

The Arrow Head



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THE OFFICERS

Hello again fellow brothers, I hope everybody had a wonderful spring break. I also hope that all of the scoutmasters have their elections scheduled, and for the most part, complete --or at least on the way. At our last meeting we discussed the supplies needed for backpacking and what to/not to leave home. Our next meeting is April 12 at the LDS church in Waukee (conveniently the same location as round tables **gasp!**). The following weekend is our work weekend at sunny, possibly rainy, camp Mitigwa. Friday night, the thirteenth, will be a lot of fun. And, Saturday, the fourteenth, will be even more fun. I do hope everyone will be able to make it. We're planning on having a great time!

Hope to see you there,
Aaron Hambleton

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Elections and Promotions sign up

Ian O'Hagan -
3,36,43,44,46,50,58,61,71,77,92,93,205,208
Josh Allen -
4,78,80,96,98,115,128,202,242,280,284,295,316, 888
Sam Meisinger -
48,70,111,116,117,120,127,141,152,153,167,171,178,181

Please help ensure your Troop has scheduled its election to be held before the May 1. Make sure your Scoutmaster has contacted the Vice Chief of Elections and Promotions listed for your unit at the left. Then make sure all your boys are at the election. Remember how you were elected? Help the E&P team when they are at your unit and volunteer to do an election yourself. We'll help you!!!

ADVISOR'S RANDOM FIRING OF SYNAPSES

Last issue I mentioned that I was starting a scholarship for OA members attending the Wilderness Voyage at Charles L Sommers in Ely, Minnesota. This is now a reality and any member wanting to attend this experience needs to contact Bob Trusty if you are interested in receiving the scholarship. There are two \$50 scholarships to help offset your cost for attending this experience where you work for a week and then enjoy a voyage for a week.

OA members have made a great difference in the portage trails in the 8 years this has been in existence and more work is needed. If you're willing to give cheerful service for a week doing strenuous labor, you will be rewarded with a week long trip through the Boundary Waters. My son took part in the first year and felt it was the highlight of his Scouting career. Come be a part of history and enjoy wilderness at it's finest.

There are a lot of cheerful service opportunities on the back of this and I hope that you take advantage of at least one of them. Even if you're already Vigil Honor or Brotherhood, we need your leadership to help these projects. Ordeal members, any of the events on the back will qualify for the day of service you need for Brotherhood. I know that everyone's schedules are busy, but there are many dates to select from. I'm sure if you participate you will find out how much fun cheerful service with the OA can be. We're just a bunch of wild and crazy guys who like to have fun and do work. Come join us and help make a difference.

Do you remember your Ordeal. Of course you do. It's seared into all of our memories. Who helped you along the way. Your elangomat. At our April 12 meeting we will be discussing the role of the elangomat and what is needed to be a good elangomat. Each year our chapter needs roughly 15 elanomats to fulfill the needs of our new members. Come find out what it's all about and sign up for this summer. There's a free t-shirt and maybe a special patch in it for you.

Jim Shumaker
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RRV OA Chapter Advisor

IMPORTANT DATES

April 12, 2007	Chapter Meeting
April 13-14, 2007	Chapter work weekend
April 28, 2007	Lodge One Day of Service
May 5, 2007	Ring Blitz-Camp Mitigwa Dan Beard Trail Crew-Camp Mitigwa
May 11, 2007	RRV Chapter Meeting
May 18-20, 2007	Spring Conclave
June 30, 2007	Dan Beard Trail Crew-Camp Mitigwa
July 13-15, 2007	Wapello Work Weekend-Camp Wapello
July 21, 2007	Dan Beard Trail Crew-Camp Mitigwa
August 17-19	Fall Fellowship-Camp Mitigwa

**MORE
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All of these dates below satisfy your requirement for Brotherhood—Come help make things better. Better yet, bring someone else along.

Trail Crew Weeks

Once again, there will be three trail crew weeks at Camp Mitigwa. These are the first three weeks of summer camp, June 17-23, June 24-30, and July 1-7. Check the www.mitigwalodge.org web site for more information about how you can take part in this.

RING BLITZ

A new event we started last year counts as the day needed for Brotherhood. Ring Blitz will be held at Camp Mitigwa on Saturday, May 5 for the purpose of improving our beautiful ceremony ring and the area around it. Look for more information in the Mitigwa Chief.

Dan Beard Trail Crew Days

The north end of the trail is done and after some maintenance on it, the trail heads south. Be a part of the Dan Beard Trail experience and help build a trail you can be proud of showing your son or even grandson. Dates are April 14, May 5, June 30 and July 1. Come be a part of history.

One Day of Service

This is a way for the Mitigwa Lodge to give back to the community. One day a year the lodge goes to a park to perform needed tasks. This year we're going to Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge by Prairie City. This will be on April 28. Look for more information in the Mitigwa Chief.

