

## National Order of the Arrow Conference

This summer, over 7,000 Arrowmen will come together to have fun, learn new things, and celebrate the best the OA has to offer. This six-day adventure is unlike any other event in Scouting. There are only a limited number of spaces available for members of Cahuilla Lodge to attend. For more information, please visit the Cahuilla Lodge website at [www.snakepower.org](http://www.snakepower.org).



## 2006 Order of the Arrow Unit Elections

Every January kicks off OA Unit Elections. This is when we visit every Troop in the District to conduct elections for those deserving Scouts that qualify for Order of the Arrow

membership. We need both Chapter members, both youth and adult, to step forward to help with this task.

Regional election teams have already begun forming to conduct elections for the Troops in their area. Each team will be visiting an average of 3 Troops over the next 2 months to conduct elections. Visit the elections team page on the Chapter's website for more information: [www.acachapter.org](http://www.acachapter.org)



Check out our monthly Podcast!

## ACA Chapter Monthly Podcasts

A podcast is a popular way to distribute audio files (usually in MP3 format) through the internet. Listeners often download a podcast of the day's news, commentators, or short announcements to their computer or MP3 player for listening.

Chapter podcasts will be posted monthly on the Chapter's website. They are recorded at monthly OA meetings. On each podcast will be interviews, roundtable discussions on current events in the Chapter, and general announcements. All Arrowmen are welcome to join in the podcasts



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## From the Chiefs

This year I am looking forward to a great time doing all the activities and attending the meetings. If you are planning to go to an activity I would strongly encourage it, the OA activities are very fun and you might learn a thing or two. Also try to make it to a meeting as much as possible, they are fun and very social. It is also great looking forward to working with the other OA members. And also do your best and try hard.

Daniel Perry  
ACA Chapter Chief '06

## From the Chiefs

Dear Brothers,

Hello and Goodbye, these are the last few things that I get to say to you as your Agua Caliente Clan Chief and ACA Chapter Chief. First I want to start by saying thanks to all of the people who helped me through my term as Chief, and a very special thanks to James Hermes for his help with all of the late night phone calls and split second decisions.

Last summer I had the opportunity to go National Boy Scout Jamboree, and I am now looking forward to going to the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). This years NOAC is at East Michigan University in East Lansing, MI. I encourage all youths who want to have late night pizza and fun with Arrowmen from other states should attend.

This year has been fun, there was a Wild West themed Camporee and a Roman Gladiator Fall Fellowship. If variety is the *spice* of life then this Chapter is made from *habaneros!*

I look forward to continue serving the Chapter as the First-Vice Chief of Agua Caliente Clan and helping to make 2006 another great year for the ACA Chapter.

Jarred Brown  
2005 ACA Chapter Chief

## 2006 ACA Chapter Officers

Daniel Perry: Chapter Chief/ Agua Caliente Clan Chief  
Jonathon Rakestraw: First Vice Chief/ Chemehuevie Clan Chief  
Jarred Brown: Agua Caliente Clan First Vice Chief  
Ronald Hodge: Chemehuevie Clan First Vice Chief  
Colby Clay: Chemehuevie Clan Secretary  
Michael Ramirez: Agua Caliente Clan Secretary

The year 2006 is going to be a great year for Chemehuevie and the ACA Chapter. This year is going to be a year of learning how to be a good leader. We will be having a lot of fun playing games and becoming better friends.

The way we are going to encourage more people to show up to more meeting is to have a pizza party every three months and have really fun activities. After we finish with all the announcements and the upcoming events. Another way I would like to get more members to come is by calling them and saying when the meetings are and what's going on in the clan. Also I will tell them that we would like them to come so we can get to know them better and become their friend.

Something inspirational to me is the more you come to the meeting, the more friends you will have by the end of the night.

Johnathan Rakestraw  
2006 Chemehuevie Clan Chief/ ACA First-Vice Chief



### Chemehuevie Clan performed the last Arrow of Light Ceremony for 2005 on December 14.

Pack 78 from the Twentynine Palms Marine Corp. Base were excited to have our Chemehuevie Arrow of Light Team come back for a fourth year in a row. The members of the team performed a great ceremony and closed the last official Chapter function for 2005. It was a great way to end a great year for our Chapter.

### 2006 Arrow of Light Team Boot Camp

On January 7, Arrow of Light Teams from across the Chapter met in Indio for the annual Arrow of Light Team Boot Camp. Here, the Arrow of Light Teams are run through a meat grinder to better improve their abilities to handle the problems that arise during the ceremony. There are many "AOL's" coming up. If you are interested in joining one of the Arrow of Light Teams, then just email the Chapter at [acanews@yahoo.com](mailto:acanews@yahoo.com) or call 760-342-4851.



### Chapter's Camp Promotion Team brings home top honors for the 4th straight year.

Our Chapter's Camp Promotion Team brought home top honors for the 4th straight year at the annual Fall Fellowship last October. The competition got a little heated when A-tsa Chapter decided to try and drown out the rest of the booths by cranking up the volume on their speakers. But, our Chapter blasted back with bluegrass, music from creed and tunes from the Beatles.

We had many compliments on our displays, depth of information on places to go camping, and the knowledge of the members of our team.

Our Chapter also set up the camp promotion booth at the District's Merit Badge Clinic in November. Many Scouts enjoyed our interactive map on places to go camping. One Scoutmaster commented that he literally felt dizzy from all the information that our team and booth provided.

The camp promotion team will soon be setting up the booth at the Sunrise District's annual Scout Show in early Spring. All Arrowmen are welcome to join the team and be a part of an award winning



### 2005 Cahuilla Lodge Fall Fellowship

One of the biggest and funnest events of the year for our Chapter is the annual Cahuilla Lodge Fall Fellowship. The Arrowmen from our Chapter had their best showing yet with 2 first place awards and the most popular of the 3 big awards, Chapter Spirit.

Our Ordeal Team brought top honors with their strong performance. The Camp Promotion Team earned top honors for the 4th straight year.

The lead for the Spirit award was tied between ACA and Tahquitz Chapter until Saturday afternoon. That's when our Chapter's *Roman Legion* escorted *Caesar* around camp and went, literally, rummaging and pillaging. There was a tense moment when members of Wanakik Chapter met our Arrowmen in a "plungers versus swords" battle. Alas, our soldiers persevered and continued on to raid A-tsa Chapter's camp promotion booth and pay a royal state visit back to Wanakik.

Congratulations to all the Arrowmen that helped to make a great weekend for the Chapter.

