



ORDER OF THE ARROW NISQUALLY LODGE #155

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MORE THAN A WEEKEND

by Conner Frans, Lodge Chief

Brothers, let's start with the obvious, these are not normal times. Your school or workplace is more than likely closed. Your plans for the summer have probably been derailed. The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), an event our lodge has been looking forwards to for two years, has been canceled. So far, this year has been filled with pain and disappointment. The current pandemic has touched every part of our lives. But it was for these types of global events that the Order of the Arrow was built for.

Think back to your ordeal and remember the four trials that you faced. You spent a night outside on the ground in the dark and spent the day without speaking and very little food all while per-



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forming hard manual labor. The ordeal was structured to take a look at the hardships that we face in everyday life. It was always more than a weekend. This current pandemic is an ordeal. There are many obstacles that we as a society face right now. When you face one, which you most surely will, think of the lessons that you learned during the ordeal. You will not only succeed, but thrive.

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CALENDAR

Please be sure these events are on your unit's calendar to avoid conflicts.

Virtual Game Night

July 11, 6pm, Zoom

Lodge Executive Council

July 13, 7pm, Zoom

Virtual Ceremonies Practice

July 17, 6pm, Zoom

Vigil Weekend

July 18-19, Camp Thunderbird

Momentum: Launch

August 4-6, OA Website

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LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

by Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

These have been unique times for everyone...youth, adults, parents, grandparents, workers, business owners, students, teachers... everyone. I hope this Raven's Wing finds you and your family safe and in good health, mentally, physically, and financially.

As we move through these uncharted waters, I can't help thinking about the explorers of the past. Amerigo Vespucci, Christopher Columbus, Balboa, Lewis and Clark, the indigenous peoples of all regions... all faced uncharted waters. Imagine traveling to new places where, to you, no one had been before. We too are traveling where we have not been before. Trying new methods of group communication, finding new paths through advancement, virtual elections, the uncertainty of what we can and cannot do in the days ahead with large events are like getting through the rapids of a new river, wondering if there is a waterfall just around the bend or a beautiful, calm lake.

I am proud of the ingenuity and courage that our members are showing in these uncharted times. We have had to develop new plans, fording around unnavigable paths, hacking our way through the underbrush, and then setting forth on a better route. The Lodge has had to cancel some very important events such as Spring Ordeal and in-person elections. Our reasons for doing so lie in one important theme: To give our candidates the best experience possible. We could have looked for different paths to get these events done now, but the experience would not give the candidate the insight, comradery, and meaning that our events are designed to convey. We look forward to the time where we can once again feel the fellowship in person with our brothers.

I hope that you can stay involved within the safety guidelines. Take the lead and invite these new members to the next zoom event or unit event. Keep the fire burning! Let's push for 100% of our members attending an event and celebrating our vision... Wimachtendienk, Wingalausik, Witahemui.

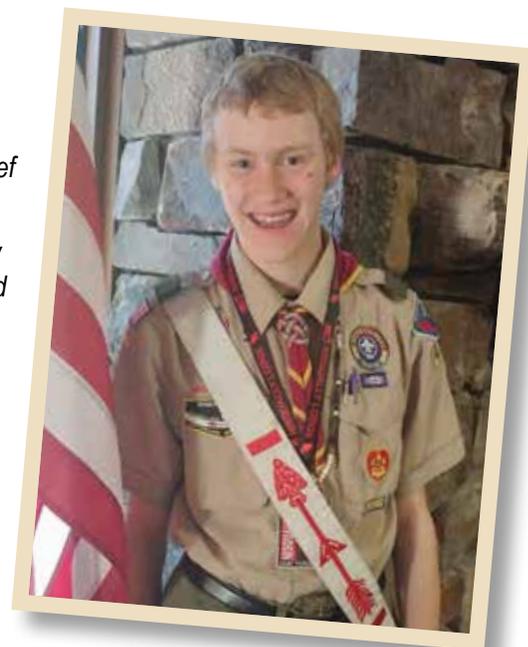
Your Brothers need you. Will you answer the call?

FIRM BOUND IN BROTHERHOOD

by Sam Taylor, First Vice-Chief

"Things of the spirit are what count: brotherhood – in a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad; cheerfulness – in a day when the pessimists have the floor and cynics are popular; service – in a day when millions are interested in getting or grasping, rather than giving"
~ E. Urner Goodman

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CALENDAR

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Virtual Ceremonies Practice

August 7, 6pm, Zoom

Lodge Executive Council

August 10, 7pm, Zoom

Summer Ordeal

August 14-16, Camp Thunderbird

Lodge Executive Council

September 14, 7pm, Tumwater Office

Lodge Executive Council

October 12, 7pm, Tacoma Office

Fall Fellowship

October 23-25, Camp Thunderbird

COMMON OA TERMS

Adviser - Each OA Chief has an associated adult adviser who enables the youth and ultimately our Order, to succeed.

