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# Winter Camp News

“Traditionally Unconventional”

“On Guard  
Since 1986”

Winter Camp XLII News—Precamp Edition

## Citius, Altius, Fortius...Nivalis!

That would be “Swifter, Higher, Stronger...Wintrier”, as the Olympic motto takes on a fourth word for Winter Camp XLII.

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 D-A Scout Ranch from December 27-31, 2018. Over 30 Winter Campers are expected to strain the capacities of the Ranch. Youth leader Ian McKeever and adviser Keith King 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 XLII promise their own memorable moments.

This year’s theme is “Olympics”, a theme which will see twists on classic Winter Camp activities and meals together with new thematic elements. The rest of this weekette will confirm what veteran campers have known for years: that Winter Camp makes the year’s final weekette well worth the wait.

### Weather Forecast

Expectations of snow for Winter Camp usually mark the hopes of its participants, but Winter Camp XLII’s weather may not be as expected. A moving frontal system may provide some precipitation, but predicted high temperatures in the high 30s suggest that rain is somewhat more likely than snow. Temperatures and the chance of precipitation are both projected to fall toward the weekette’s end.

Given that forecast, Winter Camp’s XLII’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, -11°F, was recorded at Winter Camp XLI.

### Quote O’ The Day

“As the self-designated GRAC (Global RAC), I’m going to put the kibosh on any H [hydrogen] filled balloon animals.”  
—Keith King, on the WC XLII planning Web page, 11/30/18.

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

### The Mood Of Winter Camp Throughout The Weekette

—as captured by Chris Kirschke (2015)

December 27: Yay! We’re at Winter Camp!

December 28: Let’s go Rhombus, let’s go!!

December 29: Five days is a little long.

December 30: I lost all my chips!!!

December 31: Home!

January 1: Can’t wait for Winter Camp!

### Today’s Schedule (All times WCST)

11:30 AM	Olympic Lunch
1:00 PM	Form Teams / Intro
2:00 PM	4 Way Volleyball / Dodgeball
4:00 PM	Country Craft Hour
5:00 PM	Free Time
6:00 PM	Caveman Dinner
7:00 PM	Torch Event
8:00 PM	Blind Hike / Baking
11:00 PM	Bakery Snack
Midnight	Quiet Hours



Kristie Donohue prepares the ribbons for Winter Camp XLII’s Olympic event medals. (Photo by Steve Donohue.)

# 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:**

- a. Participate in baking a loaf of bread or similar baked good.
- b. Help set up or coordinate an event.
- c. Provide four (4) hours of service to camp.
- d. Climb D-A's highest peak.
- e. Participate in the Blind Hike.
- f. Set a personal goal to achieve during camp and achieve it.

**2. While attending Winter Camp, do at least two of the following:**

- a. Participate in a project aimed at improving Winter Camp.
- b. Write an article or short story for the Winter Camp News.
- c. Sleep outdoors safely during Winter Camp.
- d. 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:**

- a. Pass the Winter Camp Basic History Test (available from adviser Mark Bollman—>).
- b. Surf the Winter Camp Universe and participate in one or more discussion areas.
- 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 33 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 Matt Grimble or adviser Ethan Rein, who will assist Arrowmen working on the Award this year.



## Back In The Day Tales Of History and Imagination

If you've been eating spaghetti and pudding with your bare hands off and on for 40 years...you might be a Winter Camper!

Tonight, Winter Camp will celebrate the 40th, or ruby, anniversary of the first Caveman Dinner. Four of the 12 Arrowmen who were present at that first meal on 29 December 1978 return tonight.

One of Winter Camp's most famous meal themes, this meal has been served 23 times since meal themes were introduced. As Winter Camp slips for an evening into caveman emulation mode, all trappings of modernity are discarded. Eating utensils? Gone—although in deference to minimal hygiene standards, serving utensils and drinking vessels are now employed. They weren't always. As the evening's menu includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and chocolate pudding, this presents a challenge. Electric lighting? None—flaming oil has, on occasion, provided some illumination. Language? Nothing intelligible. Mike Osvath was long known for his willingness to serve as a model caveman for the rest of the group, and numerous Arrowmen followed his lead in exhibiting primitive behavior.

In more recent years, this meal has sometimes departed from Winter Camp's baking tradition by serving pre-purchased garlic bread—this is done as a convenience, not a rebellion. At Winter Camp XXXII, the Caveman Dinner was served on Day Two in a cavelike Beaver Creek building, where the electricity and thus the heat had failed earlier that day.

# Winter Camp Trivia

**From the December 31, 2017 edition:**

1. What food prepared for the Raw Deal Lunch turned out harder than expected and survived drilling a ½" hole in one?

—*Sugar cookies*

2. Several cases of which brand of pop were contributed to Winter Camp XLI?

—*Faygo*

3. Who is destined forthwith to be known as "Captain Underpants"?

—*??? Anyone remember?*

4. What foodstuff served on Day One of Winter Camp XLI made several reappearances throughout the weekette?

—*Linguine*

**Today's questions:**

1. Who created the Winter Camp Notifier, which allows campers to get updates of activity on the Winter Camp planning Web page?

2. What color medals are awarded for 3rd place at Winter Camp XLII?

3. What does the acronym GRAC stand for?