

The Arrow Head



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Chief

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

It was good to see you all that attended the Winter Banquet. It was fun to see all of our old friends and look at the past year. I would like to talk to you a little bit about the upcoming events in the near future. Our next Chapter Meeting will be the second Thursday of February. I am planning on inviting a wood carver to the meeting to share with us about his trade. The Chapters big event is coming up, the Chapter Holiday Party. We hope to see you all and make sure you bring your scout friends. The next Lodge event is the Snowflake Pow Wow. This is a lodge event that is the chapter ceremonies teams will be competing and many other activities. As a chapter we all need to be support these events. Thank you

Your Brother, Jim Gulbranson

Vice Chief of Ceremonies

We have some big plans for Ceremonies. We have had only one practice due to the weather. We have a good crew and they are all rookies this year. John and I are planning on having two ceremony teams ready for snowflake. This is going to be a big task so we need all of your support. Ceremony team members, we are now down the wire to get everything going so we need to be at all upcoming practices. Thank you for all your support.

Taylor Harper

Vice-Chief of Membership

As Vice Chief of Membership, I have noticed that we have an enormous population of OA members in our Chapter. This makes me happy at the potential are chapter has but right now we have only a few members showing up at the monthly meetings and activities. The meetings are the second Thursday of every month and take place at LDS Church in Waukee. These meetings are important in finding out new events that are coming up. My goal is try to get our chapter more active and the first step is to have scouts attend the meeting.

Thank you, Warren Harper

Elections and Promotions

Scoutmasters, in the coming months on the back of this newsletter will be a list of what troops have planned their dates and who will be their contacts. This is to try and help everyone know what is going on since we have the largest chapter in the lodge.

Raccoon River Valley Annual Holiday Party

We are looking forward to seeing you all at this fun activity. Let us see how many people we can get to turn out for this.

Who: Any registered Scout who wants to attend
 Where: Stilwell Junior High - 1601 Vine St West Des Moines
 When: March 5 through March 6
 Start: Friday night around 7:30 pm to 8 pm
 Finish: Saturday morning - have to be picked up by 8:00 am
 Cost: \$4 for OA members \$6 for non-OA members
 OA provides: Pizza, popcorn, and breakfast
 You provide: your own drink and any other snacks you desire

-You are welcome to bring your video game consoles, but be sure you have a TV if you do bring them. Also, YOU are responsible for everything you bring
 -Feel free to bring card games, board games or any other games.
 -You do not have to wear Class A uniforms, but a scout T-shirt would be appropriate.
 -If you feel you can't make it all night, bring a sleeping bag

Please enter off Grand Avenue and use the parking lot to the north of the building. We will be going in the north doors by the gym.

Before the event, if you have any questions, please contact Tim Baldon at (515) 993-4738. During the event, if you have any questions, please contact Raymond Knapp at (515) 249-1899.

Unit leaders, please help us provide adult leadership if you are sending non OA members. We can take turns sleeping then

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Important Dates

February 11	Raccoon River Valley Chapter Meeting
February 19 - 21	Snowflake Pow Wow
March 5-6	Raccoon River Valley Holiday Party
March 11	Raccoon River Valley Chapter Meeting
April 8	Raccoon River Valley Chapter Meeting
April 10	RRV Service Weekend
April 24	Lodge One Day of Service

Holiday Party Information

Date:	Friday, March 5 - 6
Time:	Registration at 7:30 pm Fun begins when you get Setup Finish at 8:00 am Saturday
Location:	Stilwell Junior High
Cost:	\$4 per person OA \$6 for other
All Registered Scout are welcome!!!!	

On the Web at rvv-bsa-oa.org