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## May Ordeal Induction Weekend



Our fearless leaders

Chief Griffin wears a tin foil hat better than anyone.

On May 13-15 at Camp Emerson, Cahuilla Lodge welcomed and inducted 59 new Arrowmen as they completed their ordeal, and two members sealed their ties of Brotherhood.



Ordeal Candidates take a break



Second Vice Chief



Trenton Goopio checks on tent installations.



# May Ordeal



## Trading Post News

The Lodge Trading Post has several NEW ITEMS available everyone might be interested in...

The CAMP EMERSON 97th ANNIVERSARY Sets are now available at the Lodge Meeting....The Set consists of a Cahuilla Lodge Flap and a Camp Emerson CSP.. Each patch is Numbered and you will receive matching numbers on the 2 patches... The price is \$20 for the Set with profits being donated by the Lodge for Camp improvements.... ONLY 100 were made so do not wait to purchase...

REMINDER.... If you PRE-ORDERED the Support Our Troops Cahuilla Lodge Flaps for the NAVY, AIR FORCE, or COAST GUARD they are in and available at the June 26th Lodge Meeting at the Council Office.... All profits from the sales are donated to the branches Relief Fund to support the needs of our Troops and their families... The price for each Flap is \$10 and needs to be paid when you pick them up...Each Flap is Numbered....

TRADING POST TEAM, Jarod and Ron



**Permanent OA Induction Cards** are available at \$6-10 per card depending on how many we order. This is a great way to support the National Order of the Arrow Endowment and commemorate the year you were inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

Sign up at [Snakepower.org](http://Snakepower.org) or at the Trading Post to order your OA Induction Card.

# Camp Emerson Patches

To commemorate means to intentionally remember something, and what we remember with this patch set is, our camp, Boseker Scout Reservation/Camp Emerson, Idyllwild, which is 97 years old. That means Boy Scouts started camping at Emerson in 1919. Actually, they used to hike up the old Tollgate Road to camp, from down the hill; even threw their rucksacks into wagons drawn by horses, maybe even oxen. Truth is, the Boy Scouts of America camped about 150 yards north and east of the current parking lot by Wagon Wheel. Different pieces of land have been added to and subtracted from the Camp Emerson campus over the 97 years.

On these two patches, commemorating the 97th year of BSA camping at Emerson, you see two different standing images: good Chief Algot and Tahquitz the Monster. The good Chief is facing the snake totem of our Lodge; he looks human and Native American. The Monster Tahquitz looks more like a space alien with a full-body-type halo of evil energy. Both figures drawn directly from the Legend of Tahquitz, hold the lightning bolts they threw at each other in the Battle of Tahquitz Valley. Thunder, lightning and earthquakes are still attributed to Tahquitz. You might say they are *blamed* on the Monster, whose evil spirit does not rest.

The reason Tahquitz' hideous face still appears in our Camp on Tahquitz Rock, is that the good Chief gave chase, caught the Monster, and killed it. Alas, a blind squaw accidentally put green wood on the fire being used to burn the carcass of the Monster, and it sprang back to life, its spirit having passed through the smoke of her green branches. Good Chief Algot with his dying effort, threw Tahquitz into the rock in Tahquitz Bowl. I have never touched that rock since I first laid eyes on it in 1967 as a Cub Scout.

These full-body images of Algot and the Monster are taken from the mid-1950s Riverside County Council 2" patch. Every summer for four summers that a Scout camped at Emerson, he got a different color "rocker" that said Emerson: 1957, 1956, 1955, 1954. Interestingly, the 1955 12-A Fellowship Conference, held at Camp Emerson, gave Arrowmen a really cool patch showing the good Chief Algot, whose body is red and majestic.

We now call "Fellowship Conference," Conclave. I hope OVER 100 Arrowmen from Cahuilla Lodge 127 attend Conclave this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mr. K  
Historian Adviser  
Cahuilla Lodge 127



## SNAKE POWER!!!

At the National Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America held in Dan Diego in May, Cahuilla Lodge took home, not one, not two, but **THREE** significant awards. The lodge was awarded the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award, the National Service Award, and the Innovations Award! Each award is given to only eight lodges nationwide.



Western Region Adviser to the Chief, Toby Capps, Chief Griffin, 1st Vice Hayden and Western Region Chief, Joe Garcia

Proud Supreme Chief of the Fire of Cahuilla Lodge with Hayden, Tall Man, Chief Griffin and little Adviser.



## The Chief Speaks



Hello Cahuilla Lodge!

Our first half of our first year of our second century was amazing! We just recently had our first ordeal, where we had a whoppin' 59 new Arrowmen devote their lives to cheerful service AND two Arrowmen sealed their ties in Brotherhood in our Order! That's awesome! I, along with Hayden Martois, Mr. Martois, Mrs. Blessum, Mr. Brandt, Mf. Flanagan and Mr. Daniszewski, attended the National Meeting of BSA where we accepted the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award, National Service Award, and the Innovations Award! Not many lodges earn all three at one time, so, to quote Ron Burgundy, it's, "kind of a big deal!" We also participated in National Trails Day, which I thought was a lot of fun!