BSA - Boy Scouts of America

Candidate - What those undergoing an ordeal are referred to before becoming a member.

Ceremonialist - Those who help with the induction ceremonies of the lodge. They have a vast variety of roles from portraying principles to setting up the area.

Chapter - The most local embodiment of the Order of the Arrow. Each chapter serves a particular geographic area. There are seven Chapters in Nisqually Lodge, each with their own leadership and schedule.

Chevron - The patch that covers the bottom part of the left pocket below the lodge flap. They are commonly created to match a lodge flap (as they are not worn without one) and traded as a set with the matching lodge flap.

Chief - A youth leader in the Order of the Arrow.

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These words from our founder, Dr. Goodman, form the soul of our Order. These wise words are relevant at any time, but perhaps even more so in the world we currently live in. If you turn on the news, scroll through social media, or pick up the paper, you will likely see a lot of hatred. A lot of pessimists with the floor and a lot of people interested only in their own comfortable worldview.

It is no secret that our society has problems. Deep, systemic problems that we all have to do our best to reconcile.

This is exactly where Brotherhood fits into the picture.

But what does Brotherhood mean?

According to Merriam-Webster's online dictionary, "brotherhood" can mean:

- 1: the quality or state of being brothers
- 2: FELLOWSHIP, ALLIANCE
- 3: an association (such as a labor union or monastic society) for a particular purpose
- 4: the whole body of persons engaged in a business or profession

Each definition fits the OA to some extent. As brothers in the Order of the Arrow, we get together to have fun and to support each other. As an organization, we are the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. In a sentence, our purpose is to inspire each Scout to give cheerful service to our camps, units and communities by living out the values of Brotherhood, Cheerfulness and Service in our daily lives.

You might say that we are in the business of loving one another. The business of living our admonition.

During the centennial year of our Order, at the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference, then National Chief Alex Call implored all Arrowmen to consider that "All too often we see our admonition as this big, lofty principal to which we should aspire, rather than as a virtue that we should practice every day."

Alex went on to say that "The thing that we fail to consider is that love is simply the act of making others matter. The Order of the Arrow's service to Scouting, to our communities and to the world around us in the last century are expressions of love".

When we staff a camporee, teach a skill to younger Scouts in our Troop or spread gravel around the shelters at Camp Thunderbird so that they may stand strong for years to come, we are actively conveying to our fellow Scouts that they matter.

Our Brotherhood is engaged in the business of loving one another. Service is part of that equation.

Part of service is understanding what another may need.

True Brotherhood is empathy in action.

When we reach out of the darkness of our own perspectives to better understand the perspectives of another, we actively kindle a mutual flame between one another. When we share this with the world by living out the Scout Oath and Law, by loving one another, we turn that flame into a fire through inspiration.

The issues of prejudice, racism, and greed will not be resolved with talk alone, however, Open dialogue, with anti-racism at the heart, void of the guises of small screens and cramped fingers, can kindle understanding between perspectives and lead to concrete actions and solutions.

Loving one another, like doing your homework, is far more effective in action than as an idea. Therefore, it is important to commit to actions of love.

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COMMON OA TERMS

CoC - Council of Chiefs; The council consisting of the 5 Lodge Chiefs from across the Section, the three Section Officers and the CVC's, all responsible for the planning and execution of the annual Conclave along with the general wellbeing of the OA program in our section.

Conclave - A weekend gathering of all the lodges in a given section. Usually the biggest annual OA event in the nearby area. A very fun time for Arrowmen both new and old.

CSP - A council shoulder patch. The most commonly traded patch type outside of the OA.

CVC - Conclave Vice Chief; each CVC is responsible for a particular portion of the Conclave program such as Activities, Special Events, ICE, etc. CVC's attend the CoC and plan Conclave.

Elangomant - The guide and leader who helped you through your ordeal. They willingly devote themselves to undertake another ordeal as service to the lodge and the candidates.

Honor - Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil. The different levels of accomplishment in the OA, similar to scouting's ranks.

ICE - Inductions and Ceremonial Events; a term used in the context of national or sectional events. ICE events include inductions, ceremonies related classes, ceremonial evaluations, and ceremony-themed cracker barrels.

LEC - Lodge Executive Council is the governing body of Nisqually Lodge composed of local youth leaders who plan and execute the Lodge program. Nisqually LEC meets on the second Monday of each month at the Tumwater Scout office on odd-numbered months and at the Tacoma Scout office on even-numbered months.

