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1st Vice Chiefs Message

Dear Fellow Arrowmen,

It was such a pleasure to work with all of you during 2009. We accomplished lots of great things! We got our Chapter Drum Team up and running and we were able to get more of our brothers to be active members of the OA.

Looking forward to 2010 and the 10 year anniversary of Aca Chapter I bid the new people moving into chapter positions the best of luck. Here is to a great year!

Yours in fellowship,

Robert Routon

Aca Chapter Chief 2008 & 2009

2010 1st Vice Chief of Cahuilla Lodge #127

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Chapter Chiefs Message

Hello ACA Chapter,

This is your 2010 Chapter Chief. I would like to take a moment to talk about this upcoming year. I have been fortunate to be elected in one of the best years for Scouts. As you know it is Scouting's 100th anniversary and if you didn't know it is also Aca's 10th anniversary. I am looking forward to a great year leading our Chapter through many events, such as Scoutreach, all the ordeals, Conclave, Fall Fellowship, and all the many other events.

We have big plans for this year! Starting new ceremony teams, carrying on with our drum team, starting our dance team, getting our attendance up, and getting all of you guys that are ordeal those two bars on your sash (Brotherhood). Well as you know there has to be someone to fill the big shoes that Aca has been known for and I am looking forward to a great year.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Cody Reddick

2010 Chapter Chief

2009 Aca Chapter Planning Meeting

Our annual planning meeting was held on December 19 at Faith Lutheran Church in Joshua Tree. 13 youth and 8 adults attended the meeting. We learned about the Chapter's structure and its role within Cahuilla Lodge. We also learned about the different styles of leadership during a fantastic presentation by Wendy Hodge. We also elected the 2010 Aca Chapter Chief!

As a group we set the following goals for 2010:

- **50% new Ordeal members**
- **Form a Pre-Ordeal Team**
- **Form a Brotherhood Team**
- **Establish a Dance Team**
- **Increase Chapter Participation up to 50%**
- **Minimum goal of 30% retention for Brotherhood**
- **Record a Podcast for the 100th Anniversary of Scouting and the 10th Anniversary of Aca.**
- **Improve our Ordeal Team**
- **Begin Ceremony Team Rehearsals in February**

Everyone had a great day and it was a wonderful cap as the last Chapter event of 2009.



OA members at the 2009 Aca Chapter planning meeting.

New heights for Aca's Ceremony Teams

Aca Chapter will be forming a new Brotherhood Team and Pre-Ordeal Team! More information will be available within the next couple of months, so keep an eye out! These new teams will help compliment our already established Ordeal Team at upcoming Ordeals. All youth Arrowmen are welcome to join.

2010 Cahuilla Lodge Banquet

Mark your calendars for the 2010 Cahuilla Lodge Banquet. The banquet will be Saturday, February 27 at the Masonic Lodge in Riverside. Some of the program highlights will be the new Vigil Honor recognitions, Ted Green Arrowmen of the Year Award, Founder's Award, and the introduction of the 2010 Cahuilla Lodge Officers.

The cost is \$25 per person and dinner will be tri-tip steak. Come join us for an evening great fun and fellowship.

Aca Chapter Officers and Advisers

2010 Agua Caliente Clan Officers

Aca Chapter Chief/Agua Caliente Clan

Chief: **Cody Reddick**

First-Vice Clan Chief: **Corey Chabot**

Clan Secretary: **Mark Maloney**

Chapter Adviser: **James Hermes**

2010 Chemehuevie Clan Officers

Chemehuevie Clan Chief: **Jonathan**

Cambon

First-Vice Clan Chief: **James Luna**

Clan Secretary: **Victor Isarraraz**

Associate Adviser: **Darin Eldridge**

1st Vice Chiefs Message

Dear Brothers in Cheerful Service,

This is your 2010 Vice Chapter chief. I would like to have a bit of you time to talk about this coming year. It is a honor to be elected as your 1st Vice Chapter Chief for my third term. As far as my goals are for this year i want to follow the goals set forth by the chapter but focus on the Chemehuevie Clan and to improve their membership. I am looking forward for a great year with all of you filled with those principles that our order represents.

Yours in brotherhood,

Jonathan Cambon

Adviser's Minute

I've always enjoyed watching our Chapter continue to evolve year after year. We've always begun every year by experimenting with new programs and ideas. Some don't always pan out, but many do. It's our willingness to try new ideas and keep the program fresh and interesting that distinguishes us from many other Chapter.

2010 will be no different. The youth set ambitious goals for Aca at our annual planning meeting last December. Among the new goals will be the formation of a permanent Pre-Ordeal team and Brotherhood team, dance team to accompany our drum group, and BSA 100th anniversary podcasts.

Our youth leaders are determined to see that we meet the goals that they have laid out for us this year. If I've learned anything about our members it's this, we are up to the challenge.

James Hermes

Aca Chapter Advisor

Cahuilla Lodge Fall Fellowship



Daniel Perry, Jerry Rounds, Robert Routon, William Winn, and James Hermes after the Vigil Callout at the Fall Fellowship.

Last November was the 2009 Cahuilla Lodge Fall Fellowship. Twenty four Aca members were among the more than 100 Arrowmen that attended the 2009 Fall Fellowship at Camp Emerson. Our Chapter placed in many of the competitions including: 1st place chili cook-off; 1st place best campsite; 1st place Guitar Hero challenge; 1st place camp promotion booth; and the Negami Award for best overall performing Chapter for the weekend.

Our 2009 Chapter Chief, Robert Crouton, was elected as the 2010 First-Vice Chief of Cahuilla Lodge. Robert is the first person from our Chapter to serve in this position within the Lodge.

Callum Weeks was recognized at the Fall Fellowship for becoming certified as a ceremony team expert

for the part of Meteu in the Ordeal ceremony.

Callum is the first Arrowmen from Aca to receive this distinction. Three members from Aca were among the Arrowmen that were called out at the Vigil Honor Callout ceremony on Saturday night. Congratulations to Daniel Perry, Robert Routon and Jerry Rounds for being called out to receive the Vigil Honor.

This was one of the best performances by our Chapter at a Fall Fellowship. Our gig theme for the weekend was a biker rally and it was a hit. Everyone had a lot of fun and a great weekend.

Most of the Aca Chapter members that attended the 2009 Fall Fellowship



Arrow of Light Team Bootcamp



Arrowmen that attended the 2010 Arrow of Light Team Bootcamp

The 9th annual Arrow of Light Team Bootcamp was held on January 9 in Palm Springs. Robert Routon, Jonathan Cambon, Dalton Reddick, and Christina McCulloch put on a great training. They introduced some new scenarios that created some purely classic bootcamp moments. Almost everyone's personal favorite from the day was when Robert was on a platform overlooking the stage and shooting marsh melows at the ceremony team. Between that and *really* dim lighting, camera flashes from some overzealous "parents", and some heckling from the audience the Scouts were laughing hard and enjoying the challenge of completing the ceremony.

Deer Run Singers



The drum team that is sponsored by Aca is still less than a year old, but has brought us great honors. They have performed at every OA Campfire at Camp Emerson during summercamp, the Council Stampede, Section W4S Conclave, Fall Fellowship, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, and most recently at the Sunrise District Dinner on January 9.

The drum team has become the premier performing group of its kind for Cahuilla Lodge. They meet every 2 weeks for rehearsals and all OA members are welcome to attend the rehearsals.

Please visit [www.acachapter.org/Deer Run Singers](http://www.acachapter.org/DeerRunSingers) for a schedule of rehearsals and performances.