

The Arrow Head



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We're having a great year, and I would like to encourage you to keep the good work up. We had a great turn out at Snow Flake Pow Wow, we had a good time eating great food and having good fellowship. On April 1st we're having our work weekend. For our big meal we're planning to have deep fat fried turkey with mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, and rolls. We are also having a Brotherhood Ceremony that Saturday night. This means all of you that are eligible for Brotherhood need to get your act together and get it done! Also on May 6th Ring Blitz will be occurring at Camp Mitigwa at 8 o'clock. We encourage all Arrowman adults or youth to come and help get the well known ring into better shape. Both the work weekend and Ring Blitz count towards a Brotherhood work weekend. I hope to see you all at the next upcoming events, so we can have a huge turn out.

Yours in Brotherhood,
Nate 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 Work
Weekend March
31– April 1 at
Camp Mitigwa!!**

ADVISOR'S RANDOM FIRING OF SYNAPSES

We're approaching a very busy time for Arrowmen. There are five weekends where you can provide cheerful service to either Camp Mitigwa, the Lodge, or Saylorville Lake. All of these days count as a work day to qualify you for Brotherhood. In fact, if your name on the label is highlighted in yellow, you can come to the Chapter Weekend, do your work day, and a Brotherhood ceremony all in one day. What a deal!!! If your name isn't in yellow, that means You are already Brotherhood or you haven't met the 10 month membership requirement for earning Brotherhood. Your time will come either at Spring Conclave, Wapello Work Weekend, or Fall Fellowship. Make sure you earn your Brotherhood. We like seeing those bars on sashes.

There are still a couple of openings for the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) this year at Michigan State University, July 28—August 3. See the //www.mitigwalodge.org web site for more information. It's a great time and we want you there.

The lodge is again sponsoring Dan Beard Trail Crew the first three weeks of Camp Mitigwa. If you spend a week at work on the trail, the lodge will pay half your way to Camp Mitigwa or Camp Wapello. Again, see the lodge web site for more details.

The chapter is starting something new for boys that earn the rank of Eagle Scout. If your dues were current as of the start of the year, and you have advanced to Brotherhood (if possible), we will attend your Eagle ceremony and present you with a certificate from the chapter and an Eagle feather like one in the Allowat Sakima bonnet. The feather will have colored ribbons signifying different roles and responsibilities within OA. Please contact Jim Shumaker at least two weeks before your ceremony to arrange for this. It's just a little recognition from your fellow Arrowmen on your big day.

As I originally stated, there are a lot of opportunities to provide cheerful service in the next few months. Please take advantage of at least one of them to help out. You'll feel better for doing so, and your help will be greatly appreciated. That's what we're all about—the brotherhood of cheerful service.

Jim Shumaker
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IMPORTANT DATES

March 31– April 1, 2006	Chapter Weekend, Camp Mitigwa
April 13, 2006	RRV Chapter Meeting
April 15, 2006	Dan Beard Trail Crew Day, Camp Mitigwa
April 23, 2006	One Day of Service, Saylorville Lake
May 6, 2006	Ring Blitz, Camp Mitigwa
May 11, 2006	RRV Chapter Meeting
May 19–21, 2006	Spring Conclave, Camp Mitigwa
July 14–16, 2006	Wapello Work Weekend, Camp Wapello
July 28–August 3, 2006	NOAC, Michigan State University
August 18–20, 2006	Fall Fellowship, Camp Mitigwa

Chapter Weekend—An Opportunity for Cheerful Service

Have you ever demolished 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 March 31—April 1 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. We're combining forces with Broken Arrow Chapter, so come make some new friends. The officers and advisors from both chapters 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!!!! Come be a part of the fun!!!

Chapter Weekend Information

Begins:	Friday, March 31— 7:00 pm
Work Starts:	Saturday, April 1—8:00 am
Work Ends:	Saturday, April 1—3:00 pm
Feast:	3:00—4:00 pm
Location:	Camp Mitigwa Mort Miles Lodge
Cost:	\$8.00 per person

Brotherhood Ceremony Registration starts at 4:00 pm and the ceremony begins at 5:30 pm

Trail Crew dates to remember

April 15, Spring Conclave (May 19—21), June 24, Fall Fellowship (August 18—20), Sept 16, Oct 11. Don't forget that this year the first three weeks of summer camp are available for working. See the requirements for the week long trail crew dates at www.mitigwalodge.org.