



## 2007 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)



## ACA Chapter Delivers Presents During the Holiday season

On December 21 four Chapter members helped to deliver bicycles to a local needy.

They began their day by picking up the bicycles at the California Highway Patrol Offices in

Indio. After a little bit of trouble finding the correct house, the presents were happily received. It is service such as this by our Chapter members that help define one of our founding principles, a "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service".



## ACA Chapter Movie Productions

ACA members filmed 3 short movies in the summer of 2006 to promote the annual Fall Fellowship. These 3 movies were such a hit that we were officially asked to make 2 more movies to promote the upcoming Section W4B Conclave at Camp Emerson.

Filming for the 1 first movie, "Hurry up to Conclave", began on January 20 in Palm Desert and the Bosecker Scout Reservation and will be released in early February. The second movie is tentatively named "Conclave of Flying Sashes" and will be filmed in mid to late February. If you are interested in being a part of our movie magic, then let us know.

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## From the Chiefs

Well my friends, another year has come and gone. As we say goodbye to the year of '06 we say hello to new adventures and greater opportunities in '07. Last year I was Chapter Chief and now this year I am taking the position again. As I look back on what has happened over the year I can see what needs to be improved upon and what to expect this year. Also, I am still encouraging you to do your part and try new things, like be part of an Arrow Of Light Team or an Ordeal Team, or just attend meetings and be a good friend to others.

I also encourage attending meetings, they are fun but we still get the job done, and who knows you might make a new friend! Great opportunities await you in the 2007 year. So my friends, my brothers make yourself active and do your best to achieve great things.

Daniel Perry,

2006-2007 Chapter Chief/ Agua Caliente Clan Chief

## From the Chiefs

The year 2006 is in the past and the new goals for 2007 will make for a better year than the year past's. Make no mistake, the expectations for our Chapter during 2006 were greatly exceeded.. We were able to accomplish certain tasks and develop programs that no one would ever expect to come from an OA Chapter.

I was the 2006 Chemehuevie Clan Chief and I have the great pleasure of being reelected as Clan Chief for 2007. We were off to a ruff start but as time went on I was able to get better as Clan Chief and made some new friends on the way. That made the events even more fun to be at with my pals.

The more activites I got involved in, the more fun it was for me to be there. Like Arrow Of Light's and Ordeal ceramones. They were a lot of fun to do. So I incourage all arrowmen to do one of them or both of them if they would like to do both and make some new friends.

This year looks to be a better then the past year for us. So, go out and make some new buddies and have fun that is what OA is all about. See you guys on the flip side.

Johnathan Rakestraw  
Chemehuevie Clan Chief

# Upcoming ACA Chapter Events

2007

- Feb. 7 Chemehuevie Clan meeting
- Feb. 28 Agua Caliente Clan meeting
- March 7 Chemehuevie Clan meeting
- March 8 Arrow of Light Ceremony for Pack 131
- March 23 Arrow of Light Ceremony for Pack 377
- March 28 Agua Caliente Clan meeting a
- March 30-April 1 Sunrise District Spring Camporee and Quarterly ACA Chapter meeting
- April 4 Chemehuevie Clan meeting
- April 25 Agua Caliente Clan meeting
- May 2 Chemehuevie Clan meeting
- May 4-6 Section W4B Conclave at Camp Emerson
- May 23 Agua Caliente Clan meeting
- May 26 Yucca Valley Grubstakes Day Parade
- June 6 Chemehuevie Clan meeting
- June 18-22 ACA Chapter Whitewater Trip down the American River
- June 27 Agua Caliente Clan meeting

For more information on any upcoming events, please check out the ACA Chapter website at [www.acachapter.org](http://www.acachapter.org), or contact James Hermes, ACA Chapter Adviser, at phone 760-342-4851, or email [acanews@yahoo.com](mailto:acanews@yahoo.com)

ACA Chapter **WANTS TO INVITE YOU TO GO**



## DOWN THE SOUTH AND MIDDLE FORKS OF THE AMERICAN RIVER JUNE 18-22, 2007

The ACA Chapter of Cahuilla Lodge is planning a whitewater rafting trip down the American River near Sacramento, California. This will be a 3 day trip down the South and Middle Fork of the river. These sections include class 3 and 4 rapids! All eligible Arrowmen in the Lodge are welcome to join us.

American Whitewater Expeditions has offered us a great package deal for this trip. The cost is \$450 per person and space is limited to 40 people over the age of 14 years. The cost includes transportation on a charter bus, food, tents, and river gear (helmets, paddles, life jackets, etc.).

