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Wauna La-Mon'tay Lodge #442

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So What's this "OA" all About?

We're often asked by unit leaders: "How can I get the most out of the Order of the Arrow in my unit?" We're here to tell you — by asking! The OA is more than just a recognition of honor campers in your unit. It's also about providing cheerful service, starting with our obligation to serve our scouting unit.

When we first introduce the OA to our newest members each year, we begin by emphasizing what they've been doing all along: remaining an **active member of their unit**, providing a positive role model to other scouts, serving as leaders, and promoting year-round Scout camping.

One effective step each unit leader can take is by appointing an OA Unit Representative. This official youth leadership position represents the OA within their unit, serving as the key liaison between the Lodge, the local chapter, and the troop or team. They also promote the principles of the Order of the Arrow by encouraging fellow Arrowmen to fulfill their Obligation within the unit. Some units also appoint an adult adviser to work with the youth leader in performing his responsibilities of the position.



The OA also offers opportunities for scouts to become more involved in Scouting, build tighter bonds of brotherhood, and grow as leaders. OA chapters serve their District in a number of ways — from conducting Cub Scout Cross-Over ceremonies to staffing Webelos Woods and District Camporees. Our Lodge conducts several lodge-wide events and activities. In November, we hold a **Leadership Development Conference** that helps reinforce key leadership principles and gain great experience. In January, we conduct an annual **Native American Arts & Ceremonies Seminar**. And in March, the biggest Lodge event of the year is **Rendezvous of the Order**, our annual fellowship weekend and recognition banquet.

Our Lodge is also dedicated to service to our council, providing over 10,000 man-hours this past year during Ordeal weekends and our **annual Lodge service project**.

Wauna La-Mon'tay Lodge Events 2012 Calendar

Jan 20-22	NAACS Weekend
Feb 4	Lodge Service Workday
Feb 25	Lodge Service Workday
Mar 9-11	Lodge Rendezvous of the Order
Mar 24	Lodge Service Workday
Apr 7	Lodge Service Workday
Apr 21	Lodge Service Workday
May 18-20	Spring Ordeal – Camp Meriwether
Jun 1-3	Spring Ordeal – Camp Baldwin
June 8-10	Spring Ordeal – Camp Cooper
Jun 15-17	Spring Ordeal – Camp Pioneer
Jul 28-Aug 4	National OA Conference (Michigan)
Aug 19-25	Lodge Service Work Week (Baldwin)
Oct 5-7	Fall Ordeal (Scouters Mountain)
Nov 17	Lodge Leadership Development Conf.

We've provided more information about these and other events on the next page of this newsletter (and our 2012 annual calendar above).

It is through our dedication to our units and districts that we fulfill our mission as a Lodge — achieving the purpose of the Order of the Arrow as an integral part of Scouting. In doing so, we provide positive youth leadership experiences as a Brotherhood of Honor Campers.

If we can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to call or drop us a quick email.

Yours in Service,

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What's Happening in 2012

> Native American Arts and Ceremonies Seminar (NAACS) — January 20-22, 2012

In January, we conduct a workshop weekend dedicated to Native American arts and crafts, costuming, and ceremonies. NAACS is a great opportunity to learn more about our Native American heritage -- whether you are just starting out, or a seasoned ceremonialist, there is something for everyone. Participate in hands-on workshops in beading, drum-making, costuming, feather-making and more. Learn about Pow-Wow drumming and dancing. Find out from the experts on ways to improve ceremonies. And enjoy great food at the Saturday evening Potlatch. This event is a great way to get involved in ceremonies!



> Rendezvous of the Order and Annual Lodge Banquet — March 9-11, 2012



Our biggest event of the year for the Lodge is Rendezvous of the Order and Awards Banquet, held each year in March. This great weekend is all about fun, fellowship, and good times! The weekend begins on Friday evening, typically with all kinds

of games, patch trading, food, and more. Saturday offers outdoor skills and leadership training, games and competitions, workshops, and just hanging out with friends. Saturday evening we hold our annual Lodge Awards banquet where we celebrate our successes, recognize recipients of lodge service awards and Founders Awards, and conduct our Vigil Call-Out. And we close the evening with an awesome PowWow and bonfire. Also during the weekend, we elect our new Lodge Officers for the coming year. Again in 2012, we'll be holding this event at Camp Meriwether.

> Section W-1S Conclave — September 7-9, 2012

The biggest event of the year in the state is the annual Section W-1S Conclave, a gathering of typically 500 Arrowmen from throughout Oregon, southwest Washington, and northern California. Arrowmen from the three Lodges in Section W-1S come together each year for leadership development, Native American events and workshops, the chapter competitions, entertainment, patch trading, climbing walls, 'hawk throws, entertaining Friday night and Saturday Night shows, great food – this is an action-packed weekend with fun for all (youth and adults)!

> Leadership Development Conference (LDC) — November 17, 2012

In November, our Lodge hosts a day-long leadership development conference that aims to reinforce and enhance leadership skills for attendees from throughout our Council. We've broadened the scope of this conference to target all scouts that are serving in patrol or troop leadership positions (and their adult leaders) who are looking for supplemental training to help their unit succeed. Learn through hands-on workshops and practical applications the principles of leadership from the best of the best.



> Lodge Service Project — Spring 2012

Wauna La-Mon'tay Lodge provides hundreds of service hours each year to our many Council scout camps. In addition to our Spring and Fall Ordeal weekends, we also conduct a series of service workdays to bring together Arrowmen from throughout the lodge to work together in the spirit of cheerful service. Each year, we choose a project to give back to the Scouting program in a lasting way. We usually invest 5-6 workdays between January and April, and every Arrowman is invited and encouraged to lend a hand.

Past projects have included construction of the Butte Creek firebowl (2000); rebuilding the firebowl at Camp Lewis (2001); rebuilding the firebowl and shelters at Scouters' Mountain (2002); conducting a series of work projects at Scouters' Mountain, Butte Creek, and Royce Finel (2003); reconstruction of the Camp Cooper firebowl (2004), constructing picnic tables for our Council's summer camps (2005), building a handicap-accessible campsite and trail at Camp Lewis (2006), and refurbishing two troop campsites at Camp Meriwether (2007), two additional campsites at



Meriwether (2008) a new Obstacle Course at Camp Ireland (2009), a new firebowl at Camp Discovery (2010), Obstacle Course at Camp Lewis (2011), and a new firebowl at Camp Baldwin (2012-2013)



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