

# The Arrow Head



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Hello fellow Arrow men, Since the last news letter our chapter held its Holiday Party, was well represented at Snow Flake Pow Wow, and held a great meeting about the new Dan Beard Trail at camp. Congratulations to the RRV Ceremony Team for winning the competition for the second straight year. They will be performing the first week of summer camp, so if you're in camp that week, make sure you support them. The chapter needs your help at the upcoming Chapter Weekend April 1—2 and the lodge needs your help at One Day of Service and Spring Conclave. All of these are work days towards Brotherhood, so get busy and help us, and get to Brotherhood at the same time. The Dan Beard trail will need plenty of work over the coming years to build and maintain, so sign up for trail crew weeks. The forms are on the [www.mitigwa.org](http://www.mitigwa.org) web site.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Pat Hon  
Chapter Chief

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## Elections and Promotions News

Time is running out to hold your units annual Order of the Arrow Elections and summer camp promotion. Please check with your Order of the Arrow Troop Representative to make sure you unit has scheduled this event with one of the Vice Chiefs of Elections and Promotions. We would like to have all elections completed by the first of May.

**Chapter Week-  
ends are fun—  
April 1—2 at  
Camp Mitigwa!!**

## ADVISOR'S RANDOM FIRING OF SYNAPSES

The Order of the Arrow offers many opportunities to its members. This spring, there are several opportunities to provide cheerful service and complete the day of work needed for Brotherhood. Our Chapter Weekend is April 1 – 2 at Camp Mitigwa. One Day of Service is at Riverside Nature Park on April 23, and Spring Conclave is at Camp Mitigwa on May 13 – 15. Information about the Chapter Weekend is in this publication and the other two events will be handled by the lodge. We need your help to provide meaningful service to camp and the location chosen for One Day of Service.

In addition to these OA events, the Raccoon River Valley District is asking for our help at several district functions. While the Boy Scouts are having their Mission Impossible Camporee at Camp Mitigwa on April 30 – May 2, the Cub Scouts will be having a 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Steve Peterson would like OA members to come help the Cub Scouts with a scavenger hunt and take the young Cub Scouts around camp. If your unit is attending and will be there all day on May 1<sup>st</sup>, check with your Scoutmaster to make sure it's ok to leave and volunteer.

The district will be holding three Cub Scout Day Camps and need volunteers to help with stations and be patrol guides for the Cub Scouts. The different camps are: Camp Dodge, June 24 – 25 (Rob Stark), Adel: June 28 – 29 (Sondra Harvey), and Des Moines: July 6 – 7 (Tom Daft). If you are interested in helping one or two days at one of these events, please contact the organizers.

Part of the mission of the Order of the Arrow is to encourage the Cub Scouts to join the Boy Scouts and to assist in their transition. To that end, we've formed the Arrow of Light team that performs at crossover ceremonies. However, the opportunities mentioned above give you an excellent chance to interact one on one with the young Cub Scouts and make a lasting impression on them. Please take advantage of these opportunities. See you at camp.

Jim Shumaker  
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RRV OA Chapter Advisor

## IMPORTANT DATES

April 1—2, 2005	Chapter Weekend, Camp Mitigwa
April 13, 2005	RRV Chapter Meeting
April 23, 2005	Lodge One Day of Service Riverside Nature Park, Des Moines
May 11, 2005	RRV Chapter Meeting
May 13—15, 2005	Spring Conclave, Camp Mitigwa
July 8–10, 2005	Wapello Work Weekend Camp Wapello
August 19–21, 2005	Fall Fellowship, Camp Mitigwa

## Chapter Weekend—An Opportunity for Cheerful Service

Have you ever built a KYBO, worked on a new trail, or done maintenance around camp that you can show your friends what you did? These and many other service projects will hopefully be available for you April 2 when RRV once again takes Camp Mitigwa by storm and completes mass quantities of work, consumes mass quantities of food, and has more fun than should be allowed. See the information at the right for the details. The officers and advisors will be the chefs for the weekend and are planning something special, so come help. Fun and fellowship Friday night, but on Saturday, the gloves go on and we get busy!!!!

**DUE TO THE LATENESS OF THE ARROWHEAD, NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NEEDED—JUST SHOW UP!!!!**

## Chapter Weekend Information

Begins:	Friday, April 1—7:00 pm
Work Starts:	Saturday, April 2—8:00 am
Work Ends:	Saturday, April 2—3:00 pm
Feast:	3:00—4:00 pm
Location:	Camp Mitigwa Firestone Trading Post
Cost:	\$8.00 per person