

THE MITIGWA CHIEF

MITIGWA LODGE #450 ORDER OF THE ARROW
MID-IOWA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Spring Conclave

As we rush into spring we start thinking of summer. This means that Summer Camp is right around the corner, and we have some work that needs done.

At each Spring Conclave, we kick into high gear, and start getting Camp Mitigwa ready. We have all types of cheerful projects to complete, and we need your help! Bring a friend or ten; with more people we can get camp into its summer clothes. We can start shedding that winter weight.

Don't forget the steak fry, make sure you pre-register and reserve your steak. Also, we will be showing a movie on Friday night at 8 P.M. Show up to find out what it is. Look forward to cheerfully serving others at Spring Conclave and also look forward to a wonderful summer and Summer Camp. Be all you can be at Spring Conclave!

Dates to Remember:

- May 6th, 2006
Ring Blitz
- May 19th– 21st, 2006
Spring Conclave
- June 18th-24th, 2006
Week 1 Trail Crew
- June 24th, 2006
Trail Workday
- June 25th-July 1st, 2006
Week 2 Trail Crew
- July 2nd-8th, 2006
Week 3 Trail Crew
- July 14th-16th, 2006
Wapello W. Weekend

Ring Blitz

Ring Blitz is May 6th, 2006. Ring Blitz is an event that we use for service to ourselves. We have a big list of projects that need to be completed to improve our ceremony ring. Projects include replacing concrete, new fire pits, and trail work.

Wapello Work Weekend

Just like Spring Conclave, Wapello Work Weekend is our chance to help get Camp Wapello ready for the Summer Camping season. All who have been Ordeal members for 10 months are eligible for Brotherhood. Bring your work clothes and a full uniform. Registration will begin Friday July 14 at 5:30 PM and the weekend will end after breakfast on Sunday.

News Items

- ~Election forms are due at Spring Conclave at the latest.
- ~Trail Crew will run the first 3 weeks of camp this year.
- ~**Please check your mailing address and make sure it is completely correct. If it is not please let us know.**

CHIEFLY SPEAKING



**Chris Baldon
Lodge Chief**

Well the year is flying by really fast. We just had Snowflake Pow Wow a while back and it turned out really good. We are now approaching summer, and you know what that means...Getting camps ready for summer. I am talking about Spring Conclave on May 19-21 to get Camp Mitigwa up and running and also Wapello Work Weekend on July 14-16 to get Camp Wapello ready. These are great times to come to the need of these camps and do some cheerful service. If you are looking to complete Brotherhood, which I encourage all of you to do, then you can complete both your work weekend and Brotherhood Ceremony at each of these events. We have a very important project of improving our Ceremony Ring at Ring Blitz on May 6 at Mitigwa, be there by 8:00am.

We will need Elangomats for Spring Conclave and all of Summer Camp. At Summer Camp we will need a couple of Elangomats from each chapter for every week the have troops in camp.

There are still plenty of spaces open for people wanting to work on trail crew this summer. A form can be found at the lodge website and we would like them to be turned in by Spring Conclave.



**Robert J. Trusty
Lodge Advisor**

The Right Flap

So your wearing your lodge flap. Do this mean your are committed to the obligation of an arrowman.? The Broterhood of Cheerful Service has as its obligation to help your fellow Scout. Do you make a difference in the troop? Do your leaders look to you for leadership and support? If not, why not?

Does your Chapter look to you for support? If not, why not? Does your lodge and its officers look to you for support. If not, why not? If you can answer yes to these question, then the right flap is the **right flap.**



**Jeff "Smoky" Davis
Staff Advisor**

There are a lot of things getting ready to happen—Ring Blitz, Trail Crew, Spring Conclave, Wapello Work Weekend and summer camps. All provide opportunities for Arrowmen to be involved with cheerful service and lots of fun and fellowship. Be an active Arrowman and participate in as much as you can and bring a friend with you. Mitigwa Lodge has a great tradition of service and fun. We need you to keep it going.

When you completed your Ordeal it was merely the first step in becoming an Arrowman. Once you have been an Ordeal member for 10 months your next step is to seal that membership by becoming a Brotherhood member. Complete your Brotherhood Scorecard, attend lodge and chapter events, and provide cheerful service by attending at least one work weekend and participate in your Brotherhood ceremony. Mitigwa Lodge needs you to do this so we can get back on track as an Honor Lodge. Brotherhood membership is the main reason we were not a Honor Lodge in 2005. Getting the honor back is up to you.

