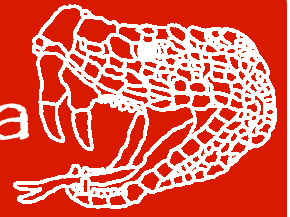


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# Call of the Cahuilla



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## Lodge Leadership Development



On Saturday, January 30, lodge members gathered for a day of training, fun and brotherhood.



Lodge Chief Griffin Martois and his little friend in a teachable moment.



Mr. Hare hard at work.



# Lodge Leadership Development (Continued)



Third Vice Chief James Vineyard talking about unit elections



First Vice Chief Hayden Martois talking about National Leadership Seminar



Lodge Treasurer Jarod Quinn imparting leadership wisdom

**Mark your calendar for the next Lodge Leadership Development program focusing on Indian Affairs  
April 30, 2016  
Location TBD**

**NOAC Ceremony Team Practice  
Crafts/Projects**

# Lodge Banquet



The Cahuilla Lodge banquet was a great success. National Chief Alex Call was our special guest. 2016 Lodge officers were sworn in, and the 2015 Vigil class was recognized.



# Chief Speaks

Cahuilla Lodge,



Griffin Martois

My name is Griffin Martois and I have the honor of serving as the 2016 Lodge Chief. I am looking forward to a great year! Thank you to the preceding LEC for a great centennial. This year we got many great events to come and be with fellow Arrowmen and become more active. At the banquet I made a very special announcement: This year, we are going to build a chapel at BSR Camp Emerson! I hope you can all be a part of this historical event for camp. This year I definitely want to help camp so I think this is a great thing to do. Like I said, I am super excited for what comes in Cahuilla Lodge in 2016!

SNAKE!?!?

Yours in Cheerfulness,

## Adviser's Minute

Brothers in the Wimachtendienk,

As we enter the second century of the Order of the Arrow, we look back at the awesome year we had in 2015 and bring that energy and excitement into 2016 as we continue our legacy of service, taking to heart the NOAC 2015 theme of "It Starts With Us". Each year we build upon the legacy of service in Cahuilla Lodge and 2016 will be no different. Chief Griffin Martois has set our direction with his goals and there will be opportunities for all Arrowmen to become involved and be a part of the Cahuilla legacy.

It is an honor and a privilege to once again serve as the Adviser to Cahuilla Lodge and to have the opportunity to work with Chief Griffin, his LEC and their Advisers. I look forward to a great year as we work together to accomplish our goals, support our camps and offer excellent opportunities for leadership, service and adventure to our Arrowmen. I am inspired by the spirit and enthusiasm of our Chief, and confident that he and his LEC will make 2016 a memorable year.

Yours in Service,

Cynthia Blessum

2016 Cahuilla Lodge Adviser

# Chapter News

## A-tsa Service Project

During the Cahuilla Lodge September Ordeal A-tsa Chapter collected needed items for the fire victims of Northern California. A-tsa also collected items from units in the Grayback District.

After collecting all the items and getting them loaded into a van, Mr. Stanley and Jonathan Stanley drove over 20 hours to get the needed items to the second stage of the journey and back home over 2 days. We connected with the Lake and Napa County OA lodge where the fire areas were part of. The Lodge took care of getting the items to distribution sites.

Our Cahuilla Lodge has taken up the call and is working on getting more donations to one of our Members who is working for Cal-fire to help the fire victims of those areas affected by the fires.



# Chapter News

## Aca Chapter

### **Moonlight Hike In Painted Canyon**

On the night of Jan. 23-24 was the annual moonlight hike through Painted Canyon that is hosted by Venture Crew 377 and the Aca Chapter of Cahuilla Lodge.

Twelve adventurous scouts and venture crew members came together late Saturday night in Coachella and then headed out to the trailhead in Mecca Hills. The dirt road heading into the canyon had some soft pack dirt in areas, but luckily no one's vehicle got stuck in the sand. We reached the trailhead around 11PM, cinched on our daypacks, dawned our headlamps, and then headed into the shadowed recesses of the canyon.

