

The Arrow Head



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From the Chief

Hey everyone,

I am Warren Harper your new Raccoon River Valley Chapter Chief. This year we can do even better than last year. My expectations for this year; we put together a great ceremony team last year and Taylor is hoping to improve and expand the team this year, we work hard on getting greater attendance at our Chapter Meeting during the monthly round table meetings and all RRV and Lodge events (this helps us get closer to chapter of the year), we are trying to increase communication throughout the chapter by using emails and some new technology, keep up the good work the Elections and Promotions vice chiefs did last year as it continues into this year, and we get our brotherhood percentages up to 30% (we are little shy of that right now).

Our officers are prepared to work hard this year to make our chapter the best chapter in the lodge.

Your Brother, Chief Warren Harper

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 in 2008. Last year our ceremony team came in first of all the chapters of the Lodge. I am looking forward to working with all of you to and making it another successful year for our ceremony team. If anyone is interested in the teams or torch bearing please contact me at (641) 431-1846 or email me at harpertaylor32@yahoo.com.

Your Brother, Taylor Harper

Vice Chief of Election and Promotions

Hi, my name is Austin Dunn, I am one of the new Vice Chiefs of Election and Promotions for the best chapter in Iowa, Raccoon River Valley. I'm going to strive to improve it by going to different troops in the RRV and tell them about the Order of the Arrow. Teach them what you have to do for your ordeal and tell them all the fun activities we do in the Order of the Arrow like work weekends and the awesome food. I will make it to all the work weekends well at least try to make it to all them and represent the Raccoon River Valley Chapter as the best chapter in the state of Iowa.

Your Brother, Austin Dunn

Raccoon River Valley Chapter Fall Service Weekend

Raccoon River Valley Chapter will hold its annual Fall Service Weekend September 24 – 25 at Camp Mitigwa. Our goal is to complete mass quantities of work for camp and eat well for our feast. You say you've never been to one of our fabulous service weekends? You're missing a lot of fellowship and 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 8:00 at the compound by the ranger's house to work.

The cost for this is only \$8.00 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 \$8.00 we need your help. Please e-mail at the Chapter at rv.bsa.oa@gmail.com to let us know you're coming as soon as you can. This allows the chapter to judge the amount of food we need 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 this past year, come experience what RRV Chapter can do when we put our bodies into the work Smoky has for us. 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 23, if you have 11 months as Ordeal and your work day in you can advance to Brotherhood.**

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Important Dates

September 24 – 25	RRV Service Weekend
September 17 – 19	Council-Wide Encampment
October 14	RRV Chapter Meeting
October 8 – 9	Vigil Weekend (Vigil Members Only)
October 22 – 23	LLDC (Officers & Advisors Only)
October 23	Proposed Brotherhood Ceremony
November 11	RRV Chapter Meeting
November 13	RRV OA Chapter Banquet

Chapter Service Weekend Information

Date:	Friday, September 24 – 25
Time:	Breakfast at 7:00 am Work starts at 8:00 am Feast starts at 4:00 pm Finish by 5:00 pm
Location:	Camp Mitigwa
Cost:	\$8.00 per person
Everybody's welcome!!!!	

On the Web at rv.bsa-oa.org