

WINTER CAMP NEWS

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Winter Camp XXXI News
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Veni, Vidi, Castri!

For those whose Latin is a little rusty, that would be "I came, I saw, I camped".

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, 2007. Over 35 Winter Campers are expected to strain the capacities of Beaver Creek, Clearwater, and High Point cabins. Youth leader Shaun Range

and adviser Steve Donohue head a leadership team with over 100 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 XXXI promise their own memorable moments.

This year's theme is "Ancient Rome". Thematic events will begin with the first lunch, the Frugal Roman Meal.

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

12:00 N	Frugal Roman Meal
1:00 PM	Sign Building and Deployment
3:00 PM	X Marks the Spot
6:00 PM	Emperor's Dinner
7:30 PM	Latin Names, Arrowman Bingo, and Caesar Stabbing
9:00 PM	Blind Hike A & Baking
10:00 PM	Blind Hike B & Baking
11:00 PM	Bakery Snack
12:00 M	Quiet Hours

A First Look At Tomorrow

9:00 AM	Southern Breakfast
10:17 AM	Service Project

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 XXXI'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.

Gastronomic Delights

The **Frugal Roman Meal** is the first thematic meal of Winter Camp XXXI and will, we are certain, launch the event well. This meal theme is new this year; the menu is drawn from the Oakes Lunch, which premiered at Winter Camp II.

For the **Emperor's Dinner**, various teams will be tasked to cook different dishes with the goal of pleasing the Emperor. This meal is making its Winter Camp debut as well, but traces its origins to the Ark Dinner of Winter Camp XXVI and XXVII, which itself finds its roots in the *Iron Chef* TV series.

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 new **Southern Breakfast**. Southwestern scrambled eggs, along with biscuits and gravy, will surely fuel us well for the day of service to follow.

Lunch tomorrow will be the first-ever **Meal On Wheels**. So as not to interrupt the day of service that dates back to Winter Camp III, lunch will be delivered to the work sites.

The Winter Camp News plans to publish daily issues during Winter Camp XXXI. 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. (**Note:** Due to the logical paradox involved, "Earn the

Winter Camp Participation Award" is not an acceptable personal goal.)

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 ar-

eas.

c. 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 21 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. Perhaps someday there will be a square knot available for those adults.

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

Hobby Draw Returns To Enliven Your 2008

After a one-year absence, the Hobby Draw returns to Winter Camp tomorrow night. For those who have never experienced this event, the *Winter Camp News* provides the following guide.

The Hobby Draw dates back to Winter Camp XVI and is intended to extend the spirit of Winter Camp into the 361 lesser days of the Earth year (361 this time, because 2008 is a leap year). In the Draw, each camper proposes three hobbies that he might possibly take up during the next

year—these are to be hobbies in which he is not currently active. After a brief presentation of the personal and Winter Camp benefits of his choices, the group chooses his 2008 hobby. Previous noteworthy hobbies have included the development of the Winter Camp Web site; *Channel 120*, the first Winter Camp novel (which is available in the Winter Camp library); and root beer brewing.

You will present the results of your year's work at the Hobby Demo at Winter Camp XXXII. Start thinking about your choices now.

Back In The Day

In 1991, Winter Camp confronted a dilemma head-on: Since it's held in North America in late December, daylight was in short supply for the annual event. That astronomical reality, combine with a prevailing tendency for campers to keep late hours and sleep late, led to a call for action.

Since the first choice, slowing down the Earth's rotation, wasn't practical, the daylight that *is* present was redistributed by resetting the clocks—and Winter Camp Savings Time was born. In the intervening years, every Winter Camp has run on Winter Camp Savings Time (WCST), which is 77 minutes ahead of Eastern Standard Time. As a result, when we're eating breakfast tomorrow morning at 9:00, it'll be 7:43 back in Metro Detroit, which allows us to make better use of the daylight we have.

Check your watch now.

But don't worry, you'll get all that time back when you leave camp.

Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman—>

From the December 31, 2006 edition:

- How many Winter Camps have been enhanced by a pinball machine?
—2 (*XXVIII* and *XXIX*)
- At which Winter Camp did an air hockey table make an appearance?
—*Winter Camp V*
- What embroidered souvenir was provided by the Winter Camp Future Society to all campers at Winter Camp XXX?

—*Neckerchiefs*

- Who was the first person to bring a unicycle to Winter Camp?

—*Alex Ferencz*

Today's questions:

- How many dishes were served at Winter Camp's third-largest meal?
- Who fished with a shovel at Winter Camp XXI?
- Before we switched to buffalo nickels, what color nickels were the only legal tender in the vintage candy machine?

Quote O' The Day

"Please don't sully the Goons' good name."

—John Howey, 24 December 2007, while grocery shopping for Winter Camp XXXI.