Lodge - The Order of the Arrow division chartered directly to the individual BSA council. Nisqually Lodge #155 serves the Pacific Harbors Council.

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One of my chosen actions of love will be to listen to others perspectives and experiences. To be a brother to another, I must understand the needs of another. I invite you to consider how you can make loving one another a "virtue to practice every day". What does loving one another look like to you?

Thank you for reading, reflecting, and loving one another. Yours in Brotherhood.

SUPPORT THE LODGE'S MISSION

by John Ruppe Jr., Second Vice Chief

Greetings Arrowmen! I hope that this issue of the Raven's Wing finds you, your family, and community safe and healthy. We have faced a great challenge to scouting and our Order's goal of providing cheerful service. I hope you have had the opportunity to reflect and bring your inner drive to provide cheerful service in your own home and neighborhood safely. An excellent way to provide cheerful service during these times is to take a small grocery bag with you on walks around the neighborhood. You can serve your neighbors and your family with just such a small act of conservation.

Our current plan to meet and share fellowship as a lodge is at the summer ordeal in August. Hopefully, we will be in a stage of public health protection to allow us to gather as a lodge. The Summer Ordeal registration is open. Even if you are unable to attend this ordeal, you can still use the ordeal registration page to pay your 2020 lodge dues. Roughly half of the almost 400 members of the lodge have not paid their 2020 dues. I encourage you to support the lodge's mission by paying \$20 to continue your membership in the lodge and retain the right to wear your beautiful Nisqually 155 lodge flap.

From the OAsis lodge trading post, we eagerly await the debut of lodge branded water bottles. They should be available at summer ordeal. As always, we will stock an assortment of beautiful lodge flaps and patches, and be able to take orders for lodge emblazoned fleece jackets and beanies.

Finally, please put the W-1N section conclave on your calendars for September 18-20. A final decision of the public health-centric specifics of Conclave will be made in August. We hope to have a great weekend of action packed activities and fellowship at Mount Baker Council's Fire Mountain camp, where the climbing, ranges and zip lines would be open. Thank you for your leadership in service to the communities of Pacific Harbors Council!

I'VE TRIED BACKYARD CAMPING, NOW WHAT?

Summer 2020 in the Order of the Arrow

by Sam Taylor, First Vice Chief

Summer is Scouting's primetime. Whether learning new skills at summer camp, hiking through the Olympic mountains or signing 'Sweet Caroline' at the top of your lungs at the



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COMMON OA TERMS

Lodge Flap - The triangular patch made by various lodges to be worn on the right pocket. They show the lodge that member belongs to.

National Chief - The top youth leader of the Order of the Arrow, elected from the field of Section Chiefs at the OA National Meeting.

NLS - National Leadership Seminar; the official OA leadership training conducted by each Region.

NOAC - National Order of the Arrow Conference; hosted every two years on a college campus, NOAC unites Arrowmen from across the nation and the world for a week of fantastic fellowship, spectacular shows, and unforgettable experiences! NOAC 2020 is August 3-8 at Michigan State University. Talk to your Chapter Chief about joining the contingent!

OA - Order of the Arrow; Scouting's National Honor Society founded in 1915 by Treasure Island Scout Camp counselors E. Urner Goodman and Carol A. Edson.

Region Chief - There are four OA Regions: Central Region, Northeastern Region, Southern Region and Western Region (West Is Best!) Each Region is led by a Chief who enables each Section and Lodge to succeed.

Section - A collection of lodges in a particular geographic area. Section W-1N (Western Region, Area 1, North) serves both Lodges in Alaska and the three Lodges around the Puget Sound. The Section helps each Lodge build and maintain a quality program while also planning the annual Conclave!

WWW - Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui (Brotherhood Cheerfulness and Service); the three primary principles of the Order of the Arrow in the language of the Lenni Lenape, Natives of the Delaware River Basin, the area where OA was founded.

National Order of the Arrow Conference, a summer in Scouting is stupendous.

I don't need to say that this summer will be different. You know that already.

However, some Scouting traditions will continue this summer and as Scouting's National Honor Camping Society, we embrace them.

The Cub Scout resident camp and Trailblazer camp (a trail to First Class focused resident camp for Scouts BSA) programs will occur in July with a slew of precautions at Camp Thunderbird. National Youth Leadership Training for rising youth leaders in Scouts BSA and Venturing will take place in August at Camp Thunderbird.

Sign-ups for all of these programs are available on the Pacific Harbors Council website.

We are planning to have the Summer Ordeal, August 14-16 at Camp Thunderbird. This Ordeal would be the first induction opportunity for Scouts elected in 2020.

