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# Winter Camp News

*"Traditionally Unconventional"*

*"On Guard  
Since 1986"*

**Winter Camp XL News—Precamp Edition**

## Welcome To Winter Camp XL

**On December 27, 1977:**

- A first-class stamp cost 13 cents. (50.4¢ in 2016 dollars.)
- A gallon of regular unleaded gasoline ran about 64 cents. "Unleaded" was not the only option.
- The Colorado Rockies were in Detroit—to play the Red Wings at Olympia Stadium.
- Six Arrowmen from Downriver Chapter gathered at Clearwater Cabin for the start of what we now call Winter Camp I.

39 years later, Winter Camp has become a fixture on the calendar, long after Olympia became a memory and the Rockies a baseball team.

Members of the Migisi Opawgan Chapter of Noquet Lodge, Order of the Arrow, will make their annual rendezvous with winter adventure by dominating the landscape of Beaver Creek subcamp at D-A Scout Ranch from December 27-31, 2016. Over 30 Winter Campers are expected to strain the capaci-

ties of the Ranch. Youth leader Timmy Kasprzak and adviser Steve Donohue head a leadership team with over 200 previous Winter Camp experiences.

While the cost of Winter Camp has lagged behind inflation, the program continues to improve. Winter Camp is a culinary delight, and because many foods are prepared from scratch, an outstanding and sometimes unusual menu is prepared at budget prices. Winter Camp XXV was noted for the largest banquet in Arrow history, which served 162 different dishes. While that meal was a one-time experience (deservedly so), the menu and program for Winter Camp XL promise their own memorable moments. An Epic Anniversary Dinner on Day Four will commemorate four decades of deluxe camping, and the rest of the weekette will confirm what veteran campers have known for years: that Winter Camp makes the year's final weekette well worth the wait.

### The Mood of Winter Camp Throughout The Weekette

—as captured by Chris Kirschke

**December 27:** Yay! We're at Winter Camp!

**December 28:** Let's go Rhombus, let's go!!

**December 29:** Five days is a little long.

**December 30:** I lost all my chips!!!

**December 31:** Home!

**January 1:** Can't wait for Winter Camp!

### Weather Forecast

Expectations of snow for Winter Camp usually mark the hopes of its participants, but today's weather may not be as expected. A moving frontal system may provide some precipitation, but predicted high temperatures right around freezing suggest that both liquid and solid water will be falling from the sky over the course of the weekette.

Winter Camp's XL's weather will be challenged to set new records: Winter Camp's high temperature of 57°F was reached at Winter Camps VI and VIII, and its lowest temperature, -8°F, was recorded at Winter Camp XIV.

### Quote O' The Day

Planning Meeting Edition

**"I'm not going to be happy until a body goes through a wood chipper."**

—Kristie Donohue

Hear something funny? Say something funny? Let the News know!

### Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

**Brought To You By The Letter "B"**

7:45 AM	Bollman's Hideout Meeting ✓
11:30 AM	Band of Brothers
12:30 PM	Boodle Fight
1:30 PM	Bolleyvall
3:30 PM	Bocce
6:00 PM	Bellissimo Banquet
8:00 PM	Blind Hike & Baking Part 1
9:30 PM	Blind Hike & Baking Part 2
11:00 PM	Bakery Snack
12:00 M	Become Quiet

### Gastronomic Delights

The **Bellissimo Banquet** to be served tonight appears at first glance to be a relatively routine Italian dinner. This being Winter Camp, nothing is routine. The feast features a couple of notable oddities:

- Campers will be permitted to use forks, which is not always the case when the Winter Camp menu calls for pasta.
- There will be no marinara sauce served. Steve Donohue was particularly insistent on this point at the planning meeting.

The *Winter Camp News* plans to publish daily issues during Winter Camp XL. Come back to read full accounts of Winter Camp adventures, past and present.

