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# Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

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Winter Camp XXXIV News—Precamp Edition

## Welcome To Winter Camp XXXIV!

Members of the Mahican Chapter (now also of Mahican District), 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, 2010. Over 20 Winter Campers are expected to strain the capacities of Beaver Creek and Clearwater cabins. Youth leader Tim Leong 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 credo provided last year 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 XXXIV promise their own memorable moments.

This year's theme is "Back to the Future", and will trace the 100 years of Scouting in 25-year chunks. Keep your eyes peeled this weekette for daily signs of the passing decades. 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.

### Today's Schedule

(All times MST)

12:00 N	<a href="#">Hot Potato Lunch</a>
1:00 PM	<a href="#">Behind Enemy Lines</a>
3:00 PM	<a href="#">WWI Flour Wars</a>
4:00 PM	<a href="#">Paper Airplanes</a>
5:00 PM	<a href="#">Free Time</a>
6:00 PM	<a href="#">Mexican Dinner</a>
7:00 PM	<a href="#">Arrowman Bingo</a>
8:00 PM	<a href="#">Prohibition</a>
9:00 PM	<a href="#">Speakeasy</a>
11:00 PM	<a href="#">Prohibition Snack</a>
12:00 M	<a href="#">Lights Out</a>

## 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 XXXIV'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

Today's menu includes three classic Winter Camp meals. Each meal theme has been presented at least 10 times at previous Winter Camps.

The **Hot Potato Lunch** is one of several Winter Camp meals where the menu is secondary to the method of presentation. How often will you be barred from eating?

The **Mexican Dinner** is Winter Camp's most popular ethnic meal. This meal was first served at Winter Camp X in 1986—before any current youth member was born.

Tonight's **Prohibition Snack** is an excuse, not that we needed one, for snacking in and around the action at the gaming tables. Winter Camp's first casino opened for business at Winter Camp II in 1978, and while the Volkswagen Races from that year won't be back this year, there is sure to be sufficient gaming action—blackjack, craps, roulette, and chuck-a-luck—to keep everyone entertained. Until and unless the federal agents bust the Winter Camp speakeasy, that is.

## Quote of The Day

"Most Winter Camp activities aren't designed for a 76-year-old man starting chemotherapy."

—Gordon Draper, at the Winter Camp XXXIV planning meeting

**Hear something funny? Say something funny?**

**Let the News know!**

The Winter Camp News plans to publish daily issues during Winter Camp XXXIV. 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.

# 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 (available from 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 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

Tonight, the Winter Camp Casino will open for its 23<sup>rd</sup> year of business. Casino Night was first held at Winter Camp II in 1978, and included blackjack and roulette along with computerized Volkswagen races for wagering. Over the course of the years, the games expanded and contracted— notable events include “We got Tripoley!” at Winter Camp VI, some rousing games of baccarat, and the big poker pot.

The event was shelved for several years in the late 1980's but returned at Winter Camp XVIII in 1995 as “Shore Leave”, in keeping with the pirate theme that year. Gaming has been morphed to fit several other themes over the years, and Winter Camp now features customized chips, bearing the familiar rhombus logo, in 8 colors.

## Winter Camp Trivia

**From the December 31, 2009 edition:**

1. Who received the first two bowls of “00 grits” (grits with everything) at The Last Breakfast?

—*Timmy Kasprzak and Keith King*

2. Which Winter Camp was the first to use three cabins?

—*Winter Camp XXIV (Beaver Creek, Clearwater, and High Point)*

3. Who was the winner of the Forgery Contest at Winter Camp XXXIII?

—*Joe Warren*

4. Who successfully captured two of

the three swans that were relocated at the Winter Camp XXXIII service project?

—*Gabe Church*

**Today's questions:**

1. Which Winter Camp meal has been served for the last two years in Trout Lake subcamp?
2. Who invented the Skittle-stuffed pizza crust at Winter Camp XXXIII?
3. Who set the record in Ticket to Ride at Winter Camp XXXIII?
4. What did the Thunder Sword buried in the second 10-year time capsule say?

## You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

- If you ever built a fire that was still burning the next year...
- If you own an Institutional Representative shoulder patch, but have never been an Institutional Representative...
- If you've ever used a latrine with a chandelier...
- If you've ever gone Forest Bowling...
- If you've ever caulked a candle...

