

Bigger Than Big...

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Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

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Winter Camp XXXIII News—Precamp Edition

Welcome To Winter Camp XXXIII!

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, 2009. Over 20 Winter Campers are expected to strain the capacities of Beaver Creek and Clearwater cabins. Youth leader Gabe Church and adviser Keith King 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 new credo provided 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 XXXIII promise their own memorable moments.

This year's theme is "GIANT", and is aptly captured in this year's catchphrase "Bigger than big...and then some!". Winter Camp has been the home of deluxe camping for nearly 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.

Today's Schedule (All times WCST)

12:00 N.	Meeting/Religious Service
12:30 PM	Palamedes Lunch
1:30 PM	Mentos Display
2:00 PM	Four Way Volleyball
3:30 PM	Papermaking
5:00 PM	Free time
6:00 PM	Game Meal
7:00 PM	Arrowman Bingo
8:00 PM	Baking/Blind Hike
11:59 PM	Bakery Snack
11:59:59 PM	Winter Camp Management Meeting

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

If a number of significant events in your life have happened starting at 17 minutes past the hour...

If you think of December 26th as "Winter Camp Eve"...

If you've eaten a turkey carved by a man without a shirt on...

If you know what "xanthine" means...

If chess is a contact sport...

If the first time you used a personal computer was when it commanded you to commit a murder...

If you know that "rat water" has medicinal properties...

If lunch on Christmas Eve traditionally involves a Frosty from Wendy's...

If 100 is only the second largest number of dishes you've prepared for one meal...

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 XXXIII'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.

...And Then Some!

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:

- 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.
- 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 22 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

Winter Camp: Generations

The first Winter Camp generation, of course, began with Winter Camp I in 1977. The second generation was declared to begin when Brian Mann attended Winter Camp XV in 1991, as he was the first Winter Camper who had not been born when Winter Camp I started. The calendar was then reset, and Winter Camp historians made a mental note to watch for the first Winter Camper who was not yet born by December 27, 1991.

The third generation began with current youth leader Gabe Church, who was born in October 1992 and whose first Winter Camp was Winter Camp XXVIII. Campers whose first Winter Camp was at or after XXVIII comprise the third generation. Accordingly, the fourth generation will commence with the first Winter Camper born after December 27, 2004. Check back around Winter Camp XLI—which is also expected to include the third Perimeter Hike (as if the advent of Generation Four wasn't enough of a draw)—or XLII for the start of a new generation.

Winter Camp Trivia

By Mark Bollman—>

From the December 31, 2008 edition:

1. What delayed the Time Capsule ceremony at Winter Camp XXXII?

—*The capsule was left at the BC skills building.*

2. What nationality is Hoska, which was served at Winter Camp XXXII?

—*Czech*

3. Where was Battle Chess held after the bugout at Winter Camp XXXII?

—*Near the Friendship Center*

4. How many of John Howey's four

sons have attended Winter Camp?

—*Two: Kyle and Alex.*

Today's questions:

- 1. Which big-mouthed Winter Camper had to arrange a different ride home from the August planning meeting because he refused to commit to keeping his mouth shut?
- 2. Who was the first person to pay for Winter Camp XXXIII? (Hint: He's not here.)
- 3. As of 2:08 PM on Dec. 20, 2009, who is the world champion of Giant Jenga, with a perfect 1-0 record?

Quote O' The Day

“Red-headed Stewie's goin' through the glass!”

—*Firefighting suggestion, Winter Camp XXXII*

Hear something funny? Say something funny?

Let the News know!



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

The *News* also seeks an editor. Interested candidates should contact the publisher.