Greetings and salutations, spring is here and school is almost at an end for some. As summer rapidly approaches the prospect of summer camp is here. I hope to see you all there. For all of you Ordeal members it is time to seal your membership into our lodge. I am of course talking about getting your Brotherhood. Show your desire and eagerness to serve by obtaining this milestone in your scouting career. I encourage everyone to attend either Spring Conclave or Wapello Work Weekend. If you are lacking a work weekend, it is available at both events. I hope to see you all and I encourage you all to bring a friend! If you are curious about your eligibility it has to have been at least 10 months from obtaining your ordeal. So if you received your ordeal at summer camp, you are eligible. As your faithful and humble servant I am hear to help you in anyway I can. Please feel free to email me with any questions at membership@mitigwalodge.org. Or talk to me at the nexr event. Remember to stay focused and be prepared to have fun. I hope to see you all at Spring Conclave and at Summer Camp. And remember.....GET YOUR BROTHERHOOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



David Rogers
V.C. Membership

Hello my Brothers. Ceremonies so far this year have been going good. On April 1st there was a Brotherhood ceremony where 12 Ordeal members sealed their membership in our Order. Chapter Ordeal teams performed very well at Snowflake Powwow. The teams are now preparing for their weeks at summer camp. The lodge ceremony teams are also practicing hard and getting ready for NOAC. I am looking for people to serve as torch bearers and back up for the team members. If you are interested in filling one of these positions please e-mail me at ceremonies@mitigwalodge.org.



Jay Cook
V.C. Ceremonies

Hello to all of my Brothers. We are now in the busy season for the Order of the Arrow. Elections are in full swing and hopefully almost completed. Spring Conclave as well as many other lodge and chapter activities are approaching quickly. I encourage all of you to attend as many events as you can. I would also like to encourage any of you that have things you want to get out to the lodge to submit them to me for possible publication. I hope that everyone has a great summer and a great week at camp. Don't forget that we need help each week at summer camp with Elangomats. If you are interested your help is greatly appreciated.



Andy DeBoard
V.C. Communications

Spring Conclave is right around the corner and that is the end of election season. All election forms should be turned in to me by Ring Blitz May 5-6 unless you have made other arrangements with me. Overall elections have been going very smoothly and we have encountered no problems yet. Way to go guys. I would personally like to thank the Golden Eagle chapter for getting in all their forms as quickly as they have. I am ready for Spring Conclave. It is going to be great this year hope to see you all there. Oh, and let me know if you would like to be an Elangomat as I have openings. Information on Elangomats should be out to chapters by this printing if you have questions contact me.



Joe Salvini
V.C. Elections &



Tristan Gray
Broken Arrow

Hi everyone! Broken Arrow is doing great this year. We have had our work weekend, it went very well we had good turn out and got a lot done. E&P is well off due to Josh Larson is doing an excellent job getting things scheduled and going. In May we have our meeting and the bonus to everyone Liquid Nitrogen ice-cream! Everyone make sure to come to our last meeting before the summer and enjoy some home made ice-cream with a twist! I hope to see you all at Spring Conclave and at our meetings.



Chris DeRegnier
Bo Qui

The Bo-qui chapter is doing well. We just recently had our work weekend and it went well. Elections and Promotions is also doing well. We have reached many troops and don't have many left. I hope you can all come to the Spring Conclave. It will be fun. It counts for a Brotherhood work weekend and there will also be a Brotherhood ceremony. Our meetings are still the second Thursday of each month at seven. It is at the First Christian Church in Indianola. Joel Ingram This year is off to a great start. We had some Ham Operators come to our chapter meeting in February and talk to our group. They were very informative and we enjoyed learning about Ham radios. Snowflake Pow Wow was held the last weekend of February. We had a nice attendance their from our Chapter for the weekend. At our March Chapter meeting we enjoyed watching a movie and talking about our Chapter work day which was held on March 25 at Mitigwa. We had a huge turn out from our chapter and we really appreciate everyone who came and helped out. After our work day we went to a movie and had pizza. A Brotherhood ceremony was held on April 1 at Mitigwa. Our chapter meeting in April, will be bowling in Eldora. We hope to have a good turn out for this event. Our Next LECM will be on April 15. Our One Day of Service will be on April 29th. We encourage all of you to attend each of these events. We have been having a good time at all of the events and meetings. I would like to challenge all of you to come to the meetings and the work days.



