

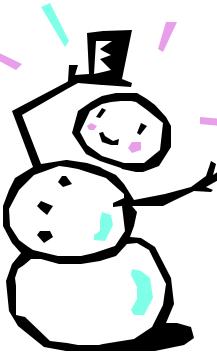
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Meet the Pillars of our lodge!

At Winter Camp we have a great opportunity to meet all kinds of people from all over the world. Yet at no other Winter Camp have we been able to socialize and meet the two most important people of Migisi Opawgan Lodge: Ethan Rein and Rob Hartwig.

Rob Hartwig is a leading youth veteran of Winter Camp with this being his 5th! Rob has served the Migisi Opawgan as Extended Elangomat Chairman and now as Lodge Secretary. When not at Winter Camp Rob can be found making balloons animals or juggling coconuts. He is Valedictorian of Annapolis High School in Dearborn Heights and lives near Rally's. Rob is a pillar of Migisi Opawgan Lodge because of his strong leadership and dashing good looks...l mean....his

charm...I mean...anyway... Ethan Rein is a newcomer to Winter Camp. Ethan was inducted into the Order in



1997. He has served as staff at D-A Scout Ranch for the past 2 years. He recently attended the Phil-

mont Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, being one of only 4 brothers from our lodge to be chosen to attend. Ethan has served as Unit Elections Chairman this last year creating the Carroll A. Edson Unit Elections Award. This year Ethan will be serving as Executive Vice Chief and maybe even as Chief (because the lodge chief might miss too many lodge events and by default Ethan would be chief). Ethan's hobbies are mountain climbing and alligator wrestling and aspires to become Jeff Rand when he grows up.

Barbarian Attack Repelled

On the last day of Winter Camp at 1:00 A.M. Winter Camp time, the Goon squad attacked viciously. They came in looking at boots, wanting answers. They came in swinging swords (Yes, real swords) and pushing people around. One brave soul, Steve Donohue, stood up and repelled the barbarians. It took four Goons to move Steve out of the Beaver Creek Cabin, and they did it when he wasn't paying attention (imagine that, they sucker punched him, if you will). They never got their answers.



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The Art of Pizza Making

At the end of the first day at Winter Camp we experienced the art of pizza making. The first test of this experience was to sign our names to a list. Now this task may sound easy to most people but for former lodge chief Sam Stocker this proved to be a difficult task. It seams that Sam could not figure out whether this was his first time at Winter Camp or if he had been here before.

If there was an award for the most creative pizza making our chap-

ter would get it. One particular pizza was Ethan Rein's pizza puff roll. In the

oven it expanded into a huge puff. Another pizza was Jon Smetko's overstuffed crust pizza in the crust he had cheese and pepperoni and in the little almost non-existent center he had other various toppings.



Mark Bollman working with his crew for Bollmano's Pizza

Many people's pizzas turned out like a perfect pizza. But it doesn't

matter if your pizza was unique or picture perfect. The point was to have fun.

Battle Chess

the gentle lady Dr. Beast. In the South there was fear. These were gentle Youths not hardened warriors. Angry shouts were heard as the factions could not unify. Finally they were brought together by the actions of Lord Steven Clark. They selected as there king a infamous warrior of renown, called by some Jonathan "the Black Prince". King Jonathan placed as his Queen the fair maiden Bradly.

The battles were most terrible. Early on the Jonathan was challenged twice by fearsome warriors. But after two pitched battles he walked away victorious. But his loyal servants were not so successful. Many fell before the legions of Donohue. Many a heroic struggle was played out in the form of a trivia question or inside the circle of death. Particularly notable was the ring bat-

tle of Paul and Ethan of the desperate grab and the hulking Christopher who valiantly went down to King Donohue. But all paled in value to the last stand of Craig who was lost forever in the ring, but such courage has not been seen since the days that Don Quixote himself rode out. Jonathan put down the would be unsurper in the form of 6'5 warrior David Oakley. A most damaging warrior was Sean " the wise", he defeated challenger after challenger with his wit. Then seeing that his warriors were all but gone King Jonathan charged King Donohue for a desperate last stand. But he was intercepted just steps from his goal by Paul. Jonathan although exhausted by three terrible battles fought Paul in the ring to the best of his ability but was lost. The last words from his lips were said to be "freedom". The only two warriors who survived

The date December 27, the time 2:00. Rumor spread like wildfire through the rank and file that an event would soon occur that would be paramount for the destiny of Winter Camp XXV. Battle Chess would be taking place as the first major event of camp. It was whispered that several youth had swept out an enormous chess board in the snow. But there was no time for pre-battle gossiping. The troops were swiftly assembled. A call was made for all the persons who had ten or more years to assemble on the Northern boundary. On the South assembled the unblooded Youths. The War Chieften Steven Donohue of the flaming red Beard consolidated power and took the throne with the assistance of Sir Dave Milon of the really big sword. He named as his Queen

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Winter Camp 162 Dish Banquet

By Chris Wilson

The 162 dish banquet that occurred on the 29th of December was one of the biggest events of my life. It was the first time I ever ate 55 different types of food in one sitting. Eating 40 types of different food was my actual goal but I ate 55 types instead. Then the score cards we had, we had to fill out to prove we ate that amount of dishes.

The high point of the evening is when Craig Summers ate one piece of every type of food on the four tables we had to set up to hold all the food. He said he didn't feel too well after, but I bet you can guess why. This was one crazy goal, but it was his goal for the Winter Camp Participation Award.

The 162 dish banquet will be remembered by many for years to come. I know it will live in my memory for a long time.



The Chefs working hard to make the 162 Banquet a success.

Viking Trailer Rescued

By Andy Whaley

On Sunday the 30th of December, the last full day of Winter Camp, Paul Kupser lost his trailer carrying all the Viking materials for the day's activities into Lockwood Lake. We received the call by Mr. Kupser asking for help, we thought he was joking. Steve Donohue in a joking matter told Mr. Kupser over the radio, "April Fools' to

you too." A couple minutes later a group of youth showed up to a deserted trailer on the side of the road in Lockwood Lake. The youth started rigging the trailer to be pulled out

"April Fools to you too."

when the group of Goons showed up in a Yellow Aztec. The goons were of some help as Mr. Kupser pulled up in his black Ranger. After a couple of minutes the trailer was out and back on Mr. Kupser's truck. He explained that the trailer came off the hitch and rolled into Lockwood Lake. Well, even I, a measly little youth, know to hook

up the safety chains. If it is there for safety it is there for a reason

Hooters Comes to Winter Camp

Day One:

Hooters' Wings for dinner.

The Goons made sure Hooters came to Winter Camp. They toiled in the kitchen long and hard to make that dinner a success. They all had Hooters' T-shirts. The sauce on the wings was not cheep imitation wings sauce, it was Hooter's Brand.

"These wings are awesome," states Mr.
David Oakley. I would have to say they are
the best Hooters' Wings I have ever had at
Winter Camp.



The Goons working at Hooters' Beaver Creek Restaurant

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