It will undoubtedly look different, but the service we will give to Camp Thunderbird and the welcoming experience that we will give to each new OA member should be just as impactful as ever.

At the end of the summer lies Conclave, hosted by our brothers in Sikhs Mox Lamonti Lodge at Camp Fire Mountain. The Section Conclave is our annual gathering of Arrowmen from throughout Alaska and Western Washington. Section leadership is committed to hosting an excellent and safe Conclave. More information about Conclave will be released this summer.

Within this edition of the Raven's Wing, you will find a lot of opportunities to connect with your Brothers in the OA. Interaction, even confined to a virtual setting, reminds us of the flesh and blood behind our Order and the spirit of Brotherhood that binds us to one another.

Take advantage of the Chapter meetings (some virtual, some in-person) that your Chapter has planned and join in on the Lodge virtual Ceremonies practices and virtual game nights.

Thank you for reading this Raven's Wing! I hope that the OA can be a part of what is likely a significantly altered summer for you.

LONG TERM VIRTUAL CAMPING

source: Order of the Arrow website

The following is directly from the Order of the Arrow website and describes the policies behind virtual camping. Camping that meets the below criteria can count towards OA eligibility.

In light of the extended period of camping restrictions attributable to COVID-19, the following temporary modification is being made to the camping requirements for OA eligibility:

Virtual camping (i.e., backyard or solo camping) may be counted toward the required nights of camping for OA election eligibility if all the following stipulations are met:

- To be counted, all virtual camping nights should be a direct result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and be part of a BSA unit-organized unit camping event (i.e., multiple members of the unit are involved and camping simultaneously at remote locations).
- Some form of unit-organized communications should occur either during or immediately following the event.

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- All existing youth protection policies and digital safety guidelines should be followed.
- No more than three (3) nights of virtual camping are to be credited in any month in which government- or council-imposed COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

This change is in effect until September 1, 2020.

Units which have already held an election between March 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020 are authorized to hold one additional election for any individuals who were ineligible at the time of the election due to the camping requirement, but would have been considered eligible at the time if this temporary policy had then been in effect. This second election must be completed no later than July 1, 2020. Those who were previously considered for election in the first election may not be reconsidered on this second ballot (i.e., no one can be considered for election more than once in a year).

Given that virtually all councils have either cancelled or reduced their summer camp programs this year, creating a situation where a high proportion of Scouts will not have the opportunity to attend an in-camp summer camp in 2020, a temporary provision to allow for "virtual" long term camping credit for OA eligibility is necessary.

Virtual Long-Term Camping Authorization

Two situations have developed associated with the current pandemic that may prevent Scouts from having an opportunity to qualify for OA eligibility due to not having attended a long-term camp this summer.

- The local council camp is closed and not offering a traditional summer camp experience.
- Scout parents are unwilling to allow their child to attend traditional summer camp programs due to health concerns.
- In order to address these circumstances, virtual long-term camping of five (5) consecutive nights is authorized to be counted toward the long-term camping requirements for OA eligibility consistent with the above guidance and the following additional guidelines:
- A long-term camp plan must be developed and approved by the unit leader prior to the commencement of the long-term camp. This plan is to be individualized to each Scout's capabilities and situation and should strive to include:
 - Progress toward advancement for each Scout
 - Outdoor relevant experience consistent with local conditions and restrictions
- Unit-organized communications should occur on a daily basis during the camping experience and include discussion of progress made on summer camp goals.
- An end-of-camp assessment must be conducted with the unit leader to report on progress made during the experience itself and discuss how future virtual long-term camping experiences can be enhanced. During this assessment the unit leader will make the determination if the Scout's participation warrants granting credit for a completed virtual long-term camping experience in terms of OA eligibility.

This virtual long-term camping authority is not meant to substitute for attendance at traditional council summer camp programs, but rather to provide an alternative for Scouts who fit in one of the two categories mentioned above.

If you have any questions, please reach out to membership@oa-bsa.org.

INDUCTIONS AND CEREMONIES UPDATE

by Nate Ostheller, Third Vice Chief

As the lodge vice chief of inductions and ceremonies, I have two topics to address in this issue of the Raven's Wing. Inductions and Ceremonies (what a surprise)!

In terms of inductions, Nisqually has been hard at work conducting a variety of virtual elections and allowing many scouts the opportunity to take the first steps of their induction into the lodge. If your unit has not yet had their election for this year, make sure to get in contact with the lodge using the email address' provided in this newsletter. We look forward to recognizing the servant leaders in your Troop, Crew or Ship in 2020.

