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PAY YOUR 2026 DUES



Service!



Ceremonies!



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“Literally Anything”

Requests for newsletter articles (Klarion or Cog) are often being requested, one common statement is they can be about “literally anything”. Well, challenge accepted, here is an article literally about Literally Anything.

The dictionary defines literally as:
in a literal sense or manner: such as

- in a way that uses the ordinary or primary meaning of a term or expression
- a word that can be used both literally and figuratively
- used to emphasize the truth and accuracy of a statement or description
- with exact equivalence : with the meaning of each individual word given exactly
- in a completely accurate way

And anything as:

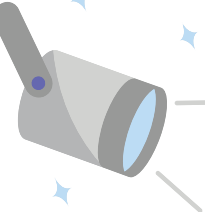
- any thing whatever : any such thing

For those who have read the Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy or watched the movie, you are familiar with the answer to the question Deep Thought answered. Deep Thought a supercomputer designed by pan dimensional beings to answer the “Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything” and answered it with “42”. What does this mean? If you read to the 5 th book in the trilogy Mostly Harmless you will find another answer to what 42 means (I will not give a spoiler, and it also answers why the Petunia said “Not again”). In ASCII characters the 42 nd character is an asterisk, *. In computer use, and elsewhere an asterisk is considered a wildcard character, literally anything. Anything can encompass a lot, such as infinity or everything. Just remember that an article can be about Literally Anything. Years ago, there was a series of articles on Condiments written by Vijay Reddy, “Mayonnaise” won the Article of the Year. Or you can write about Eagle Projects, service projects, campouts, meetings, and the list goes on. The articles do not have to be series, they can be about, Literally Anything.

Sources:

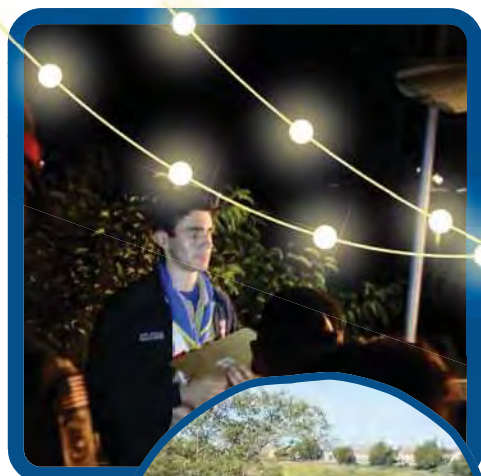
The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy Trilogy by Douglas Adams
<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/>

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

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At the recent induction, candidates had to clear brush around the the firepit to reduce hazards. Of course, spirits were high early in the morning, but inductees quickly discovered how the immense heat can quickly drain the energy out of eager scouts. Overall, participants had a lot of fun working together and exceeded expectations. Good work!

**RECENT
INDUCTEES**
42

**NEW
BROTHERHOOD
MEMBERS**
9

WANT TO STAFF AN INDUCTION?

EMAIL US AT: EVC@WIATAVA.ORG



NATIONAL INDUCTION EXPERIENCE (NIE)



OVERVIEW

Over the weekend of March 13-15 several members of Wiatava Lodge were invited to attend the first National Induction Experience at Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation, hosted by members of the National and Regional OA committees. This experience was a demonstration and training for the new Induction Process.



NEXT STEPS

Over the next year, as our lodge transitions into the New Induction Experience, more leaders will be trained, emphasizing brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

THE PROCESS

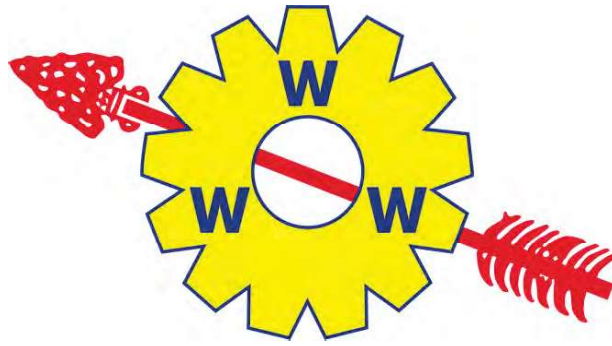
The new Induction process Preserves the Traditions of the Order of the Arrow as well as promote a way forward for a Brotherhood in Service.



IMPLEMENTING CHANGE

New and promising guides (both youth and adult) are selected. These are people who exemplify the OA ideals and create a sense of belonging to those around them.

JOIN US FOR THE



2026 WIATAVA LODGE BBQ

SAT, JULY 11, 2026 AT 11:00 AM

**Fellowship | Delicious BBQ
| Games | Memories**

Register! Oso Lake Scout Camp - 21131 Los Alisos
Bvd, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688





TWO WEEKENDS

**NOVEMBER 6-8 &
NOVEMBER 13-15**

JOIN NYLT FALL 2026

NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership with the traditional strengths of Scouting. The course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what they must KNOW, and what they must DO. The key skill based elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO.



PREREQUISITES

- ✓ Must be 13+
- ✓ Be First Class Rank or above
- ✓ Complete a weeklong summer camp
- ✓ Have Unit Leader's approval
- ✓ Complete ILST (reccomended)
- ✓ Must be present for whole course

REGISTER NOW

<https://scoutingevent.com/039-FALLNYLT>



*Blackpug software dates are inaccurate.