

# Conclave Areas of Interest

## AREA DESCRIPTIONS

### **Leadership with Emphasis on Diversity/Inclusion**

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) is at the core of our organization. This area will be focusing on the inclusivity of the Order of the Arrow and how to make sure everyone has a safe and fun time. Arrowmen will learn and work together with others from across Southern California on how to implement DEI into your Lodge. This is an opportunity to learn about leadership and how inclusivity can not only help people feel included but also increase the effectiveness of the group. Participants will discuss Developing a DEI Committee and develop ideas to expand DEI in their lodge. This session is recommended for experienced Arrowmen.

### **OA Art and History**

Arrowmen will learn about the history of the Order of the Arrow. This section dives deeper into the art & patch history of the Order of the Arrow focusing on using the past for inspiration for the future. Old patch designs will be available to view and see what has worked in the past and gain inspiration for new patch designs. The group will create a new design using what they learned. Bring colored pencils and a sketchpad or paper.

### **Nature Photography**

Arrowmen will gain a basic understanding of good photo composition. This will involve what makes a good photo and how to make it more interesting. After being introduced to these skills Arrowmen will head out on a nature hike to test what they have learned. During the hike they will capture nature images of their choice. Upon return, they will all share some images and join in a group critique to see how well they did and where they can improve. Please bring a digital camera or smartphone to this session.

### **OA University**

This course, presented by the National Chief, is about the Order of the Arrow and the many opportunities within the OA. This course will show you how tap into the many opportunities the Order of the Arrow has to offer including scholarships to OAHA, region and national events, training and various leadership positions and much more. Participants will go home with a better understanding of the OA and what they can do within the OA.

### **Music Shows and Skits - Performance Art**

Arrowmen that have an interest in music theory and theater should sign up for this Area of Interest. The Arrowmen will learn how to plan and lead a campfire. They will be learning about how to create a campfire schedule and creative ways to come up with

skits and how to act in them. There will be an opportunity to see how music works into the program and how it helps people connect. We will also discuss how to select those skits or songs and how to focus on what is appropriate and how to deal with inappropriate content. Participants will walk away with a good understanding on how to plan and run a successful and memorable campfire.

### **American Indian Affairs**

Arrowmen will learn about the history of Native Americans and about some of the traditions that they carry today. There will be a strong focus on ensuring that as we participate in AIA, we are always respectful. Arrowmen will workshop what makes ceremonies successful and memorable.

**We encourage Conclave participants to bring a folding chair to their session.**