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Winter Camp News

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Winter Camp XXXIX News—Precamp Edition

WELCOME TO WINTER CAMP XXXIX

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, 2015. Over 30 Winter Campers are expected to strain the capacities of the Ranch. Youth leader Steven Lardin 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 XXXIX promise their own memorable moments.

This year's theme is "Jurassic Park", and will see a variety of new dinosaur-themed activities and dinosaur twists on Winter Camp favorites. Winter Camp has been the home of deluxe camping for over a third of a century, and this year's program just makes official what experienced campers have known since their first camp: Winter Camp's tradition of excess makes the year's last weekette well worth the wait.

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 in the 40s and 50s suggest that liquid rather than solid water will be falling from the sky.

Winter Camp's XXXIX'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

(All times WCST)

12:00 N	Hot Dinosaur Lunch
1:00 PM	Get Acquainted Meeting
2:00 PM	Dinosaur Cloning
4:00 PM	4-Way Volleyball
6:00 PM	Caveman Dinner
7:30 PM	Baking
8:30 PM	Scout's Own Service/Blind Hike
10:00 PM	Baking II: Biscuit Boogaloo
11:30 PM	Bakery Snack
12:00 M	Quiet Hours

Gastronomic Delights

Winter Camp XXXIX's first evening kicks off with two rounds of baking and the **Bakery Snack**. Baking is perhaps the thing which most separates the kitchen at Winter Camp from that of a hundred other Scout events. Other events might put on large banquets or even have a meal theme, but none of them bake to the extent that Winter Campers do.

Baking began at Winter Camp I when members spent much of the first day (and night!) baking bread, cakes, and cookies. These early forays into baking were motivated more by a desire to have something to do than by any great need to demonstrate culinary expertise. Coincidentally, baking your own goods is cheaper than buying them, a concept near and dear to the heart of Winter Campers everywhere.

At Winter Camp II, baking was still a major portion of the activity, with goods being fresh baked daily. It was at Winter Camp II that the Bollmen baked the first "Cave Loaf" ever served. Winter Camp III saw the publication of the Winter Camp Recipe Guide and the introduction of the now famous Sugar Jumbles.

In Winter Camp's second decade, baking entered something of a decline as campers attempted to squeeze an activity into every ounce of time. Beginning at Winter Camp XXII, a baking marathon returned as a scheduled event, and the Bakery Snack debuted as an immediate payoff for an evening spent mixing and kneading, which has continued most years since.

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Quote O' The Day

Planning Meeting Edition

"If you've got 3-D TV's to hand down, you've got a trunk full of muffins!"

—Steve Donohue

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

The Winter Camp News plans to publish daily issues during Winter Camp XXXIX. 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 31 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 advisers Ethan Rein or Mark Bollman—>, who have agreed to advise Arrowmen working on the Award this year.

Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

One part of Winter Camp's extensive history is the Dead List, an extensive collection of meals and activities proposed for Winter Camp which have fallen out of favor over the years. Some of these suggestions have made it to a Winter Camp schedule and just lapsed in appeal, while others have been proposed at a planning meeting—perhaps not fully seriously—and failed to gain sufficient popular support.

At many Winter Camp planning meetings, which are held each year on the day after Thanksgiving, the full Dead List is brought back to life for individual members' perusal. One important rule governing resurrection of Dead List ideas is that should a member's suggestion be included on the schedule, that member shall bear full responsibility for organizing and running the event.

For Winter Camp XXXIX, the event is to be cricket, and the Arrowman responsible for the event is Winter Camp pioneer Jeff Rand. The inaugural Winter Camp cricket match is set for 10:00 AM on Day Five, following a hearty meal of Jackpot Grits. The location will be announced in due course.

Winter Camp Trivia

From the December 30, 2014 edition:

1. Who painted the grinder at the shop during the Winter Camp XXXVIII service project?

—Joe Warren

2. What were the names of the two casinos built and burnt during Cave-men vs. Casinos?

—Prestige Worldwide and Running Buffalo

3. Who demonstrated his 2014 hobby a day early?

—Dave Oakley

4. Who hit Steve Donohue in the knee with a stick—for no reason—during the 38th Parallel Wargames?

—Who??????????

Today's questions (Ocean's 38 redux edition):

1. Where was the Winter Camp XXXVIII Casino Night held?

2. Who was the primary architect of

the casino heist at Winter Camp XXXVIII?

3. Which poem did Ethan Rein read from during the stage show at the Winter Camp XXXVIII Casino? (Bonus: Who was the author of that poem?)

4. Which Winter Camp XXXVIII casino game was closed early because gamblers were winning too much money through the careful use of cards?



Coming in four days...
to a Winter Camp near you.

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, 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.

