

The Arrow Head

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Chief

Hello Fellow Arrowmen,

We had a great turnout at the Holiday party and I hope that everyone that went had a great time. Now it's time to really start hitting the 150 mark for our Fun Service Weekend that date is April 10. I would like as many people as possible to come meet our goal, like I said, it is 150 youth. We are the largest chapter and its time we start acting like it. Please come and bring any arrowmen you know.

Yours in Brotherhood, Jim Gulbranson

Vice Chief of Ceremonies

I would like to thank everyone who helped my team and me out this year to get ready for Snowflake Pow-Wow. As most everyone knows our team of rookies placed first out of 5 teams. This team consisted of Warren Harper, Maclain Clark, Matt Epperson, and Taylor Harper. We spent most of Friday night working on our lines and hand gestures. All I know now is that we are going to participate at Section Conclave for pre-ordeal. Now we are working on the Ordeal Ceremony, and hopefully we will do our best in that too. Thanks for all the support.

Your Brother, Taylor Harper

Advisor

Hey it is starting to look like Spring out there! You know what that means don't you? It is time to get to beautiful Camp Mitigwa and start getting it ready for summer camp. The Raccoon River Valley Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will hold its spring "Fun and Service Weekend" April 10. We will start work at 8 AM sharp Saturday morning. Smoky will have a large list for us to do and this is because he knows that he can count on us to get it all done. The Chief and his officers have planned a special weekend this year. They want to get 150 people to this weekend and they would like to have 100 of these to be youth members. Youth members are the ones that count towards Chapter of the Year and Quality Chapter. If you are a member of the Order then come and take part in the fun, fellowship, and FOOD! Come and support the Officers of the Chapter, they work very hard for all of us. If you need a work day so that you can get your Brotherhood then this is the perfect opportunity to do so. The Chapter needs to have a minimum of 30% of the eligible Ordeal members to obtain Brotherhood to again get Chapter of the Year and Quality Chapter. Come join the FUN!

If you missed Snowflake Pow Wow last month then you missed allot! Each Chapter has a Ceremony team that competes for #1 and the traveling trophy. We have four scouts that have never been on a ceremony team and one that learned the part on Friday night of the event. These guys did a great job and took FIRST PLACE! We have not done this for awhile. I am very proud of these guys. Maclain Clark-Allowat Sakima, Warren Harper-Meteu, Matt Epperson-Nutiket, Taylor Harper-Kitchkinet and also thier Adviser-John Gulbranson.

Tim Baldon

Vice-Chief of Elections and Promotions

Right now for Elections and Promotions, we are currently conducting elections. All have going well for me. I still have not heard from troops 3, or 61. So if those scoutmasters could call me back that would be great. Also the rest of the troops will soon be done, and all of my elections will be completed before spring conclave. Please make sure all of your records are up to date and have all eligible scouts' information, and that you have ballots ready for the election night. Thanks.

Maclain Clark.

Raccoon River Valley Fun 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. Camp will open for us Friday evening if you want to just go up to camp for fun and fellowship. There will be a cracker barrel.

After a good Saturday morning breakfast we will meet at the compound at 8:00 AM for a fun day of work. At 3:00 PM we will have the feast to end the day. The cost will be \$8.00 per person and we need people to pre-register so we know how many people we need to feed. Go to the web at rrv-bsa-0a.org and register for the great day of service. Remember to bring your cards for the door prize.

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Important Dates

April 8	Raccoon River Valley Chapter Meeting
April 9 - 10	Raccoon River Valley Fun Service Weekend
April 23 - 25	C-5B Section Conclave
May 13	Raccoon River Valley Chapter Meeting
May 14 - 16	Spring Conclave
June 10	Raccoon River Valley Chapter Meeting
June 20 - 26	Ceremonies for Summer Camp 1

RRV Fun Service Weekend

Date:	Friday, March 5 - 6
Time:	Registration starts at 7:30 pm Finish at 4:00 PM Saturday
Location:	Camp Mitigwa
Cost:	\$8.00 per person

On the Web at rrv-bsa-0a.org