

The Bear Claw

Pre-Spring Ordeal Edition — Be Prepared—New Information

What You Need for the upcoming Ordeal

- Map on how to get to Rancho Alegre
- Notes on what to pack for your Ordeal weekend.
- Registration Form for the Ordeal weekend found online at www.lpcbsa.org.
- Remember you MUST bring your completed BSA Medical Form (copy) and Registration Form if registering online.
- Vigil Committee will meet Saturday afternoon. Please bring completed nominations
- Trading Post with OA items will be open Saturday evening.
- This distinctive pin is a Lodge Fundraiser for the Rebuilding of Rancho Alegre. Donation of \$10 gets you the pin. Great thankyou or Eagle gift.



Questions? Need more information? You or your parents have concerns?

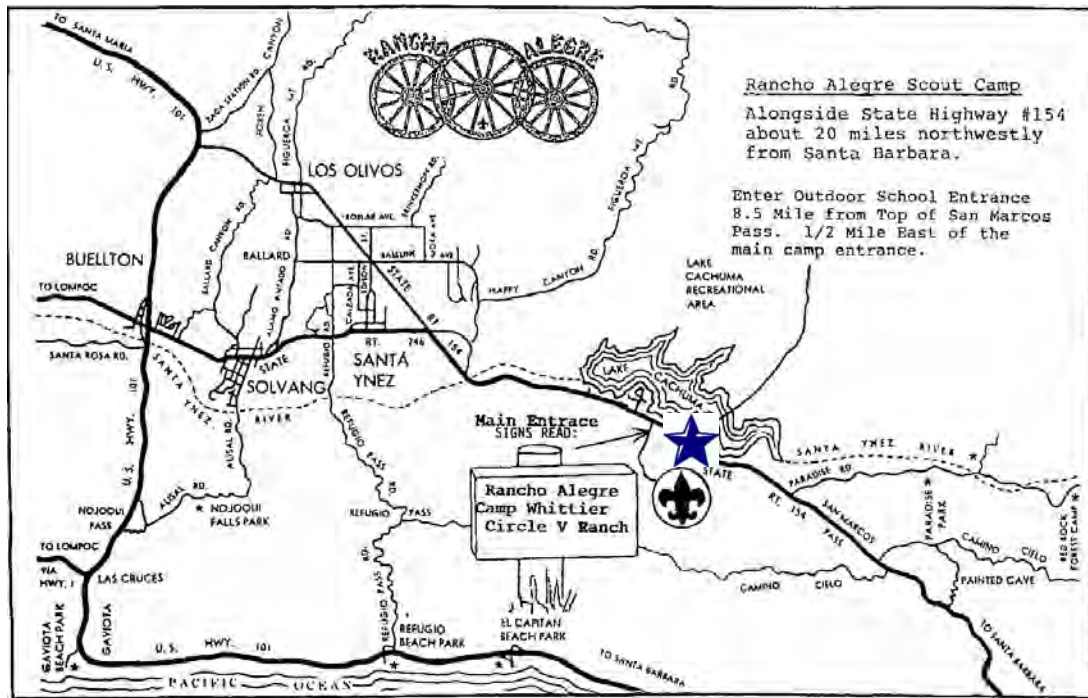
Contact Lodge Membership Advisor Wayne Rascati at 452-7828 or chumash90@cox.net
Or go online to our website at <http://www.Chumash-Lodge90.www.net>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPRING ORDEAL

If you are attending the Order of the Arrow Spring Ordeal on May 18-20 at Rancho Alegre, here is some very important information. Please note some of this information is different from what you may have received previously.

- We will NOT be staying at Larsen Meadow. We are utilizing the Main Campus of the Ranch. Please enter the main part of the camp directly opposite the 16.3 Emergency Roadside Phone on Highway 154.
- Registration will occur at the Dining Hall on the Main Campus
- We have only ordered food for 80 people. Our registration count as of Monday evening is 50 people. If you have not registered yet, please do so online at the Council's website at www.lpcbsa.org. We can not make adjustments in the food count after 5 pm on Wednesday.
 - We need to know about any food allergies or severe medical problems. Please send an email with this information to Associate Adviser Wayne Rascati at Chumash90@cox.net by Thursday evening. We do have a Medic/EMT attending.
- Parents/Guests who are coming Saturday evening and intending to eat in the evening meal should also go online to register for the Saturday evening meal. Deadline is Wednesday at 5 pm. Cost is \$20.
- There are no dormitories as a result of the Whittier Fire last summer. Everyone needs to bring or share a tent. Otherwise they will be sleeping under the stars.
- Everyone is asked to bring at least one gallon of drinkable water as well as full canteens. The water system is still not repaired. Anyone having a large water container is asked to bring that full of water as well. 25 or 50 gallons is better than 1 gallon.
- We will be doing service to the camp as part of the Order of the Arrow
 - If you have a weed whacker (and protective goggles), please bring to the Ordeal as much of the camps maintenance equipment was burned in the fire.
 - Remember to bring old clothes, work gloves, and appropriate older footwear for the service.
- **Any questions? Send them to Chumash90@cox.net. Responses sent out each afternoon and evening.**

