

The Arrow Head



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Hello fellow Arrow men, I look forward to seeing you at the Chapter Holiday Party January. 21-22. We have plenty to celebrate this year because we won Chapter of the Year and got Quality Chapter. Thanks to those of you that attended the Lodge Banquet and heard David Dowty, Immediate Past National Vice Chief, speak. Congratulations to Ron Repp and Steve Slater on winning the Founders Award. Bring your games to the holiday party and lets drive the advisers crazy and show them who the better gamers are.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Pat Hon

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Camping Survey

At the last Chapter Meeting, those present filled out a camping survey, This is now posted on the web site www.rrv-bsa-oa.org. We will be revising this information and hopefully will ask each unit to complete a survey during their election and promotion. Look for different places your unit could go camping based upon the input of your fellow scouts.

SNOW FLAKE POW WOW DATE CHANGE!!!

Snow Flake Pow Wow has been moved to February 25—27. Look for more information in the Chief. It will be held at Comp Dodge in Johnston. Your Valentine's Day weekend is now free for the first time in recent memory.

ADVISOR'S RANDOM FIRING OF SYNAPSES

Congratulations to all Raccoon River Valley Arrowmen!!! With your help, we achieved Quality Chapter for the third straight year, and won the Chapter of the Year for the fourth consecutive year. The officers and advisors are proud of your help in achieving these awards and look forward to a great 2005. Special congratulations go out to our Arrowmen that were awarded special recognition at the Lodge Banquet. Kyle Anderson, Dale Herzberg, and Rob Schoene were awarded the Arrowman of Achievement award and Pat Hon received the Founders Award. Raccoon River Valley was well represented in other awards given out.

The Holiday Party promises to be something special this year. In celebration of our tremendous wins, I will provide something special for those in attendance. Come find out what it is and see if you can keep the advisors up all night. Look for more information about the party else where in the Arrowhead.

If you haven't been active in the Chapter, come to the Holiday Party to meet the people and see what fun we have. The only work involved is trying to keep the old geezers (I mean advisors) up all night. We'll be glad to tell you about what we do, the service we provide, and the fun we have. Are you up to the challenge?

Jim Shumaker

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RRV OA Chapter Advisor

IMPORTANT DATES

January 21-22, 2005	RRV Holiday Party
February 9, 2005	RRV Chapter Meeting
February 25-27, 2005	Snow Flake Pow Wow
March 9, 2005	RRV Chapter Meeting
April 1—2, 2005	Chapter Weekend
April 13, 2005	RRV Chapter Meeting
April 23, 2005	Lodge One Day of Service
May 11, 2005	RRV Chapter Meeting
May 13, 2005	Spring Conclave

Holiday Party News

The officers have decided to drive the advisors crazy by making us stay up all night again by having a lock-in. The date will be Friday night, January 21 7:30 PM. and end Saturday morning, January 22 8:00 AM. Once again we will have mass quantities of food, fellowship, games, but little sleep. Location is Rex Mathes school 1401 Vine St. West Des Moines. The cost is \$ 5.00 and includes pizza and breakfast. Bring the games you want to play, but if you bring a X-box or other gaming platforms be sure to have a TV with you. Also bring a bag of goodies to munch on and a 2 liter bottle(s) of pop also a sleeping bag if you can't make it all night . No registration is needed. The star on the map below is the location of the school.