John Irwin
Golden Eagle

Hello Brothers. Our recent workday, on March 18th, was a success. The workday was held at Strother's Lodge and Foster Acres. Our main projects included creating a clearing behind Strother's Lodge for a park area and clearing trees blocking the paths in Foster Acres. Our V. C. of E&P, Isaac Campbell, and his election teams have had a successful year so far and hope to finish the election season the same way.

CEREMONY COMPITION AT SNOWFLAKE POW WOW



Broken Arrow
Ceremony Team

Raccoon River Valley
Ceremony Team



Golden Eagle
Ceremony Team



Bo Qui
Ceremony Team



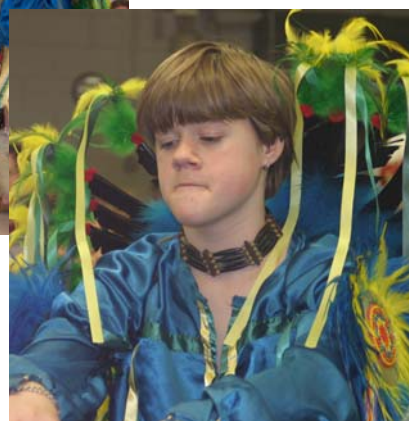
To be a part of ceremonies, contact
ceremonies@mitigwalodge.org
or your chapter officers.

Scenes from

Snowfla



You don't have to have outfitting to be in the Order of the Arrow, but it sure is fun.



To join the Mitigwa Dancers and Drummers contact Nathan Hon, Chairman
dancers_drummers @mitigwalodge.org

2006 Wake Pow Wow



Arriving for the Pow Wow



OA Wordfind

Complete this puzzle and bring it to Snowflake PowWow with you. Write your name, Chapter, and Troop Number on it. Turn it in at registration and you will be entered in a drawing for a prize that will take place during the weekend. If you only receive one issue of the Chief and more than one person is a member you may make a copy. You must be present to win.

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CAMPING	RAKE
CAMPSITE	SHOVEL
CEREMONY	SPRING
CLEAN	STEAK
CONCLAVE	SUMMER
DINNINGHALL	TENT
FIRES	TENTCITY
GLOVES	TRAIL
LATRINES	WORK
MOWER	

Hello to all in Hawkeye Chapter! I hope you enjoyed your start of spring. The weather was certainly different than it has been in past springs!

As the spring season comes around, let me remind you that Spring Conclave is coming up fast! This is a wonderful lodge event full of fellowship and good times. This is also a work weekend for those who need to finish their Brotherhood requirements. Make sure that you talk to your Chapter Chief about what you'll need to bring to help clean up Camp Mitigwa.

Since Spring Conclave is coming up fast, I would also like to remind all of our Ordeal members to make sure that you have all of your paperwork in order if you are planning on earning your Brotherhood at the event. I would hate for any of my fellow Arrowmen to come to the Spring Conclave expecting to earn their Brotherhood and not be able to earn it because of a technicality in the paperwork. For those of you in your first year of OA, don't forget about the First Year Award. You only need to do a couple of extra things to earn it and it is an excellent award to work for.

I would also like all of you to keep making an effort to come to our monthly chapter meetings. I know that you can't make them all, I haven't been able to make all of them lately, but keeping working to get to as many meetings as you can.

I'm excited about Spring Conclave this year, and hope you are too. There is going to be a Brotherhood Ceremony that I'm looking forward to because I will be able to do my part to help the chapter get to 30%. As usual the food will be great and the fellowship even better. The RRV/Broken Arrow work weekend was awesome! The food had to be the best part, as always. The past two RRV chapter meetings we have had guest speakers about Sea Base, and Boundary Waters.

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**Stephen Molitor
Hawkeye**



**Brian Lamont
Raccoon River Valley**



**Joel Ingram
Tamaha**

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LECM Minutes **April 15th, 2006**

1) Obligation

2) Attendance

Lodge Officers: Chief– Present, Ceremonies– Present, E&P– Present, Communications– Present, Membership– Not Present, Immediate Past– Not Present

Chapter Chiefs– Broken Arrow– Present, Bo Qui– Present, Hawkeye– Present, RRV– Present, Tamaha– Present, Golden Eagle– Present

Chapter Advisor– Broken Arrow– Present, Bo Qui– Present, Hawkeye– Not Present, RRV– Present, Tamaha– Present, Golden Eagle– Present