2018 Ordeal Weekend: Rancho Alegre Mat 18—20 and August 24—26



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From Santa Barbara:

Take San Marcos Pass Road to mile marker 16.3 Roadside phone. Camp entrance is on the left. If necessary, pull to the right (by phone) and wait for traffic to past before making the left turn. Take driveway entrance for approx. 3/4 mile to the Dining Hall.

From North:

Take San Marcos Pass to mile marker 16.3. Turn right onto driveway entrance. Go approx. 3/4 mile to Rancho Alegre Dining Hall.

Order of the Arrow helps keep camping alive

Camping promotion is one of the primary goals and services of the Order of the Arrow. That is why any one nominated for the Order must be an active camper with 15 nights of camping of which 6 nights are at a long term camp. This applies to both youth and adult candidates.

In addition Chumash Lodge has published a guide to local camp and backpacking areas on the Central Coast for over 60 years. The current edition is an electronic version which is updated regularly based on reports of our own members.

Ordeals are held at our local Scout Camp so that our users (Troops, Packs, and Crews) can be benefit from the outdoor experience. During our Ordeals we will work on the COPE-Climbing area, the proposed Physical Fitness field, as well as doing some trail maintenance. The COPE Program has been sponsored by the Lodge for years. Last year a Climbing Wall was added to the COPE Course. This year our work projects include doing trail work and working on the first phase of our camp's new physical fitness area. Your participation can be a memorable recollection each time you come to Rancho Alegre.



Questions:

Here is the information on some adult OA Advisers that could answer your questions:

- Lodge Adviser—Jacques Benoit (sbboyscout@gmail.com)
- Lodge Membership Associate Adviser—Wayne Rascati (chumash90@cox.net)
- Scouting Professional—Scott Oldenburg (Scott.Oldenburg@scouting.org)



2018 ORDER OF THE ARROW ORDEAL WEEKENDS

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL ORDEAL ATTENDEES

Our 2018 OA Ordeals will be May 18-20 and August 24-26 at Rancho Alegre. Registration is at the Dining Hall. We hope to see you then for your Ordeal. Check-in time is from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The Ordeal concludes at 9:30 am on Sunday. Candidates may leave Saturday evening after 9:30 pm for religious or other important reasons. Otherwise, **you should stay the entire time.**

May 18-20, 2018 at Rancho Alegre
August 24-26, 2018 at Rancho Alegre

Please register at least one week in advance of the Ordeal with enclosed form. This helps with planning meals and providing materials. **Deadline 5 pm, Wednesday May 16th.**

WHAT CANDIDATES and MEMBERS SHOULD BRING TO THE ORDEAL:

- ___ Backpack or Duffel Bag
- ___ Sleeping Bag
- ___ Sleeping Pad
- ___ Ground Cloth
- ___ Sharp Pocketknife/Tote 'n Chit
- ___ Work Gloves (for Saturday)
- ___ Hiking Boots/Sturdy Shoes
- ___ Bandana or Handkerchief
- ___ Sunscreen
- ___ Bug Repellant
- ___ Lip Balm
- ___ Rain Gear
- ___ Warm Jacket, Hat
- ___ Water Bottle/Canteen Full of Water
- ___ At least one gallon of drinking water
- ___ Medication
- ___ BSA Medical Form

- ___ Toiletries
- ___ Pen or Pencil
- ___ Money for OA Trading Post
- ___ Work Clothes and Shoes (old)
- ___ Boy Scout Uniform (Class A)
- ___ Your 10 Essentials for any outing
- AND IF YOU CAN—**
- ___ Weed Whackers/Protective Goggles
- ___ Personal Tools for small projects

Do NOT bring any of these items

- XXX Electronic Games
- XXX Radios, Tape/CD Players
- XXX Card Games

XXX



Wear your uniform to the Ordeal. Pack light, you must carry your gear.

We suggest eating a good meal before arrival/check-in on Friday evening.
There will be no meals on Friday.

Be sure to state on medical form if you have special dietary needs or restrictions. Also list all medicines to be taken during the Ordeal. Certain medical conditions may require you to bring supplementary food, and that is permissible if it is stated on your medical form.