



The Saklan Times



Saklan Lodge

Saklan Lodge was formed in June 2013 when Esselen Lodge and Miwok Lodge joined together following the merging of Santa Clara County Council and Monterey Bay Council into Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council. We recently celebrated our 10th Anniversary!



Big News!

Saklan Lodge is reworking its inductions and communications system, making use of a nationally-administered database called LodgeMaster.

Primary internal communications will come from this system, as well as unit or candidate-centric inductions and election information.

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**SCOUTING'S
NATIONAL
HONOR
SOCIETY**

2 | A Year in Review

January

We entered 2023 strong, with over 150 members already having paid membership dues. This trend continued throughout the first three months for a total of 250 before an Ordeal even happened!

February

Remember the Monterey Council Recognition Dinner? Saklan Lodge devoted a team of volunteers to assist with parking and colors to open the night of celebration, led by our Lodge Chief!

March

Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council called, and Saklan arrowmen answered. Emergency storm cleanup efforts at Camp Chesebrough were assisted by OA members from Saklan Lodge.

April

A delegation of 20 members joined our Lodge Chief at the Annual Section G17S Conclave, a gathering of multiple lodges across our section. We also represented the OA at the annual Scout-O-Rama with our hit 'human foosball' booth!

May

Axes, anyone? We celebrated the emergence from winter with some old-fashioned axe throwing in Downtown San Jose, featuring AxeVentures Axe Throwing! Check out the Lodge Instagram to see.

June

With the largest turnout in years, Spring Ordeal 2023 saw representation from all 7 chapters at Camp Hi-Sierra, totaling almost 1000 hours of service and inducting 73 new arrowmen!

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July

The lodge took a break from Lodge events, supporting the Order of the Arrow on OA day every week at Camp Hi-Sierra as our members wore their sashes of membership.

August

Saklan Lodge announced its 10th Anniversary patch design and took pre-orders at the Lodge Banquet, & Elections, where we welcomed our new Vice-Chiefs and returning Lodge Chief. George West and Scott Fortner were also awarded the Founder's Award for their amazing efforts to the lodge.

September

In a feat of planning and masterful execution at the largest Ordeal in the Lodge's history, we inducted a record 109 new Ordeal arrowmen with a total of 83 supporting staff filling Ceremonies, kitchen, or administrative roles.

October

The 2024 NOAC Contingent spearheaded by James Peal held their preliminary meeting discussing the upcoming adventure (p. 6). Saklan also was represented nationally as Larua Sun (Section G17S Chief) and Bailey Palmaffy (Section G17S VC) attended the Gateway Region Section Officers' Seminar in Illinois.

November

All new leaders were welcomed to the 10th Annual Lodge Leadership Development, a day of training and skillbuilding for OA Representatives, Chapter Chiefs, Vice-Chiefs, and more. All slide decks of OA-themed training can be found on the lodge website!

December

Consistent with the theme of the year, Saklan saw record attendance at its 10th Holiday Party generously hosted by the Sunnyvale Elks, with 134 arrowmen gathered together to celebrate the holiday cheer. December also saw 6 new Vigil Honor members, who kept their Vigil the night prior to the Holiday Party.

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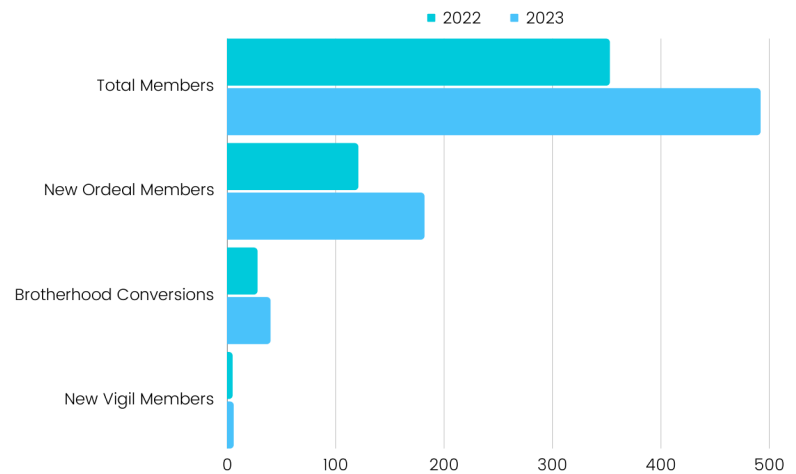
Service

Thanks to its phenomenal members who exemplify the ideals of the Order, Saklan Lodge supported Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council with over 6000 man-hours of service in 2023, the majority of which was forestry-related.



Growth

During its 10th anniversary, Saklan Lodge experienced a year of rapid membership and participation growth, inducting 139 new members and providing further OA program for 40 new Brotherhood and 6 new Vigil members! We look forward to spreading more information about the Order and its purpose in Scouting at the University of Scouting, 2024.



Contributions to Council

Generous givers, the Lodge Trading Post, and our amazing auctions during the Lodge Banquet and Holiday Party allowed Saklan Lodge to contribute nearly \$10,000 to Council Camps, including part of the brand-new observatory at Camp Hi-Sierra!

