in our Lodge. I don't necessarily request that you find a position or even invest a considerable amount of time into the Lodge. However, I do challenge you to find something that interests you and allow yourself to flourish within it. Truly what you put into this organization, in turn, is what you will receive from it.

A great way to absorb a glimpse of what the Order has to offer is at the Section Conclave! Grab your Spurs gear, get your spirit packages, and unite with us as we bring home our dearest Spirit Award.

Above all, the time is now. The Order of the Arrow needs **YOU!** We all have dreams and destinations we seek to reach, and it all starts with **YOU.** Together we are capable of endless achievements.

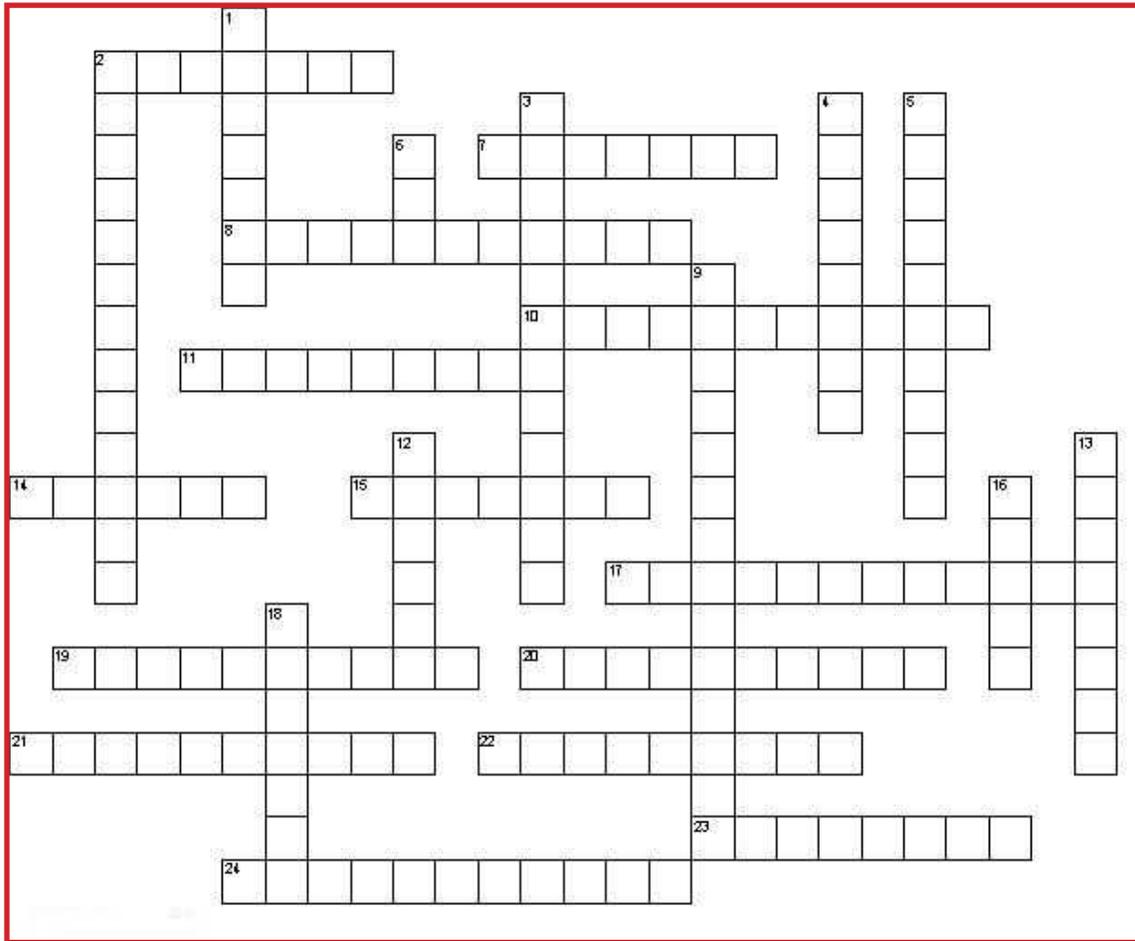
It starts with us!

Best,
Tanner Maris
Aina Topa Hutsi
Lodge Chief



Puzzle Page

To solve this crossword puzzle you must have the 1998 edition of the Boy Scout Handbook. Each of the clues points to a page in this edition of the Handbook. You then have to read the clue and find the info on that page that will help you get the correct word.



Across

- 2 On page 263 this is used to protect your food at night
 7 On page 174 This requires many hours of planning and effort.
 8 On page 310 this disease is carried by an infected tick
 10 On page 138 this is used to start a diagonal lashing
 11 Who is the Chief Scout Executive when this Scout Handbook was published?
 14 On page 170 your standing as a Scout depends on this more than anything else.
 15 On page 162 this is tied into the end of a length of quarter inch line.
 17 On page 256 what you must do to water for it to be safe to drink
 19 On page 111 when you have earned the right to wear thi badge you will have completed "basic training".
 20 On page 131 what provides food and shelter for wildlife?
 21 On page 60 what will give you a chance to reflect on what you have learned?
 22 On page 278 this is a large heavy cooking pot with a lid and legs
 23 On page 283 this is where dirty water goes in camp
 24 On page 322 this word means low heat

Down

- 1 On page 268 this is hot enough when a drop of water will dance
 2 On page 175 This is a group of adults that will ask a Scout about his advancement
 3 On page 119 This skill teaches you to use a map and compass
 4 On page 155 let you body relax into this natural position.
 5 On page 293 stopped breathing, severe bleeding, poisoningare....
 6 One page 153 this must be worn by all persons engaged in activity on open water
 9 On page 25 what will help you learn new skills?
 12 One page 148 what should you make as authentic as you can?
 13 On page 257 this is required to have a safe hike
 16 On page 78 what is it that you shouldn't throw?
 18 On page 338 this fort was under seige while Francis Scott Key watched

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Lodge Calendar

June

- 5-7 OA Gathering (Inductions weekend) at Bear Creek
- 25 NOAC Advisors meeting in OA Building at 7:00 PM
- 27 Lodge LEC 10:00 AM McGimsey

July:

- 10 NOAC contingent meeting in OA Building at 7:00 PM
- 17-19 Section Conclave at San Marcos
- 25 Lodge LEC 10:00 AM McGimsey

August

- 1-9 NOAC, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
- 13 Council Wide Round Table / Lodge Elections
- 29 Lodge LEC 10:00 AM McGimsey

September

- 1 OA Unit Elections begin
- 7 Labor Day Holiday
- 25-27 Second Bear Creek Adventure / Lodge LEC

October

- 16-18 OA Web-o-ree at McGimsey and Mays Scout Parks
- 23-25 Fall Fellowship at Bear Creek / LEC