Wapello Work Weekend

Have you ever been to Camp Wapello? Well come on down and help get Camp Wapello ready for their summer camping season July 13-15. Look for more information in the Mitigwa Chief and head south to help out.

Dan Beard Day

OK, it's Labor Day weekend. You're already in school, so why don't you come up to camp on September 1 to help with the 2nd Annual Dan Beard Day. Last year there were 100 staff and visitors that took part learning about the past and hiking the trail. Ask a lodge officer how you can help.

Chapter Work Weekend

April 13—14, RRV will once again invade Camp Mitigwa in order to do massive quantities of cheerful service, eat massive quantities of food, and have more fun than what should be allowed. The kids (ok, at least two) have asked for tacos, so the feast will be geared around tacos of all sorts. We'll work up an appetite doing work that Smoky has ready for us and help Camp Mitigwa by completing needed projects. If you're brave enough to come up Friday night (Friday the 13th), we will be in Frankel Trading Post. There will be fun and food Friday night, a breakfast Saturday morning, a snack around lunch, followed by our feast. If you come up Saturday morning, you need to be at the compound by the Ranger's house by 8:00 am. We will finish by 4:00 pm and depart camp a little weary, but feeling good knowing we helped out beautiful Camp Mitigwa. The cost of the event is still just \$8.00. We need you to come to help us compete once again for Chapter of the year..

Raccoon River Valley Chapter Vigil Honor Eligibility List

The following Brotherhood Members meet the eligibility requirements for Vigil Honor. Those requirements are:

- The Vigil Honor is for those members that have gone above and beyond what is expected of an Arrowman and is only awarded to a select few from the lodge each year.
- Be current in your dues. (This list is from early January, so it is possible some more members would be eligible if their dues were paid.)
- Be a Brotherhood Member for at least two years. Since our Vigil Honor nominations are submitted at Spring Conclave, only those with a Brotherhood date of 5/2005 or earlier are eligible.
- Be nominated by a member of the lodge. To do this, get the information from the mitigwalodge.org web site along with the necessary forms and submit them by May 19.
- Do not inform the person they were nominated.
- The announcement of those receiving the Vigil Honor takes place at Fall Fellowship.

Name	Troop	Bhood	Ordeal	Name	Troop	Bhood	Ordeal
Bowles, Brian	152	8/2004	7/2003	Kraber, John	44	8/2003	8/2002
Brown, Alex	61	5/2003	7/2001	Lehman, Aaron	44	8/2003	8/2002
Brown, Drew	61	5/2003	7/2001	Long, Nathan	44	8/2002	8/2001
Brown, William	61	5/2003	7/2002	Mortens, Erik	44	8/2004	8/2003
Carlson, Matt	44	11/2003	8/2002	O'Neal, Doug	48	10/2001	8/1999
Daft, Thomas	48	0/1973	0/1972	O'Neal, Justin	48	5/1999	6/1998
Dennis, Andy	316	8/2004	8/2003	Peterson, Steve	78	0/1974	0/1909
Eittreim, Michael	98	5/2001	6/2000	Polle, Ronald C.	43	5/2001	6/1998
Emmerson, Zach	44	8/2002	8/2001	Porter, Chris	50	6/1993	6/1992
Frazer, Doug	92	5/1992	8/1991	Rosauer, Dennis	96	0/2002	9/1970
Frevert, Donald	48	8/1973	9/1972	Saltzstein, Nancy	46	5/1997	7/1996
Gisslen, Barry E.	280	5/1959	5/1957	Schoene, Adam	93	8/2003	8/2002
Graziano, Adam	202	5/2004	6/2003	Simpson Jr., Jamie	44	10/2002	6/1994
Harms, Eugene	202	5/2001	6/2000	Smith, Terry D.	43	8/2002	8/2001
Heinrich, Kurt	43	6/1978	6/1977	Smith, Travis	43	8/2001	8/2000
Helland, Brian	280	5/1985	6/1984	Stinson, Robert	93	9/1991	9/1990
Helscher, Gerard	96	5/2005	0/1970	Stinson III, Ken	93	7/1987	7/1984
Hoisington, Allan	127	5/1998	6, 1996	Thayer, Jon	167	5/2003	7/2002
Howell, Danny	116	11/2003	7/2002	Tibbetts, Cameron	3	8/2003	8/2002
Irving, Zach	127	5/2005	6/2004	Tibbetts, Kirk	3	8/2004	8/2003
Jensen, Andrew	3	0/1965	0/1963	Wall, Brian	46	12/2003	7/2002
Jensen, Tyler	3	8/2004	8/2003	Woodin, Scott	96	8/2001	8/2000
Jones, Gregory	205	6/1985	7/1984	Woods, Brandon	3	8/2003	8/2002