With ceremonies, now is a great time for anyone to study and work on a part in any ceremony you want to help with. I recommend working on reading and memorizing the part you want to do. With that done, you may have an opportunity to participate in that ceremony as soon as physical events

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are back up and running. If you need help getting a script for a ceremony or have any other questions feel free to contact me with any questions. Lodge-wide Ceremony practices will take place on the first and third Friday's of the month on Zoom until further notice. A link to these meetings will be emailed to each Arrowman. All Arrowmen are invited to these Ceremonies practices. Youth (under 21) will be able to read and discuss the Ceremonies while adults will be able to observe and comment. If you are not receiving emails from the Lodge, contact our Lodge Adviser, Gene Victor (wazzu4ever@comcast.net). I hope to see you at a virtual Ceremonies practice and / or at our next in person event, hopefully in August.

SARAH KITCHINGS EARNS WESTERN REGION OA HIGH ADVENTURE SCHOLARSHIP

by Sam Taylor, First Vice Chief

Congratulations to Sarah Kitchings for earning one of six 2020 Western Region Order of the Arrow High Adventure (OAHA) scholarships. Three out of the six Western Region scholarships were given to Arrowmen in Section W-1N with two Arrowmen from Sikhs Mox Lamonti Lodge (Mt. Baker Council) also receiving scholarships.

All three Arrowmen from W-1N have chosen to attend the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure (OAOA) sponsored by the BSA's Florida Sea Base. In June, Sarah spent about nine days at Dry Tortugas National Park, 70 miles west of Key West, only accessible using a ferry. Sarah completed a variety of conservation projects while also enjoying the wonders that are Dry Tortugas National



Sarah Kitchings receives her Brotherhood Honor at the 2020 Crafts & Ceremonies Fellowship Weekend.

A promotional graphic for Sarah Kitchings' OAOA experience. It features a background image of a person in a boat. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow boxes. At the bottom, there is a logo for the Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure.

Sarah Kitchings

Sarah is a Brotherhood member of Nisqually Lodge and will be attending OAOA at Florida Sea Base this summer.

"I've watched my brother's involvement with the OA over the years and I am very excited to have the opportunity myself now. I think OAOA is a great opportunity for service, leadership, and fun while giving back to the organization and the national parks."

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Park and Sea Base." Look for the August Raven's Wing to hear more about Sarah's fantastic adventure.

OAOA Ocean Adventure is one of five OA High Adventure experiences across all four of the BSA's High Adventure Bases: Northern Tier, Philmont, Sea Base and the Summit. Each program has multiple sessions throughout the summer and the application process begins in the fall. Most programs are open to Arrowmen ages 16-20 with Summit Experience open to Arrowmen ages 14-17. Scholarships from the Region and Section are available.

Here's hoping all Arrowmen embarking upon OA High Adventure can have a safe experience this summer!!

CRAFT AND CEREMONIES FELLOWSHIP 2020!

by Nate Ostheller, Third Vice Chief

In February, Nisqually Lodge was able to have our most recent in person event, Craft and Ceremonies Fellowship! There, we were able to have lots of time for fellowship with fellow lodge members. Many began working on their button blankets. We also welcomed lots of new Brotherhood honor members! It was a fun and productive event for all involved.

The Craft and Ceremonies Fellowship provides a unique opportunity to learn about and create Button Blankets. From styling, to tracing, to sewing, many helpful individuals were on hand to guide Arrowmen through the Button Blanket making process.

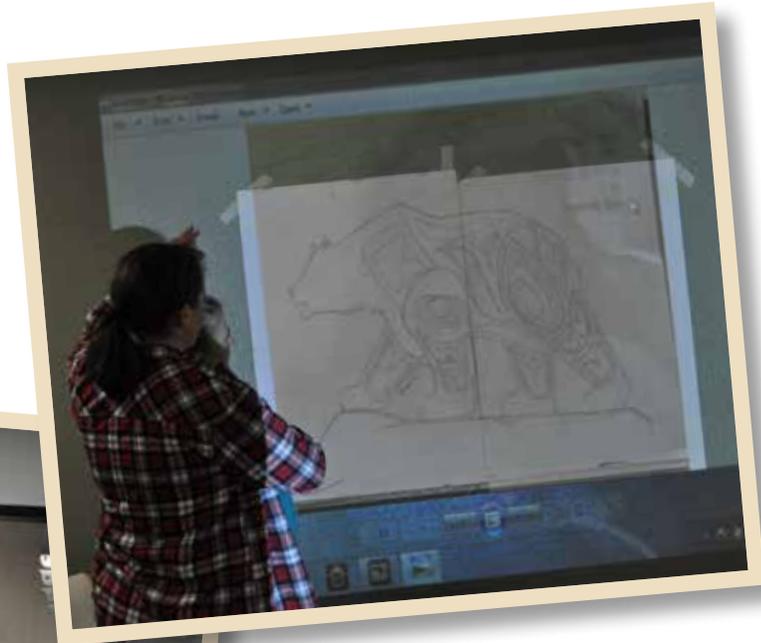
The first Brotherhood opportunity of 2020 was at the Craft and Ceremonies fellowship. Congratulations to all of the Arrowmen that earned the Brotherhood Honor! Arrowmen discussed and learned about the traditions of the Order of the Arrow while committing to further service to their Unit and to the Lodge.