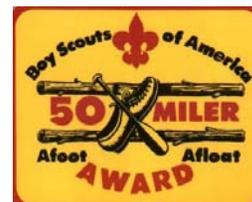
Scouts attending this trip will be able to earn the 50 Miler patch and the whitewater merit badge.

A deposit of \$200 is required by March 5, 2007 and the balance must be paid by April 25, 2007.

For more information about this trip, please call James Hermes at (760)342-4851 or Darin Eldridge at (760)366-7686, or visit [www.acachapter.org](http://www.acachapter.org)

A registration packet can be downloaded at [www.acachapter.org](http://www.acachapter.org)

For more information about American Whitewater expeditions, please visit [www.americanwhitewater.com](http://www.americanwhitewater.com)





## 2007 Cahuilla Lodge Fall Fellowship

The annual Cahuilla Lodge Fall Fellowship was held on October 6-8, 2006. It is the largest Order of the Arrow event that our Chapter participates in of the year. This event marks the

first time that our Chapter has run a Lodge level event. From the feedback that we received, many people believe this to be the best Fall Fellowship in years!

From our giant video ipod on Friday night, Mr. Robots' cameo appearances, themed food menu based off scifi, and a giant banner of the Fall Fellowship patch greeting participants as they checked into camp, This was by any measure a very successful event.

Twenty Three Arrowmen from our Chapter, 16 youth and 6 adults, attended the event. This is the largest contingent we've ever had from our Chapter. We had the second largest contingent of the weekend.

The Saturday afternoon sports competitions looked like a scifi convention with Boy Scout uniforms. Several Chapters themed their gig on science fiction. There was a plethora of light sabers and aliens walking around camp the entire afternoon.

The afternoon program kicked with the land speeder sedan chairs parading into the meadow in front of the Chapter camp promotion booths. Next, we launched soda bottle rockets high into the air. After that we raced the sedan chairs across the meadow in what looked like an action scene straight out of Star Wars.

Chapter members Art Cherry and Ronald Hodge both received their Vigil Honors on Saturday of the Fall Fellowship. They are the first Arrowmen since 2002, and the first youth Arrowmen, from our Chapter to have earned this honor.

Our Chapter won first place in the decoration section of the land speeder races for our OA rocket. We also won, for the 5th year in a row, the camp promotion booth competition.

The 3 big awards for the weekend are the: Chapter Excellence Award- quality of the overall Chapter programs; Negami Award- overall participation in the events of the weekend; and the Spirit Award- who ever is the loudest and most noticeable over the weekend.

ACA Chapter tied with the Tahquitz Chapter for the Chapter Excellence Award. ACA Chapter won the Negami Award, A-tsa Chapter won the Spirit Award. This marks the first time that the ACA Chapter has won 2 of the 3 major awards at the Fall Fellowship.

## 2007 ACA Chapter Officers

**Daniel Perry: Chapter Chief/ Agua Caliente Clan Chief**  
**Johnathan Rakestraw: First Vice Chief/ Chemehuevie Clan Chief**  
**Robert Routon: Agua Caliente Clan First Vice Chief**  
**Ronald Hodge: Chemehuevie Clan First Vice Chief**  
**Jonathan Cambon: Chemehuevie Clan Secretary**  
**Cody Muir: Agua Caliente Clan Secretary**

### Yucca Valley Light Parade



The Yucca Valley Light Parade was held on December 16, 2006 in Yucca Valley. Nine OA members from ACA helped several other Scouts

carry banners for various floats in the parade. The parade was held in the evening with temperatures in the low 40's and 50 mile per hour winds. Some of the banners were ripped up or completely destroyed from the high winds.

A few of the Scouts got a first hand (or foot) lesson on watching where you should step when carrying a banner behind some horses. Green Scout pants at least help to mask the problem.

All in all, it was a fun evening despite the challenges thrown at us by the cold and the wind acting as a paper shredder.

Johnathan Rakestraw  
Chemehuevie Clan Chief



### Arrow of Light Ceremony Season is Here

The first Arrow of Light Ceremony of 2007 was held on January 8 for Pack 905 in Palm Springs. Cub Scout Packs have been scheduling "AOL" dates with us since last Fall. Participating in these ceremonies is a great way to break one's self into performing on Chapter ceremony teams.

### 2006 Arrow of Light Team Bootcamp

On January 6, 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.