

The Arrow Head



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Chief

Hello, this is your chief and I am very excited for this New Year. We have had our chapter ceremonies try-outs at our last chapter meeting. We have a great number of guys for the parts but we can always use more torchbearers (people who play with fire). If you would like to do this talk to Taylor Harper. We introduced the new officers and talked about the events that happened this summer. We would also like you to try to get to fall service weekend. That is the third of October. We need as many guys to be there as we can so please come join us for fellowship, working on Camp Mitigwa and great food. If you have something going on Friday night you don't have to come up then but you can come up Saturday morning and help us during the day Saturday. The last thing is at LLDC (lodge leader development conference) the lodge will be holding a brotherhood ceremony. We need to get at least 30% but more would be much appreciated. If you are not sure if you are eligible please contact Warren Harper to get that information. It will be held Saturday afternoon. If you can make it to receive brotherhood it would be a great thing to do to seal your membership. Please come join us in these upcoming events I hope to see you all there.

Your Brother, Jim Gulbranson

Vice Chief of Ceremonies

I am Taylor Harper and I am currently Vice Chief of Ceremonies. I am a Brotherhood and an active scout in Troop 127 out of Perry, Iowa. I was elected to the OA in 2008 and I received my Ordeal. What I am looking at doing for ceremonies are having a better year for ceremonies. Also we are going to have one team that is going to be good. I am looking forward to working with all of you. If anyone is interested in the teams or torch bearing please contact me at (641) 431-1846 or email me at tdogharper@westianet.net.

Vice-Chief of Membership

Never done this but I'll give it a try. For Membership we want people to attend the RRV work weekend October 2nd and 3rd. Also I would like all ordeal members ready for brotherhood to come to Mitigwa, so they can get their brotherhood the night of October 24. Would like all OA reps. to email me at Harperwj@msn.com so I can get their contact information. Try to have everybody available at the chapter meeting the second Thursday of the month from 7-8 p.m. at the LDS Church at 400 Pleasant View Dr. in Waukee.

Thank you, Warren Harper

RRV Fall Service Weekend

Raccoon River Valley Chapter will hold its annual Fall Service Weekend October 3 - 4 at Camp Mitigwa. Our goal is to complete mass quantities of work for camp and eat mass quantities of Harvey's famous BBQ ribs for our feast. You say you've never been to one of our fabulous service weekends? You're missing a lot of fun times.

We start Friday night at Mort Miles with fun and fellowship and have a cracker barrel. Then Saturday morning breakfast will be served to all that are there Friday night, we eat a filling breakfast, work the morning away, have a snack catered to us, work some more, and at 4:00 have our famous feast. By 5:00 pm we're all done. If you don't want to come up to camp on Friday night, show up Saturday morning at 9:00 at the compound by the ranger's house to work.

The cost for this is only \$6.00 for everyone. Everyone will pay when they get to camp and if you're going to bring a check, please make it payable to RRV Chapter OA. In order to keep the cost of this event at \$6.00 we need your help. Please e-mail at the Chapter at rv.bsa.aa@gmail.com to let us know you're coming as soon as you can. This allows Harvey to pre-order food and get a great price for us. Still a steal for the great food!!!

This work day counts as the work day needed to advance to Brotherhood. All of you that did your Ordeal last fall, come experience what RRV Chapter can do when we put our bodies into the work Smoky has. If you're already Brotherhood, come and bring some Ordeal members from your unit and show them the fun we have. Remember, we're all about cheerful service. Come and help make Camp Mitigwa a better place. Then on October 24 if you have 11 months as Ordeal and your work day in you can advance to Brotherhood.

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Important Dates

October 2 - 3	RRV Service Weekend
October 8	RRV Chapter Meeting
October 9 - 10	Vigil Weekend (Vigil Members Only)
October 23 - 24	LLDC (Officers & Advisors Only)
October 24	Brotherhood Ceremony
November 12	RRV Chapter Meeting
December 10	RRV Chapter Meeting

Chapter Service Weekend Information

Date:	Friday, October 3 - 4, 2009
Time:	Breakfast at 7:00 am Work starts at 9:00 am Feast starts at 4:00 pm Finish by 5:00 pm
Location:	Camp Mitigwa
Cost:	\$6.00 per person
	Everybody's welcome!!!!

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