We had to scramble over car sized boulders to reach the mouth of a narrow slot canyon that leads to a series of ladders that must be climbed to reach the top of the canyon. There are sections of this slot that are only a couple of feet wide and 100 feet deep. By the time we were in the deepest parts of the slot the full moon was directly overhead. The moon light that penetrated all the way to the bottom of the canyon created a glowing tapestry that gave the allusion that we were hiking on the nighttime surface of Mars. One scout commented that he half expected for one of NASA's Mars rovers to snap our photo.

When we reached the top of the canyon we took the time to gaze at the sky. Our timing for this hike was excellent because this was the night that all of the visible planets were lining up. Mike Sanford used the opportunity to give us a quick tour of the sky and point out the location of each of the planets.

We concluded the hike around 3:30AM and headed home with a good reason for sleeping in late on a Sunday morning. Undoubtedly some of the scouts woke up wondering if it was all a great dream until they found sand in their shoes.

## National Leadership Seminar

Cynthia Blessum, 2016 Cahuilla Lodge Adviser

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a leadership program organized by the Order of the Arrow and led by the Region Chief and his staff. Offered periodically in different areas, NLS provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques, and how these skills can be applied in our role in the OA and in other aspects of our life. The National Leadership Seminar is a weekend conference on the skills and attributes of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members as they seek to improve their services to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community. Over the weekend, NLS trainers will provide Arrowmen with unique opportunities to learn a variety of leadership and communication skills that will not only benefit them as Arrowmen, but also as a person. Our Chapters and Lodge will benefit from their enhanced leadership and communication skills as they share what was learned and apply these skills to better improve our program. The weekend is also a great opportunity to build upon the Brotherhood since it participation includes Arrowmen from different lodges and sections all across the Region.

We were fortunate to have both the National Leadership Seminar and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar available to us April 1-3, 2016 at Forest Lawn Scout Reservation. Both courses are well worth the time and I encourage all Arrowmen to attend NLS. The next courses available in our region are:

Western Region NLS - Camp Gorsuch, Anchorage, Alaska June 3-5

Western Region NLS/NLATS - Philmont Training Center, Cimarron, NM October 7-9

Western Region NLS/DYLC Granlibakken Resort, Lake Tahoe, CA November 18-20



## OA Sponsor-A-Tent Program

Cahuilla Lodge and generous donors have purchased 20 Philmont tents for Camp Emerson!

Help us purchase more tents to replace our damaged and worn-out tents.

Cahuilla Lodge Sponsor-A-Tent Program

\$100 per tent – a great way for Chapters, Arrowmen, units, districts, or Scouts to help make our camp the best in the west!

Please make checks payable to CIEC – BSA with OA Sponsor-A-Tent Program written on the memo line. Monies collected will be used to purchase tents and materials required to build new platforms.

Please send checks to:

**CIEC – OA Sponsor-A-Tent**

**Attention: Tracy Youden**

**PO Box 8910**



# Lodge Calendar

## March 2016

- 24 Thursday LEC, Jack Dembo Council Service Center
- 26 Mt. Rubidoux Trail Clean Up
- 27 Mt. Rubidoux Trail Lighting (Easter Sunday)

## April 2016

- 1-3 Weekend, NLS, Forest Lawn Scout Reservation
- 28 Thursday LEC, Jack Dembo Council Service Center
- 30 Saturday, LLD Ceremonies/Indian Affairs, Location TBD

## May 2016

- 13-15 weekend Spring Ordeal @ Emerson
- 26 Thursday LEC, Jack Dembo Council Service Center
- 27-29 Weekend OA Council Wide Service to Camp @ Emerson

## June 2016

- 4 National Trails Day/Lodge 127 Day of Service Various Locations
- 23 Thursday LEC, Jack Dembo Council Service Center

## July 2016

- 3-6 PRISM - Summit
- 9 Saturday Lodge 127 Day of Service, Camp Helendade
- 28 Thursday LEC @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center
- 30-Aug 3 NEXT, Indiana University