# Winter Camp Participation Award—*Don't Miss Out!*

The **Winter Camp Participation Award** is the most prestigious award that can be earned by a youth member of Noquet Lodge. Now is the time for you to earn this gold-bordered Winter Camp patch! Here are the requirements:

## 1. While attending Winter Camp, do each of the following:

- Participate in baking a loaf of bread or similar baked good.
- Help set up or coordinate an event.
- Provide four (4) hours of service to camp.
- Climb D-A's highest peak.
- Participate in the Blind Hike.
- Set a personal goal to achieve during camp and achieve it.

## 2. While attending Winter Camp, do at least two of the following:

- Participate in a project aimed at improving Winter Camp.
- Write an article or short story for the *Winter Camp News*.
- Sleep outdoors safely during Winter Camp.
- Hold a leadership position. This

includes serving as youth leader or any other office designated by the leader.

## 3. Do at least two of the following:

- Pass the Winter Camp Basic History Test (available from Mark Bollman—>).
- Surf the Winter Camp Universe and participate in one or more discussion areas.
- Define the following terms: *CHR*, *Jiffy*, *Kitchamajig*, *El Mediodia*, *Quiet Hours*, *Rand Stew*, *Weekette*, *Winter Camp Savings Time*.

In earning the Winter Camp Participation Award, you will join an elite crew of 33 Arrowmen who have earned this award since 2000. Your gold-bordered patch will be presented to you at a ceremony that ensures that the patch will not be touched by the hands of an adult Arrowman. No adult worthy of the name would touch a Participation Award, unless he earned that patch as a youth.

For assistance in completing these requirements or to have your work certified, talk to adviser Ethan Rein, who has agreed to advise Arrowmen working on the Award this year.

## Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

At the tenth Cold Time Camp, a camp game had as one of its rules that those who played could not speak, save for words of one part. The quest most were on was to find out who was the man known as "Big Bro", known best for his quote "Trout Lake Beach all is in sun. No shade. Too hot." Big Bro's quest was not to let the rest of camp find out who he was. Some Scouts could speak like that with ease; some found that it was hard to speak this way and not sound like they'd just been hit in the head with a rock.

Try it. Which group do *you* fall in?

Four years down the line, Jeff Rand—who was not Big Bro, not in the game, at least—set out to write down a list of all of the one part words and to state what they all meant in terms of just those same one part words. He wrote out the words that led off with one of the marks used to write words per year, and now, in the year where we see the end of Cold Time Camp's fourth ten year block, he has come to "Z" and will wind up this book.

The full *Low Sun in Sky All Day Camp Book That Tells What Words Mean* can be found in the Cold Time Camp shelf of books, in the space where things from the past are laid out to be seen.

## Mischief, Not Trouble

How did *your* year go?

## Winter Camp Trivia

From the December 30, 2015 edition:

1. How many flavors of ice cream were served at the Homemade Ice Cream Snack?

—3 (Vanilla, chocolate, & strawberry)

2. Who successfully soldered "The Cube" in 1:48:34.29, crushing the expected time of 2:30:00.00?

—Alan Wilson

3. Which Winter Camp XXXIX event led into an impromptu human foosball game?

—Pterodactyl kite flying

4. Which Scout rank-based team won the second game of 4-WayVolleyball at Winter Camp XXXIX?

—Life Scouts

**Today's challenge: Identify who said each of these quotes from the Winter Camp XL planning meeting.**

- "I'm a fan of sanctioned violence."
- "You dream about this happening—I got caught in quicksand."
- "It's like a full-contact buffet."
- "Would you rather eat a fat chef or a latrine?"
- "Not everyone's vacations are Booble Fights and the Mustang Ranch!"
- "I know. I'm fun on drugs."
- "Jeff, I can't believe I'm going to say this, but I really like your idea!"

The Winter Camp logo was introduced in 1990 at Winter Camp XIV. Unusual in its rhombus shape, the logo's first appearance was on the cover of *Origins*, a book detailing the history of many Winter Camp traditions, and the new three-ring binder for the Winter Camp *Manual*. It has since appeared on a wide variety of items, including T-shirts, patches, poker chips, cookie cutters, and coffee mugs. Many of these logo items may be seen at camp in the Winter Camp museum and are available for purchase in the online Winter Camp store.

