

# Winter Camp News

*"Traditionally Unconventional"*

"On Guard Since 1986"

Winter Camp XXX News  
Precamp Edition

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## Pirates Arrive At Brownsea Island

Members of the Mahican Chapter, 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, 2006. Over 35 Winter Campers are expected to strain the capacities of Beaver Creek, Clearwater, and High Point cabins. Youth leader Aaron Ankiel and adviser Paul Kupser head a leadership team with over 100 previous Winter Camp experiences.

### 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.

Winter Camp's XXX'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.

### Today's Schedule

12:00 N.	Time and Space Orientation
12:30 PM	Cannonball Lunch
1:30 PM	X Marks the Spot
5:00 PM	Free Time
6:00 PM	Caveman Dinner
7:00 PM	Arrowman Bingo
8:00 PM	Hobby Demo
9:00 PM	Blind Hike and Baking, Part 1
10:00 PM	Blind Hike and Baking, Part 2
11:00 PM	Bakery Snack
12:00 M.	Quiet Hours

#### A First Look At Tomorrow

9:00 AM	Heart-Stupid Breakfast
10:17 AM	Service Project

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 XXX promise their own memorable moments.

This year's theme is "Pirates of Brownsea Island", which neatly looks both backward, to the Pirate theme of Winter Camp XVIII, and forward, to the upcoming centennial of Scouting and its founding on Brownsea Island. Thematic events begin today with the Cannonball Lunch and X Marks the Spot game. The latter is noteworthy as the first Winter Camp activity ever to begin with the letter 'X'.

### Gastronomic Delights

The **Cannonball Lunch** dates back to Winter Camp XVIII and will feature some trappings of the Hot Potato Lunch, which premiered at Winter Camp IX. In its initial appearance, all of the food was spherical.

The **Caveman Dinner** is one of Winter Camp's most enduring meal themes, returning tonight after a two-year absence. It was first served at Winter Camp II in 1978.

The **Bakery Snack** was first served at Winter Camp XXII, but freshly-baked bread has been a Winter Camp tradition since Winter Camp I. Your chance to contribute to this tradition will occur tonight in and around the Blind Hikes.

Tomorrow will launch with the **Heart-Stupid Breakfast**, which will surely fuel us well for the day of service to follow. This meal debuted at Winter Camp XII.

The Winter Camp News plans to publish daily issues during Winter Camp XXX. Articles may be written by any camper and should be submitted to Publisher Mark Bollman-->.

The News also seeks an editor. Interested youth members should contact the publisher.

# 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 Migisi Opawgan 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.
- 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 15 Arrowmen who have earned this award in previous years. 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 it is the one that he earned as a youth.

For assistance in completing these requirements or to have your work certified, talk to any Winter Camp adviser.



## Back In The Day

In 1979, planning Winter Camp was a much more informal undertaking than what we now put ourselves through. Fueled by the success of the 16-Dish Banquet served at Winter Camp II, Jeff Rand proposed that Winter Camp pursue new feats in camp cooking and prepare 100 dishes for a single meal.

25 campers filled the Beaver Creek building, and each brought a dish from home to contribute to the feast. On December 29, 1979, the remaining 75 dishes were prepared in an all-day cooking marathon which saw the kitchen in continuous use and hot plates plugged into all available cabin outlets, including the ones out on the porch. Members feasted on the immense variety of food, which provided enough leftovers to stock the Disaster Snack later that night.

The unusual buffet was quickly described as “the largest banquet in Arrow history”, a title it held for 22 years. At Winter Camp XXV, the silver anniversary of Winter Camp was feted with a 162-dish banquet served at the Wyckoff Dining Hall.

The menu for the 100-Dish banquet may be found in your Winter Camp Manual. The menu for the 162-Dish Banquet may be found in Encyclopedia Winter-Campica, which itself may be found in the Winter Camp library.

## Winter Camp—The Next Generation

Jeff Rand pointed out at Winter Camp XXIX that “someone will be born next year who will attend Winter Camp L [to be held in 2026] as a youth”. Several veteran Winter Campers have added to their families this past year, if not in a quest to make that prediction come true, at least not in opposition to its success.

\* Lou Pezet and his wife Verneita welcomed Louis Olin Pezet on March 18, 2006. Lou O. weighed in at 8 lbs., 12 oz. and was 21.5 inches long.

\* Dan Bollman and wife Anne Dorrance's daughter, Sarah MacLaren Bollman, was

born on April 13, 2006. Sarah and her parents reside in Thomson, Georgia.

\* Ron Donohue and his wife Jeanne Takeda adopted Taylor Takeda Donohue, born December 8, 2006. Taylor was 8 lbs., 3 oz. at birth and 20.5 inches long. Taylor's arrival is the reason for Ron's absence from Winter Camp XXX—this is only the third Winter Camp he's missed, but it's the first one where he's been in the USA while absent from the Winter Camp universe. Ron has previously missed Winter Camp to fulfill commitments in Canada and Mexico.

## Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman—>

### From the December 30, 2005 edition:

1. Who was presented with a Winter Camp T-shirt bearing his picture on the first day of Winter Camp XXIX?

—Ethan Morlock

2. Who came up with the idea of serving Rand Stew in bread bowls?

—Paul Kupser

3. What name was given to Capture the Objective at Winter Camp XXIX?

—Capture The Daimyo

4. Which Winter Camper wore a Scout uniform to every Winter Camp XXIX dinner?

—Corey Curtiss

### Today's questions:

1. Who was the youth leader at Winter Camp I?

2. Who was the youth leader at Winter Camp XXIX?

3. What movie was shown during the Tripoli Dinner at Winter Camp XXIX?