General Performance

Unseen growth, stellar participation from Lodge members, and hard work from the youth-run Lodge Executive Committee earned Saklan Lodge the status of “Thriving” in the National Performance Measurement Program, a metric not earned in 5 years. Thank you to all that contributed to the effort this year!



SAKLAN LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

CONCLAVE 2024

The Arrow Trail

SADDLE UP FOR SERVICE



CONCLAVE 2024.

THE EVENT OF THE YEAR.

From unique trainings to lodge competitions, **Conclave is truly an unparalleled opportunity to experience everything the OA has to offer.** Spend the weekend meeting Arrowmen from around the section, bidding in our incredible auctions, and even say hello to a National Officer!

Our 2024 theme is **The Arrow Trail: Saddle Up for Service.** Come join us for an unforgettable Western weekend of friends, fun, and fellowship at Boulder Creek Scout Reservation from **April 19-21, 2024!**

REGISTER NOW!

LEARN
MORE



April 19-21, 2024

Boulder Creek Scout
Reservation

FUN

Join us for a morning of **themed trainings**, including cowboy action shooting! In the afternoon, enjoy our **western-themed competitions and refreshments** - centered all around the incredible site of Boulder Creek.

FRIENDS

Experience the **brotherhood of the OA** - catch up with old friends and meet new ones! Conclave is a unique opportunity to **meet Arrowmen from other lodges** and even some from out of section. **You could even say hello to a National Officer!**

FELLOWSHIP

Dedicate yourself to our **fellowship of service.** Whether it be inspiring shows, obtaining Brotherhood membership, or Vigil Re-dedication, **Conclave is a chance for all Arrowmen to re-imagine the OA.**



NOAC 2024

National Order of the Arrow Conference

July 29 to August 3, 2024

University of Colorado Boulder

The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the flagship national Order of the Arrow event. It is held every two years at a major university campus and is attended by as many as 8,000 Arrowmen from all 50 states. It is second only to the BSA National Jamboree in size and scope.

- Engaging activities
- Training sessions
- Patch trading
- Meet Arrowmen from across the country
- Large-scale shows
- Experience campus life
- Inter-lodge competitions

When your contingent steps onto campus, they will be joining a growing spirit of Scouting pervading Boulder. Soon after, our opening show will fill shoulder to shoulder with Arrowmen from across the country as we celebrate the OA. Speak with your contingent leader, lodge chief or lodge adviser for registration and pricing information.



Visit oa-bsa.org/noac to learn more!

NOAC 2024 Promotion Patch



NOAC

"Seek New Heights"

www.saklanlodge.org

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Saklan Lodge 2024 Calendar

January-2024	
7th	Council of Chiefs Meeting @ SVMBC Service Center
20-21st	Forestry Weekend @ Camp Chesebrough
February-2024	
3rd	Winter Fellowship @ TBD
7th	Elangomat & Staff Training for Winter Ordeal
23rd	SVMBC Annual Recognition Dinner @ Villa Ragusa
March-2024	
1-3rd	Winter Ordeal @ Camp Chesebrough
2nd	University of Scouting @ Santa Clara High School
10th	Council of Chiefs Meeting @ GYC Service Center
April-2024	
5-7th	Polaris/Lowaneu Allanque Camp-O-Ree @ Camp Chesebrough
12-4th	South Counties Camp-O-All @ Bolado Park
19-21st	Section G17S Conclave @ Boulder Creek Scout Reservation
26-28th	Quicksilver/Woakus Camp-O-Ree @ Camp Chesebrough
May-2024	
3-5th	Pioneer/Hattape Camp-O-Ree @ Camp Chesebrough
8th	Elangomat & Staff Training for Spring Ordeal
11th	Scout-O-Rama @ Kelley Park San Jose
17-19th	Coyote Creek/Tindeuchen Camp-O-Ree @ Camp Chesebrough
24-27th	Adopt-A-Campsite @ Camp Hi-Sierra
31-2nd	Spring Ordeal @ Camp Hi-Sierra
June-2024	
31- 2nd	Spring Ordeal @ Camp Hi-Sierra
10-16th	Meeting and Selection of Vigil Candidates @ Zoom Meeting
July-2024	
27- 3rd	NOAC @ University of Colorado Boulder
August-2024	
24th	Lodge Banquet, Elections, Awards @ TBD
28th	Elangomat & Staff Training for Fall Ordeal
30-1st	Labor Day Weekend @ Camp Chesebrough
September-2024	
20-22nd	Fall Ordeal @ Camp Chesebrough
October-2024	
18-20th	Fall Fellowship @ TBD
November-2024	
9th	LLD 1 @ SVMBC Service Center
23rd	LLD 2 @ SVMBC Service Center
December-2024	
6-7th	Vigil Induction & Breakfast @ Camp Chesebrough
7th	Lodge Holiday Party @ TBD

Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meets on the 3rd Wednesday (7:00 pm) of each month over Zoom and quarterly at the Council Service Center

Lodge Advisor Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month (7:30 pm) of each month over Zoom