



Northern Stream

Ta•To•Ka•Dan Newsletter



Antelope Valley District

February/March 2009

2009 Order of the Arrow Troop Elections

It is that time of year, we will be scheduling elections with every Antelope Valley Troop that would like one. If you have a First Class Scout with 15 nights on the ground, five being a long term camp (Summer Camp), they are eligible. Each Troop that elects a youth may elect one adult. The adult must have the 15 nights with the long term, but may still be elected if they were not a scout as a youth.

The Order of the Arrow was traditionally called "Scoutings Honor Society". We want to bring it back to that level. The OA is a service organization—we are here to help local Packs, Troops, Crews, and Teams.

Our goal is to promote camping and cheerfully serve our local youth members. This year our primary Chapter Ordeal will be held at the end of May or beginning of June, we are working to confirm a date and location. There will be five Ordeals during the year if a candidate can not attend our primary Ordeal. All youth candidates elected before the Camporee at Tejon Ranch will be called out at that event. Adult candidates must be approved by WLACC. We will do our best to get the approval before Camporee. If you would like an election, please contact our Chapter Chief Brenden T. at 661-256-8652 or Dan Troup at 661-916-5570. WWW

2009 District Bridging Ceremony

Our Annual District Bridging Ceremony will be held Monday, April 13 at 6:45 p.m. The event will be held at the Lutheran Church of The Master, 725 E. Ave. J, Lancaster, CA 93535. The Order of the Arrow will provide arrows for those who would like to purchase them, the arrows are \$13.00 and will be painted appropriately as requested.

Please let us know the names and ranks earned of the scouts or leaders requiring arrows. We will need at least two weeks to prepare your arrows. If you would like to make your own arrows we have a template for painting we will make available. Please RSVP for this event, contact the Chapter Chief or the Chapter Adviser. WWW

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 3 – Ta•To•Ka•Dan Officers Meeting @ Roundtable*
- Mar. 7-8 – Vigil Weekend*
- Mar. 9 – Ta•To•Ka•Dan Chapter Meeting*
- Mar. 14 – Ceremonies Workshop @ 1st Methodist Church North Hollywood*
- Apr. 7 – Ta•To•Ka•Dan Officers Meeting @ Roundtable*
- Apr. 13 – Ta•To•Ka•Dan District Bridging Ceremony @ Lutheran Church of the Masters*
- Apr. 25-27 – Cabuenga District Camporee @ Tejon Ranch*
- May 5 Ta•To•Ka•Dan Officers Meeting @ Roundtable*
- May 7 & 8 Ta•To•Ka•Dan Ordeal Weekend @ Camp Josepbo*
- May 11 – Ta•To•Ka•Dan Chapter Meeting*

Quality Lodge Pins

The Malibu Lodge earned Quality Lodge for 2008! Show your pride by ordering a Quality Lodge Pin to wear on your Lodge Flap. Cost is \$1.50 each. Come to your Chapter Meeting or contact the Chapter Chief or Adviser to order yours. WWW

2009 Order of the Arrow Dues

If you have not yet paid your dues for this year, please do so. Ta-To-Ka-Dan Chapter has lost over 50% of it's roster to unpaid dues. If you would like to continue your membership with the OA, please come to your Chapter Meeting and fill out a membership renewal. Dues are only \$14.00 per year, a bargain price for membership in such a great organization. WWW

Malibu Lodge Neckerchief Slides

Malibu Lodge has brought back the popular Malibu Lodge Flap Slide. It is a miniature version of the Lodge Flap, and is 2" wide and 1" high. It is metal with an enamel picture. Show your Malibu Pride by wearing one on your neckerchief. Or purchase several as memorabilia. Limited time offer, when they're gone, they're gone. Cost is \$5.00 each. Contact the Chapter Adviser to reserve your own. WWW

Ta-To-Ka-Dan 2009 Officers

Brenden T.
Chief

Michael M.
Vice Chief

Richard
Vice Chief of
Inductions

Austin
Treasurer/
Secretary

Advisor to the Chief, Dan Troup 661.256.8652
 Advisor to Activities, Joe Pizzo 661.644.6160
 Advisor to Inductions, Barry Swenson 661.256.8590
 Advisor to the Treasurer/Secretary,

Ceremonies Workshop

Arrowman, do you remember the first time you saw the Order of the Arrow? Maybe they came to your Cub Scout Blue and Gold. Maybe they gave you your Arrow of Light. Maybe you saw them for the first time when you were called out at Camporee. Who were they? They were the OA Ceremony Team! Didn't they look like an awesome bunch of guys! Well, those guys could be you! The Malibu Lodge is holding a Ceremonies Workshop on Saturday, March 14th, 2009 at 4832 Tujunga Ave. in North Hollywood to teach you all of their secrets. If you want to be on a Ceremony Team and be the envy of all that see you, you should plan on attending. If you are undecided but still curious about ceremonies, please come along.

Contact your Chapter Chief or Adviser if you are interested or just come down. WWW

Chauwalanne Fundraiser

The Chauwalanne Chapter of the Malibu Lodge is selling large replicas of the Lodge Flap for wear on your activity jacket. It is 7 inches wide by 3 inches tall, and looks just like the Lodge Flap, except with a red border. They are raising money to buy a Tipi and a trailer to carry it. Cost is \$10.00 each. Please help support our fellow chapter by purchasing one, plus you get to look cool in the process. Contact your Chapter's Adviser to order yours. WWW

2009 Order of the Arrow Dues/Registration

Please complete this form and bring to a Chapter Meeting, mail or fax to the address below

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____ Birth Date: _____

Email: _____ Unit Type & Number: _____

Chapter: Ta-To-Ka-Dan District: Antelope Valley

Mastercard VISA Name on Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Card Number: _____ Authorization Signature: _____

Ordeal Brotherhood Vigil Lodge Dues: \$14.00

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