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Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

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Winter Camp XXXVI News—Precamp Edition

China Meets Rome at 冬令营 XXXVI

Members of the Mahican 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, 2012. Over 20 Winter Campers are expected to strain the capacities of Beaver Creek and Clearwater cabins. Youth leader Timmy Kasprzak and adviser Ethan Rein 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. Lunches this year have been planned in line with a credo provided three years ago by Winter Camp pioneer Steve Donohue: "Lunch should not take more time to prepare than it does to eat." 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 XXXVI promise their own memorable moments.

This year's theme is "Ancient China" (see below for a Chinese translation appropriate for this year) and will merge the customs and traditions of the Orient with those of the Order of the Arrow. Winter Camp has been the home of deluxe camping for over a third of a century, and this year's theme 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.

冬令营

That's "Winter Camp" in Chinese. The first two characters represent "winter climate", and are pronounced "dōnglǐng". The third character, pronounced "ying", is variously translated as "camp", "barracks", or "battalion".

—Source: MDBG English to Chinese Dictionary:
<http://www.mdbg.net>

Profiles In Leadership

Winter Camp's tradition of self-appointed leadership calls on the youth of camp to offer themselves in service to camp by stepping up for the leadership roles for which they deem themselves qualified. Timmy Kasprzak followed in this grand tradition on Thursday, December 31, 2011, during Winter Camp XXXV, and thus will serve as the youth leader for Winter Camp XXXVI.

Long-time Winter Camper Ethan Rein threw his hat in the ring to serve as Adviser to Winter Camp XXXVI not long afterward. Ethan is the second former lodge chief who has held the slightly more prestigious post of Winter Camp adviser.

Today's Schedule

(All times WCST)

12:00 N	Electric No Hands Lunch
1:00 PM	Delegation Meeting
1:30 PM	4-Way Volleyball
3:30 PM	Tomahawk Throwing
6:00 PM	Meal By Numbers
7:30 PM	Baking commences/Blind Hikes
11:00 PM	Bakery Snack
12:00 M	Lights Out

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

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.



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 25 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

Tales Of History and Imagination

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The Hot Potato Lunch debuted at Winter Camp IX and quickly became a new favorite, having been served fifteen times. At this meal, the menu is secondary to the manner of consumption. Arrowmen eat normally while passing a potato from person to person around their table. At Winter Camp IX, these potatoes were microwaved, but tended to fall apart too easily. On an audible signal, which has at times been provided by such tools as a TRS-80 computer, a buzzer from the game Taboo, and a battery-operated burping device, the person possessing the potato must cease eating (he is, however, allowed to swallow anything in his mouth) until the next tone is heard.

At Winter Camp XI, the menu for this meal called, rather impractically, for two kinds of homemade cookies. Both chocolate chip and sugar cookies were prepared by the kitchen crew, but that bit of overkill has not been repeated.

At Winter Camp XXXIV, the Hot Potato Lunch was played with stuffed Mr. Potato Heads for the first time. Steve Donohue had purchased these several years earlier in an effort to add some accuracy—or whimsy—to the meal. It was then just a matter of waiting several years for the meal's reappearance.

Winter Camp Trivia

From the December 31, 2011 edition:

- Who prepared a slide show of high-lights from Winter Camp XXXV and showed it on the last night of camp?

—Keith King

- What exotic pancake was the best one constructed by Timmy Kasprzak during the Pancake Dinner?

—A deluxe hamburger

- What is the title of the short story written by Mike Williams as part of his 2011 hobby?

—"Electric Crime"

- Who was the only youth to complete the Winter Camp Participation Award at Winter Camp XXXV?

—Josh Cicotte

Today's questions (Planning edition):

- What language was banned during the Winter Camp XXXVI planning meeting?
- At the Winter Camp XXXVI planning meeting, who said "You know, if I was the guy walking around with a sombrero full of peanuts, that would be awesome!"
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Quote O' The Day

"One feature of Winter Camp planning meetings is people suggesting many ways to eat intentionally sub-standard food."

—Mark Bollman—>, in reaction to meal suggestions like Rack of Spam, Gringoritos, Slop, Spicy Slop, SOS Meal, MRE meal, and the like, at Winter Camp XXV and XXVI planning meetings.