3) Lodge Officer Reports

Chief– 12 Brotherhood, good start

Ceremonies– Good teams, getting ready for NOAC, chapters keep practicing

E&P– Season underway, keep turning in forms, finish by Ring Blitz if possible

Communications– Chief coming out soon, Articles due July 8th

4) Chapter Reports

Broken Arrow– Work day with 25 kids, 2 Brotherhoods, 1 meeting left

BoQui– March 8th Chapter workday, 25 people, 1 meeting left

Hawkeye– Record attendance in March, working at Spring Camporee

RRV– Workday 2 weeks ago, 4 brotherhood, Ham radio and Sea Base presented

Tamaha– March 25th 17 at workday, Bowling Meeting

Golden Eagle– Officers good job, good election teams

3) Approval of Minutes from last meeting– Motion by Tamaha, 2nd BA, Motion Carries

6) Old Business

Dan Beard Trail– 20 people this weekend, still openings for trail crew

Snowflake Powwow– 150 people, went well

NOAC– Letters sent, cost up to \$500, meeting on Sunday of Spring Conclave

Ring Blitz– May 6th, lost of projects, meet at 8:00 AM in the ring

One Day of Service– In 2 weeks at Saylorville, camping available

7) New Business

Spring Conclave– May 19th-21st, Brotherhood push, movie Friday and Saturday night

Camp Chiefs– Mitigwa– Joe Salvini– Wapello– Arron Andrews, Jay cook nominated but declined, Motion to Approve RRV, 2nd Tamaha, Motion Carries

New Member Orientation– 1 adult and 1 youth from each chapter, come with Chapter info

Summer Camp Ordeal– Back to eating before ceremony

Brotherhood Eligibility– Has to be full 10 months, Wapello counts as 10 months

8) Advisors Minute– Helpfulness– take up responsibilities, thanks for what you do, Ring Blitz and Spring Conclave both work weekends

9) Closing– OA Song

**Spring Conclave
May 19th-21st, 2006**

(If more than one registration include all information for each person.)

Name: _____ Adult Youth
Address: _____ City: _____
Chapter: _____

Check

Spring Conclave Registration
due by May 13th \$10 _____
2006 Events Patch \$ 3 _____
2006 Spring Conclave Segment \$ 3 _____
Optional Steak Fry 5:30-7:30 \$ 8 _____
Brotherhood Fee \$ 15 _____
Total \$ _____

Please Send to:

**Clayman Service Center
Mid-Iowa Council
P.O. Box 3009
Des Moines, IA 50316-3009**

**Wapello Work Weekend
July 14th-16th, 2006**

(If more than one registration include all information for each person.)

Name: _____ Adult Youth
Address: _____ City: _____
Chapter: _____

Check

Wapello Work Weekend Registration
Due by July 8th \$10 _____
2006 Events Patch \$ 3 _____
2006 WWW Segment \$ 3 _____
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Total \$ _____

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**2006 Section C-1C Conclave
September 29 –October 1, 2006**

The 2006 Section C-1C Conclave hosted by Timmeu Lodge #74 at Camp C. S. Klaus near Colesburg, IA. A Section Conclave is one the most enjoyable experiences you have as an OA member.

A section conclave consists of a week-end of pure fellowship! There is absolutely no service. Activities may include climbing and rappelling, ceremony competitions, Native American dance, lodge v. lodge competitions, OA jeopardy, shooting guns and bows, cook-offs, etc. There is so much fun to be had.

You will have the chance to meet OA members from four other lodges. These scouts have the same set of principles and interests as you do. It is a great place to meet new friends. reason to attend.

For information on the Conclave, talk to your Lodge Chief or any other lodge officer.

C-1C Section Conclave

(If more than one registration include all information for each person.)

Name: _____ Adult Youth
Address: _____ City: _____
Chapter: _____

Registration due by Fall Fellowship: \$40.00
After \$50.00

Check

Leave from Scout Office at 5:00 PM _____
Leave from Ames Burger King on 13th St at
5:45 PM _____

Please Send to:

**Clayman Service Center
Mid-Iowa Council
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Des Moines, IA 50316-3009**

Vigil Nominations

Vigil nominations are due at Spring Conclave. Anyone can nominate someone for the Vigil Honor. The nomination form is available on the lodge website at www.mitigwalodge.org. Just click on the "Forms" link at the top of the page. I would encourage anyone who knows someone in the lodge who has fulfilled the time requirements and who is deserving of this high honor to nominate them for Vigil Honor.

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