Don't forget we have some awesome events coming up soon. The first being the Section W4-S Conclave, which is themed "Ram Weekend Fever" (Saturday Night Fever). So get your Afros, roller skates, and Bee Gees and get to Conclave! October 7-9 at Camp Tahquitz (which is like, really close!). Remember, my challenge to the lodge is to get 100 people to Conclave so don't forget to sign up! The next event is Fall Fellowship Pow Wow II with Puvunga Lodge! Theme TBA, November 4-6 at BSR Camp Emerson. That's always a great event so don't forget to sign up for that as well.

WWW,

Griffin Martois  
2016 Cahuilla Lodge Chief

## Adviser's Minute

As Chief Griffin said, we had a great start into our second century. The Lodge Leadership has been busy planning fun events as well as service to our Council Camps. There are three key events remaining for the year—Adventure Weekend, Section W4S Conclave and Fall Fellowship. The Chief has challenged the Lodge to have at least 100 Arrowmen at each of these events—are you up to the challenge? The Chapter that has the highest participation during the year will receive a special prize. Arrowmen give many hours of service, it is in recognition of this that Conclave and Fall Fellowship are packed with fun and fellowship, and we hope to see you all there.

WWW,

Cynthia Blessum  
Adviser to the Chief

# Chapter News

## Serrano Chapter Restarts

Serrano Chapter, in the High Desert, has restarted its regular chapter meetings. The chapter, with new leadership— both youth and adult— is becoming more active in Lodge events.

The Chapter Meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Apple Valley National Guard Armory, 17988 Highway 18 Apple Valley.

The next meeting is July 13, 2016.



Chief Griffin swears in the new Serrano Chapter officers



# Chapter News

## Wanakik Chapter Coordinates Easter Trail Clean Up and Lighting

On Easter Weekend, Arrowmen from Wanakik Chapter coordinated over 300 volunteers that prepared and lighted trails on Mt. Rubidoux for Easter Sunrise Services.

Since 1918, Scouts have lighted the trails for people going to the sunrise service. On Saturday morning, Arrowmen coordinated volunteers who cleaned and prepared the trails. After the trail cleanup, Chapter members provided additional service installing crosses and covering graffiti, followed by an evening of fun and games until it was time to light the trails.





# Chapter News

## Wanakik Chapter (Continued)

### Fun and Fellowship



A little card game...



Cooking hot dogs for the hungry volunteers



A little football....



Who says you need round balls for Lodge Ball?



# Chapter News

## Navajo Chapter



Navajo Chapter Call Out



Arrow of Light Ceremony



## 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 its participation includes Arrowmen from different lodges and sections all across the Region.

The next courses available in our region are:

Western Region NLS/NLATS - Philmont Training Center, Cimarron, NM October 7-9  
Western Region NLS/DYLC Granlibakken Resort, Lake Tahoe, CA November 18-20

## Nomination Deadlines

Vigil Honor and Founders Award Nominations are due at the August LEC.

All other awards are due at the September LEC.

All the forms can be found on [Snakepower.com](http://Snakepower.com).

See Hayden Martois for any questions.

# Lodge Calendar

## June 2016

- 23 Thursday LEC, Jack Dembo Council Service Center  
25 LLD Indian Affairs: June 25, 2016

## July 2016

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

## August 2016

- 5-6 Trade-o-ree  
12-14 Ordeal #2 @ Camp Emerson  
25 Thursday LEC @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center

## September 2016

- 9-11 Ordeal #3 @ Camp Wrightwood  
16-18 Adventure Weekend—Pancake Breakfast  
22 Thursday LEC @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center

## October 2016

- 7-9 Conclave @ Camp Tahquitz  
27 Thursday LEC @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center

## November 2016

- 4-6 Fall Fellowship/Vigil @ Camp Emerson (With Puvunga)  
18-20 NLS @ Lake Tahoe  
17 Thursday LEC @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center

## December 2016

- 2-4 LLD Lodge Leadership Retreat @ TBD  
15 Thursday LEC @ Jack Dembo Council Service Center

## Submissions for the Call

**We need articles and pictures from your Chapter events, Lodge events and service projects. The more you submit, the more we can publish.**

**Please send your submissions to James Vineyard:  
[jamesw.vineyard@gmail.com](mailto:jamesw.vineyard@gmail.com).**

**Don't wait until we are getting ready to publish. Send your photos and articles as soon after your event as possible.**

## Lodge Elections

Lodge elections are held at Fall Fellowship. If you are ready to run for a lodge position, please submit a letter stating what position(s) you are interested in pursuing. This letter must be signed by your Chapter Adviser, Parents and Scoutmaster. Please turn this in no later than the October LEC. Position responsibilities and expectations are described in the Lodge Rules and available on the lodge website.