

The Arrow Head



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Chief

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

It's coming up. One of the most fun times of the year for the Lodge. The Snowflake Pow Wow. There's going to be a lot of fun stuff such as different training sessions and of course the annual ceremony team evaluations. Please come out and support our ceremony teams as they have worked hard to prepare. The main event will be a Pow Wow and I highly encourage you to join us. It is a blast full of fellowship so please come out for a fun weekend. That will be on the 19-21 of February at Camp Dodge in Johnston. Then March 6 - 7 we will have our fun event the RRV Holiday Party.

Thank you

Your Brother, Jim Gulbranson

Vice Chief of Ceremonies

This month ceremonies team members have been working on memorizing our parts and starting to get the movements down. All we need to do is just slow down when speaking. I hope that we are going to do great at snowflake this year. Thank you for all your support.

Taylor Harper

Vice-Chief of Elections and Promotions

Right now in Elections and Promotions the four of us are currently contacting all troops for OA elections we need to get this process done before spring conclave. Every scout master will receive a phone call from one of the vice-chiefs of E and P. When you have the OA elections make sure to have every scout's information up to date so that the person performing your election and promotion can easily fill out the information. Phone calls have begun, and hopefully we will be able to easily get a hold of each scoutmaster. If you are at round table you can set up your elections then. Thanks for your time, and we are all hoping that elections go extremely well this spring.

Maclain Clark

Vice-Chief of Elections and Promotions

Hi, I'm James Hunt from Troop 127 of Perry, Iowa. I'm one of the four vice chiefs of Elections and Promotions. This is my first year doing this. I am excited to be doing this, as I have never held a position in the OA. We're the largest chapter in this lodge, so I and the other Vice-Chief's of Elections and Promotions have our hands full. However, I am looking forward to a good elections season. I hope I do a good job.

James Hunt

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

Raccoon River Valley Service Weekend

Our next activity that needs to be put on your calendars is the RRV Service Weekend. We need **ALL Arrowmen** to descend on Mitigwa April 10 so that we can have the biggest turnout ever. Remember the number, 150 arrowmen at the Service Weekend.



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Important Dates

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 23 - 25	C-5B Section Conclave
May 1	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 rrv-bsa-oa.org