

The Arrow Head



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We recently had our Chapter Banquet where we had the passing of the bonnets. We had a few chapter meetings, where at one we had Brad Miller come and talk about opportunities in the Order of the Arrow. At our recent meeting we had Elections and Promotions training where we learned the proper way to give an election. Our next upcoming event is our chapter holiday party, where we will be playing video games and other fun stuff on February 10th. I'm looking forward to seeing you there. Were off to a great start this year, so keep it up!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Nate Hon

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Reminder

One Day of Service location is at Saylorville Lake

RING BLITZ

A new event has been added that counts as the day needed for Brotherhood. Ring Blitz will be held at Camp Mitigwa on Saturday, May 6 for the purpose of improving our beautiful ceremony ring. Look for more information in the Mitigwa Chief.

ADVISOR'S RANDOM FIRING OF SYNAPSES

We were sooooo close! We're second in the chapter of the year, ending a tremendous four year run. No chapter earned Quality Chapter this year, so we still hold the lead on the most times a chapter has achieved that award. The officers and advisors are proud to help in what the Chapter achieved and look forward to kicking it up a notch in 2006 to regain the top spot. Special congratulations go out to our Arrowmen that were awarded special recognition at the Lodge Banquet. Tim Baldon, Rick Brecht, and Rick Hubbard were awarded the Arrowman of Achievement Award and Kyle Anderson and Chris Baldon received the Founder's Award. Raccoon River Valley was well represented in other awards given out.

We need your help in Brotherhood Conversions. If you haven't done your work day yet, there are plenty of opportunities to get it in; Chapter Work Weekend, One Day of Service, Trail Crew Days, Ring Blitz, Spring Conclave, etc. Come spend a day in cheerful service and be in a position to put bars on your sash. There's more to the Order the Arrow than your Ordeal—and it's FUN!!!

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. Bring other Scouts along with you, even if they're not in OA, and let's have a big party. Are you up to the challenge?

Jim Shumaker
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IMPORTANT DATES

February 10-11, 2006	RRV Holiday Party
February 9, 2006	RRV Chapter Meeting
February 24-26, 2006	Snow Flake Pow Wow
March 9, 2006	RRV Chapter Meeting
April 31-May 1, 2006	Chapter Work Weekend
April 13, 2006	RRV Chapter Meeting
April 29, 2006	Lodge One Day of Service
May 6, 2006	Ring Blitz-Camp Mitigwa
May 11, 2006	RRV Chapter Meeting
May 19-21, 2006	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, February 10 7:30 PM. and end Saturday morning, February 11 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 \$ 2.00 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.

