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Winter Camp News

"Traditionally Unconventional"

*"On Guard
Since 1986"*

Winter Camp XLIII News—Precamp Edition

It's Winter Camp...In Space!!!

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, 2019. Over 30 Winter Campers are expected to strain the capacities of the Ranch. Youth leader Matt Grimble 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 XLIII promise their own memorable moments.

This year's theme is "Winter Camp In Space", 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.

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!

Weather Forecast

Expectations of snow for Winter Camp usually mark the hopes of its participants, but Winter Camp XLIII'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 projected to fall toward the weekette's end.

Given that forecast, Winter Camp's XLIII'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.

Today's Schedule (All times WCST)

12:07:36.03	Hot (Meteorite) Lunch
13:03:43.32	Organizational/Orientation Meeting
14:10:14.28	Four-Way Volleyball
16:39:31.67	Craft Hour
18:01:15.24	No Waste Meal
19:02:24.51	Open Time Capsule
19:39:51.68	Blind Hike
20:33:29.44	Crew Baking
23:01:43.13	Bakery Snack
00:01:27.97	Lights Out

Gastronomic Delights

Today's **Hot (Meteorite) Lunch** is a thematic twist on a Winter Camp classic. Under the name of the Hot Potato Lunch, this meal activity debuted at Winter Camp IX in 1985 and has since become a favorite. In true Winter Camp fashion, this lunch has been the target of much tinkering, resurfacing many times with a series of adjustments to the game within the meal.

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 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 return.

Quote O' The Day

"No one over the age of 60 should sleep
in an upper bunk at Winter Camp."

—Steve Donohue, 8 December 2019.

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

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 adviser 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 35 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.

You Might Be A Winter Camper If...

- ◆ If you've prepared grits based on the spin of a roulette wheel...
- ◆ If you've built a fire that was still burning the next year...
- ◆ If you've eaten a Twinkie at the intersection of Dryden Road and the fire lane...
- ◆ If you've enjoyed a Yooper Dinner...
- ◆ If you've eaten a meal named after you or a friend of yours...
- ◆ If you play more new games between Christmas and New Year's Day than you do the rest of the year...
- If your kitchen produces previously unknown composite materials while baking cookies...
- If you call a trigonal trapezohedron a "rhombohexahedron"...

Back In The Day

Tales Of History and Imagination

As Winter Camp XLIII goes to space, we look back at one of our previous space-related themes.

Daily themes were an experiment conducted during the third Winter Camp decade. The fourth day of Winter Camp XXII was designated Star Wars Day, which was launched with an airing of *The Empire Strikes Back*. John Howey and Dave Milon directed the planning, and included the Star Wars Quest wide game. A four-part experience covering all daylight hours was planned, and three teams---the Rebels, Bounty Hunters, and Imperials---set out on the connected series of activities.

- ◆ Part 1, Deployment of Rebel Forces, involved a drop-off hike where each team was blindfolded, driven away from Beaver Creek, and dropped to find their way to Johnstone cabin, where clues to the rest of the day were to be found.
- ◆ Part 2, Rescue the Princess, was combined with Part 3, Assemble the Rebel Fleet, as teams joined forces in some impromptu training and learned how to construct ceremonial special effects gear: a flashpot, ground flame, and hydrogen balloon.
- ◆ Part 4, Destroy the Death Star, was a three-way dodgeball game in Clearwater campsite.

Star Wars Day meals were named after key components of the movie: the Cantina Lunch and "Never tell me the odds" Dinner—the latter was cited at the time as one of the two worst meals in Winter Camp history.

Winter Camp Trivia

From the December 31, 2018 edition:

- Which nation won the most gold medals at Winter Camp XLII?
—Grand Fenwick, with 4.
- Which cabin was deep-cleaned as part of the Winter Camp XLII service project?
—Beaver Creek
- Who played the Guide in the Requiem for Boy Scouts ceremony at Winter Camp XLII?
—Ryan Shork
- What was the Guide's name in the Requiem for Boy Scouts

ceremony?

—Carroll King

Today's questions:

- Who originally declared himself as Winter Camp XLIII youth leader (as is our custom) but is not at camp this year?
- Who created and administers the service that emails subscribers when the Winter Camp planning Web page is updated?
- As of 27 December 2019, how many cabins have been home to Winter Camp?