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Winter Camp News

“Traditionally Unconventional”

“On Guard
Since 1986”

Winter Camp XLIV News—Precamp Edition

Winter Camp: The Bifurcation

Winter Camp has faced challenges before and endured—this year will surely be no different.

As the year 2020, and with it the lifetime of Noquet Lodge, draws to a close, Winter Camp adapts and thrives. Noquet’s final event will be the two-part version of Winter Camp XLIV, the latest edition of the most successful chapter event in the history of the Order of the Arrow.

Many Migisi Opawgan chapter Arrowmen will participate remotely as Winter Camp At Home debuts. Promoting the notion that the spirit of Winter Camp is independent of place, the Winter Camp At Home kit sent to in-town campers contains supplies for several Winter Camp activities and meals that participants and their families will join in from their homes across—and beyond—Michigan.

A second crew will brave the elements while returning Winter Camp to its ancestral home in Beaver Creek subcamp at D-A. Overnight tent camps are planned for the nights of December 27 and 30, and several classic Winter Camp events will be continued in their longtime homes. Online connection between the two groups is anticipated for some common activities.

Reengineering the last weekette of the Earth year has happened through the dedicated work of Winter Camp XLIV’s leadership team. Matt Grimble becomes the first 3-time youth leader as he heads up Winter Camp XLIV, with the advice of Winter Camp pioneer and WC XLIV adviser Doug Wilson close at hand. Winter Camp At Home is advised by Ethan Rein, and Jeff Rand serves as the adviser for Winter Camp At Camp. Dedicated Postal Service patron Steve Donohue has taken charge of assembling and mailing the at-home kits.

Today’s Schedule (All times EST [really!])

Winter Camp At Home

Individual Event: Remote Control Game

Group Event: Jackbox Games

Food: Bakery Snack

Winter Camp At Camp (Some times approximate)

1100: Arrival at Camp in BC Vicinity

1200: Lunch

1300: Get to Know Each Other Activity

1330: 4-Way Volleyball

1800: Bollmano’s Pizza

1900: Jackbox Games with At Home Group

2030: Blind Hike

Gastronomic Delights

The Winter Camp At Home snack tonight is the **Bakery Snack**. Though this snack did not debut until Winter Camp XXII, the Winter Camp kitchen is noteworthy for its baking. Baking is perhaps the thing which most separates the kitchen at Winter Camp from that of a hundred other Scout events. Other events might put on large banquets or even leave meal themes, but none of them bake to the extent that Winter Campers do.

Baking began at Winter Camp I when members spent much of the first day and night baking bread, cakes, and cookies. These early forays into baking were motivated more by a desire to have something to do than by any great need to demonstrate culinary expertise. Coincidentally, baking your own goods is cheaper than buying them, a concept near and dear to the heart of Winter Campers everywhere.

A massive baking session was plucked from the earliest days of Winter Camp and installed as part of Classics Day at Winter Camp XXII. It was followed by this “classic that should always have been”, a snack including freshly baked bread and toppings, including butter churned on-site, and fresh cinnamon rolls sliced with a yo-yo string.

Quote O’The Day

“The practicality is nonexistent.”

—Keith King, speaking of the spoons to be included in the Winter Camp At Home kit, 27 November 2020.

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!

The Winter Camp News hopes to publish occasional issues online during Winter Camp XLIV. Articles and article suggestions should be emailed to the publisher, Mark Bollman—>, at redshoes@wintercamp.com.

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 (new multiple choice version available online).
- 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 36 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, contact 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 ever bought Skittles with a buffalo nickel...
- ◆ If you've built a fire that was still burning the following year...
- ◆ If spaghetti is a finger food...
- ◆ If you can, from direct experience, name five things that don't respond well to being buried for 5 years...
- ◆ If you know which of your friends makes the best pie crust...
- ◆ If building a campfire on a frozen lake seems like a good idea and not a violation of some law of physics...
- ◆ If your cabin has 5 bowling balls suspended from the ceiling...
- ◆ If you've ever borrowed a blind-fold....

Back In The Day Tales Of History and Imagination

It's certain that Winter Camp XLIV will generate many asterisks in our event's cumulative history. This brings to mind Winter Camp XXXVII, which has been dubbed "The Asterisk" in *Encyclopedia WinterCampica*.

On December 21--22, 2013, an ice storm hit much of Michigan and cut electrical power to various parts of the Lower Peninsula. The damage included the downing of many power lines at D-A Scout Ranch, and so the Ranch was closed indefinitely beginning on December 24.

The Winter Camp leadership team got this news while enjoying the traditional Wendy's lunch following grocery shopping on Christmas Eve. Following a sequence of phone calls between campers and council camping officials over the next few hours, an alternate plan was soon devised, and so Winter Camp gathered three days later at Silver Trails Scout Reservation, a little more than an hour away up I-69 from Winter Camp's longtime home grounds.

Steve Donohue pointed out that "It's not a 'no power' issue [that makes a move necessary]; it's a 'someone could get electrocuted and die' issue." In the interest of preserving members' lives as much as possible, Winter Camp---for the first time ever---was held outside D-A.

Winter Camp classics translated well, in the large, to the new surroundings. Silver Trails' campmaster and ranger joined in several meals, including the Cave-man Dinner. By the weekette's end, they had high praise for Winter Camp's kitchen.

Winter Camp Trivia

From the December 31, 2019 edition:

- 1. What video game took over Jack Lord's south bunkroom at Winter Camp XLIII?
—Beat Saber
- 2. Who shaved Brian Maghran's head at Winter Camp XLIII?
—Jeff Rand
- 3. Who brought Winter Camp's first hoverboard to camp?
—Ryan Shork
- 4. While everyone who had attended Winter Camps I and II was out of camp on Day Two of Winter Camp XLIII, which

Winter Camper still in camp had attended the earliest Winter Camp?
—Dave Oakley (*Winter Camp III*)

Today's questions:

- 1. Who developed the remote-controlled robots demonstrated at the Winter Camp XLIV planning meeting?
- 2. Before its cancellation, who were the youth leader and adviser of Winter Camp Local?
- 3. Who wrote a 7-volume set of Winter Camp planning books in 2020?
- 4. Who was Winter Camp's first 3-time youth leader?