Thank you to our incredible Kitchen Staff for providing excellent food to all participants all weekend long!



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FELLOWSHIP

LODGE-WIDE GAME NIGHT A SOARING SUCCESS!

by Sam Taylor, First Vice-Chief

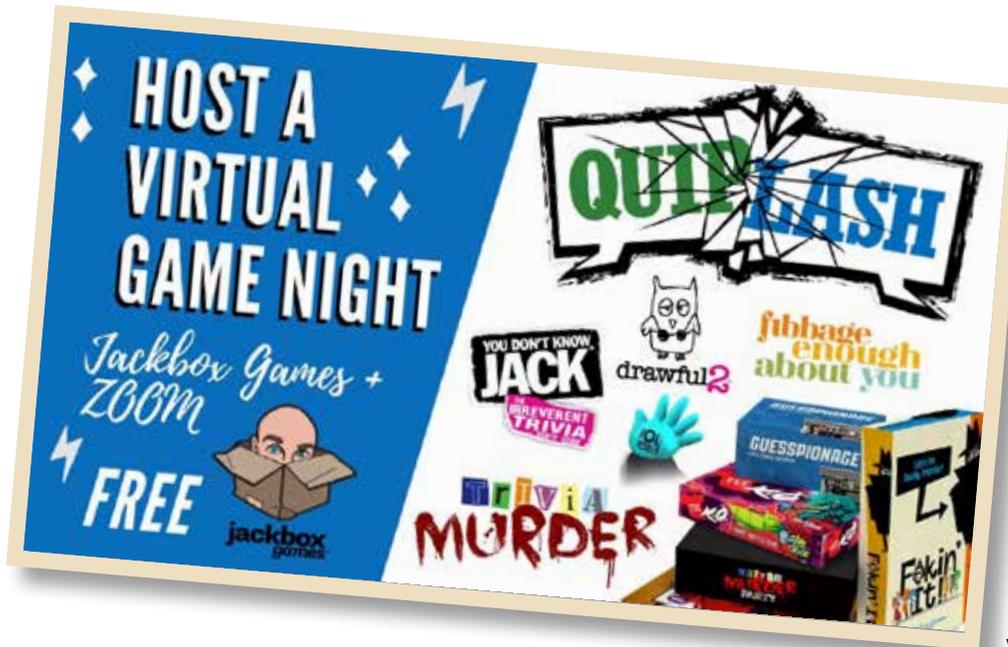
Kahoot, Jackbox and Dungeons and Dragon! If any of those things sound snazzy to you, the OA virtual game night is the place to be.

On Saturday, June 6th, 20 members of Nisqually Lodge met in cyberspace for a delightful evening!

All Scouts were invited to the event, especially Scouts who were just elected to the OA in 2020.

Participants met and then decided their destiny. The event started at 6 PM with an opening round of OA trivia Kahoot. After a successful game of Kahoot, some Scouts gathered on Discord for virtual Dungeons and Dragons, other Arrowmen remained on the Zoom call for a slew of Jackbox games.

Jackbox games is a collection of improv / word association / trivia games and more all on one digital platform. Participants enjoyed rounds of Drawful (similar to pictictionary) Quiplash (word association), and Fibbage (lieing-laced trivia) among other games.



Huge thanks to the Nisqually Lodge Trading Post, Oasis for providing prizes for the inaugural Nisqually virtual game night. Winners throughout the night received credit in the trading post to be redeemed at a future Lodge event.

Our thanks and appreciation also go to David Torem for hosting Dungeons and Dragons and to Kelson Dooley for hosting Jackbox games.

Our next Lodge-wide Game Night will take place on Saturday, July 11, 6 PM via Zoom. A link to the meeting will be emailed out to everybody who has paid their 2020 dues and potentially those who paid in 2019 as well. If you have not paid your 2020 dues yet, be sure to do so in order to support the Lodge program. Dues

are \$20 per year and can be paid on the Pacific Harbors Council website or in person at either Council Scout office.

I hope to see you at the next game night!

