



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2002 - 2003

www.geocities.com/aklannews

MARCH

- 3/8 OLS Training
- 3/12 Roundtable 7:30
- 3/15 Annual Award Dinner
- 3/22 Blackhawk 500 derby

APRIL

- 4/4-6 Herms Ordeal & Chiefs Council
- 4/16 Cycling Awareness Training

MAY

- 5/14 Safety Afloat Training

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 6/7 Fages II 20 mile hike

Fun at Roundtable

Join us on 3/12 at 7:30pm, Our Savior's Lutheran, 1035 Carol Ln. Lafayette. Get the news on Friends of Scouting and more. See you there!

New to Scouting? New Scouting Position?

Fast Start Training: Fast Start training will give you a quick overview of the what you need to know to be a leader. And, it is now available for Cub, Scout and Venturing leaders ON LINE. The following URL will take you to where the videos are hidden on the Council's Web page: <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/formspace.htm>

New Leader Essentials & Position Specific Training: This training will explain the Scouting program and give you the information needed to fulfill your Scouting position. The date is March 8 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lafayette. Contact John Spahr (Cub leaders) 944-9467, Wick Smith (Scout leaders) 253-0326, or Bill Phelon 254-8338.

Outdoor leader skills training for Cub & Scout leaders introduces you to the outdoor skills needed in Scouting. April 12-13, at Camp Herms.

Aklán District serving the communities of Lafayette, Orinda & Moraga

Chairman: Jerry Stinson	254-2955	Camping/Outdoor:	Vacant
Commissioner: Gerald Del Rio	254-1697	CamporeeSM: Glenn Martin	283-0393
Sr. Dist. Exec:	674-6122	Scout Roundtable:	Vacant
Finance: Alan Gould	254-6426	Food Drive: Vic Evans	376-0925
FOS Chairman: Mark April	376-9315	Day Camp Dir: Sally Bayuk	76-1548
Membership: Jim O'Shea	254-8042	OA Advisor: Jeff Weber	253-9682
Advancement: Carter Wells	284-9179	OA Chief:	
Eagle Projects: Dick Miles	283-6109	Popcorn Chair:	Vacant
Merit Badge: Martha Rogers	935-7565	WebelosWoods: Joan Grimes	299-8858
Cub Training: John Spahr	944-9467	Victoria/Wick Smith	253-0326
Smoke Signals: Jim Hammond	938-4983	Blkhawk500: Tony Fakonas	243-9477
Program/Training Bill Phelon	254-8338	Activities/Service: Sherry Nolan	473-5433

ORDER of the ARROW

Many thanks to Orinda's Troop 237, whose committee pledged \$500 toward the assembly of regalia for our apanuc's ceremonial team. Other troops are encouraged to support the OA by making any contribution they feel is appropriate.

Unit election packets were placed in each unit's folder back in January. If your unit needs more forms or information, or you want to schedule an election, please contact Elections Advisor Cathy Luginbill or Apanuc Advisor Jeff Weber. Spring elections should be held prior to April 30, so that your candidates can be called out at the district camporee in May.

OA members - monthly apanuc meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane. Bring \$5 for food and drink.

The ordeal weekend at Camp Herms on April 4-6 is the next opportunity for any OA nominees from last year to come forward and seal their membership in the Order. Contact Advisor Jeff Weber if you need more information.

Award Dinner

Please join us Saturday, March 15th for the annual awards dinner, 6:30pm at Lamorinda Presbyterian Church 50 Knox Rd. \$20 per person. The Order of the Arrow will be catering the dinner. BBQ chicken or beef and all the fixings. The proceeds will send older OA members to the BSA National High Adventure Camp in Minn. This is a great opportunity to honor those individuals who have helped make our Packs, Troops, Crews and District special. If there is someone you want to acknowledge at the dinner, send the name and a brief paragraph about the honoree to Sherry Nolan by 3/1/03, ssnolan@msn.com.

2003 Blackhawk 500 The Place To Be

Mark your calendar so you don't miss the Blackhawk 500 MDSC Pinewood Derby Championship at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville, CA on March 22, 2002. This will be a great event celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Pinewood Derby. Every Cub who enters will receive a cool, one-of-a-kind custom patch. You can only get them at this event!

You can enter a car either to race or for design and show. And don't forget, this year we will have a special Blackhawk Cup competition for the pinewood derby car that looks most like a car in the Museum's collection (or any classic car that the Museum might display)! Special trophies will be awarded.

If you wear your Scout uniform, you and your whole family get in free - even if you don't compete in an event. Come on down and check it out! It will be great fun, and you can still do the crafts and games and visit all of the neat exhibits in the Museum. (Have you ever seen a 15 foot long Albino python, or a real, man-eating crocodile? These are just a couple of the cool things waiting for you.) You can even complete some of your Cub Scout advancement requirements. Get all of the information at www.blackhawk500.com. Contact Tony Fakonas, Event Chairman, at tfakonas@attbi.com or at 925 253 .

Earth Day 2003

All Scouts from all units/districts and their families are invited to join Aklán District April 19th, 9am to noon as we help the East Bay Park Dept do some Springtime Conservation work on Earth Day. When the work is done, sit back & enjoy the yummy BBQ provided by the East Bay Park Dept. Wear work clothes & bring water. Make your calendars!