THE TRAIL TO THE OA RUNS THROUGH CYBERSPACE

Virtual Elections Provide Path to OA for Dozens of Candidates, Potentially More

by Sam Taylor, First Vice-Chief

In response to COVID-19, the Order of the Arrow took a historic step in allowing Lodges to conduct virtual Unit-Order of the Arrow elections on video conferencing services such as Zoom or Google Meet. A practice which prior to the pandemic was prohibited.

While In person meetings and elections are ideal, the modern tools of video conferencing have allowed Scouts to recognize the Servant Leaders in their Units and most importantly, to continue Scouting on a regular basis while maintaining safety through a public health emergency.

About a dozen Units have taken a historic step in hosting virtual OA elections within the past two months within the Pacific Harbors Council.

To preserve the integrity of OA elections, online elections are modeled as close to in-person elections as possible.

Just like an in-person election, at least 50% of a Unit's registered active youth members must attend the election in order for the election to take place. To be considered "in attendance" a Scout must be logged in and engaged in the video conference.

Visual aids such as a PowerPoint presentation have been most beneficial in sharing our Order's purpose and programs with Scouts from around the Council.

In place of paper ballots, we are using a Google Form as a ballot. Each eligible candidates' name is listed out as a multiple choice question with one option for "YES" and one option for "NO." Scouts who wish to vote will fill out this ballot. Once they click 'submit' the results are instantaneously available to the election team.

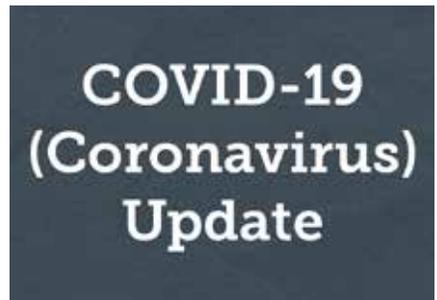
Units are asked to send the names of those who are eligible for the OA to the election team in advance of the election so that the ballot can be made. The election team shares the link to the ballot with the Unit leader and the Unit leader shares the link to the ballot with all of the Unit's voting population (all registered Scouts and Assistant Scoutmasters under 21) Scouts will not be able to vote ahead of time because the ballot will be locked but will be able to access the ballot at the proper time on election night.

Huge thanks to all of the Units that have hosted OA elections so far! In order to participate in the Summer Ordeal (August 14-16 at Camp Thunderbird), Scouts will need to be elected to the OA by August 1.

To be eligible for election to the OA, a Scout must:

1. Be a registered BSA youth member (under the age of 21) of the Unit that is hosting the election.
2. Have obtained the Unit-appropriate rank or award listed below:
 - a. First Class Rank for Scouts BSA
 - b. Discovery Award for Venturing
 - c. Ordinary Rank for Sea Scouts
3. Have at least 15 days and nights of camping within the two years immediately prior to the election date, including:
 - a. Five consecutive nights at a long term camping experience such as Summer Camp, High Adventure, NYLT, or a Sea Scout-Sponsored Cruise.
 - b. The balance of the camping (at least 9 days and 10 nights) must be in the form of short term camping experiences of no more than three consecutive nights each.
 - c. In light of the effects of COVID-19, Unit led virtual camping (backyard or solo camping) that takes place because of any local camping restrictions can count towards OA eligibility. There are several parameters that can be found in the complete policy which is available on the OA website.
 - d. Nights on the Ship count as camping for Sea Scouts
4. Finally, all candidates must receive Unit leader approval.

As part of the Order of the Arrow's COVID-19 response, all candidates elected between February 1st, 2019, and September 1, 2020, have 24 months from the date of their election to complete the ordeal.



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Chief: Elijah Bilyen

Adviser: Angela Rueber

Totem: Timber Wolf

Meeting: Third Thursday of every month, 7pm, North Lake Improvement Club in Federal Way.

Chehalis (Timberline District)

Chief: Hunter Morgan

Adviser: Brian Billings

Totem: Eagle

Meeting: First Tuesday of every month, 6pm, Chehalis Scout Lodge.

Kcum Kcum (Coastal Waters District)

Chief: John Russo

Adviser: Tim Helman

Totem: Salmon

Meeting: Third Sunday of every month, 5pm, Central Elementary, Hoquiam.

Sahaptin (Glacier View District)

Chief: Chris Byrd

Adviser: Tim Schock

Totem: Frog

Meeting: TBD. Watch your email or the Sahaptin Facebook page.

Squaxin (Capital Area District)

Chief: Joey Taylor

Adviser: Russ Carron

Totem: Salmon

Meeting: First Monday of every month, 7pm, First United Methodist Church, Olympia.

Tsaw (Puget Sound District)

Chief: Elijah Crosby

Adviser: Matt Bachmann

Totem: Beaver

Meeting: Third Wednesday of every month, 7pm, Tacoma Scout Office.

Wapiti (Mt Tahoma District)

Chief: Justin Thomas

Adviser: Donnavon Smith

Totem: Elk

Meeting: Second Thursday 7pm, Sumner Scout Lodge (watch your email for details).

All Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews and Sea Scout Ships are encouraged to host an OA election!

If your Unit does not have any OA eligible Scouts this year, we would still love to visit your Unit to talk with the Scouts about the OA's purpose and programs. An OA Visitation can be done in person or virtually depending on the local health guidelines.

If your Unit has not yet held an election or visitation in 2020, please reach out to me (samtaylor580@gmail.com) to schedule an election, visitation or to ask any questions. Happy Scouting!



CHEHALIS CHAPTER

by Hunter Morgan, Chapter Chief

Chehalis Chapter had an attendance of 5 in total at our first Virtual Chapter meeting. We went over the announcements regarding future lodge events as well as elections. Overall, I'd say it went rather well for a first zoom meeting. It is undetermined if our next meeting will be a virtual meeting or an in-person meeting. Watch your email for the most up-to-date information. In any case, I hope to see you there Chehalis serves the communities of Adna, Boistfort, Centralia, Chehalis, Evaline, Morton, Mossyrock, Napavine, Onalaska, Packwood, Pe Ell, Randle, Rochester, Toledo, Vader, White Pass, Winlock.



SQUAXIN CHAPTER

by Joey Taylor, Chapter Chief

We have been keeping up with our regularly scheduled meetings and fun events. Every first Monday of the month at 7 PM, we have a virtual Chapter Meeting on the video conferencing service Zoom, and every third Thursday of the month at 6 PM, we have a virtual game night also on Zoom. So far we have had three game nights where we have played Kahoot (an online quiz game) and Virtual Pictionary. Many Troops in our area have held virtual elections and we hope that several more will soon. As the Ceremonies capital of Nisqually Lodge, we hope to share our knowledge and experience with the rest of the Lodge through virtual Ceremonies practices on the first and third Friday's of the month, 6:00 PM on Zoom. By talking about Ceremonies together, we can all put on a great Ceremony. Check out Nate's article for more information! Do you have a game or activity that can be done on a virtual platform? Let me know at the next Chapter meeting. I hope to see you at the next Chapter event! Squaxin serves the communities of Griffin, Lacey, North Thurston, Olympia, Rainier, Shelton, Tenino, Tumwater, Yelm.



TSAW CHAPTER

by Elijah Crosby, Chapter Chief

Tsaw serves the communities of Tacoma, Gig Harbor, University Place, Fircrest. If your unit is in this area, please contact your fellow OA scouts and carpool to your monthly chapter meeting. We would love to see you at the next Chapter Meeting!



WAPITI CHAPTER

by Justin Thomas, Chapter Chief

Wapiti serves the communities of Carbonado, Dieringer, Enumclaw, Orting, Puyallup, Sumner, White River.



AHOTASU MBI CHAPTER

by Zach Victor, former Lodge Chief,

Ahotasu-Mbi has been trying to push through the difficulties of COVID-19. We have had two online meetings and we are currently writing letters for people at the VA hospital, who might not get mail otherwise. We have had successful online elections for the troops in our area! We are excited to see what comes next for our chapter. We hope to see you at the next Chapter meeting! Ahotasu Mbi serves the communities of Federal Way, part of Auburn, Fife, Milton, Northeast Tacoma. If your unit is in this area, please contact your fellow OA scouts and carpool to your monthly chapter meeting. We would love to see you at the next Chapter Meeting!



KCUM KCUM CHAPTER

by John Russo, Chapter Chief

Kcum Kcum serves the communities of Aberdeen, Elma, Hood Canal, Hoquiam, Lake Quinault, McCleary, Montesano, Mary Knight, Naselle-Grays, North Beach, North River, Oakville, Ocean Beach, Ocosta, Pioneer, Raymond, Satsop, South Bend, Taholah, Willapa Valley, Wishkah. If your unit is in this area, please contact your fellow OA scouts and carpool to your monthly chapter meeting. We would love to see you at the next Chapter Meeting!



SAHAPTIN CHAPTER

by Chris Byrd, Chapter Chief

Sahaptin serves the communities of Bethel, Clover Park, Eatonville, Franklin Pierce, Graham, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Lakewood, Steilacoom. If your unit is in this area, please contact your fellow OA scouts and carpool to your monthly chapter meeting. We would love to see you at the next Chapter Meeting!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nisqually155/>

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