

Lakota Chapter Report

Siwinis Lodge #252 - Order of the Arrow

Chief Brandon Villalpando

25 September 2007

Lakota Chapter has been busy since our previous report with our usual Chapter and Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Meetings. At our Chapter Meeting we accomplished a lot, including: opening nominations for our 2008 Chapter Elections, hearing from our Officers, giving a presentation to the District Roundtable, and enjoying OA Jeopardy. At our CEC meeting we continued to close out 2007 and plan for 2008 with a draft calendar, budget, inventory, CEC Retreat, and unit election plan.

Events

Webelos Woods (14-16 Sep 07) was held at Will J. Reid Park with strong support from Lakota Chapter. Service by 17 Lakota Arrowmen (11 Youth & 6 Adults) to include: kitchen crew, parking, program, Den Leaders, campfire, flag retirement, & the Scouts Own service. Our youth leader was Brandon Villalpando.

Potlatch (28-30 Sep 07) will include at least 28 Lakota Arrowmen (16 Youth & 12 Adults). We had 20 register early and another 8 since then. At least 6 Lakota Arrowmen will do Brotherhood at Potlatch. Our youth leader for Potlatch is Brandon Villalpando.

Pacifica Fall Camporee (5-7 Oct 07) will also be strongly supported by Lakota Chapter. Our service will include: parking, program help, campsite inspections, serpentine to campfire, campfire program, and the OA call-out. Our youth leader for Camporee is Brandon Villalpando.

Officer/Committee Work

Our **Vice Chief**, Scott Affa, is supporting the Chief at Pacifica District Committee meetings and by helping draft agendas for Chapter & CEC meetings. He also runs our OA Unit Rep program and is creating a roster Pacifica District OA Reps. He created a informational form that he presented & distributed at our September Roundtable.

Our **Sachem** (Secretary), Howard Limburg, has created an improved template for our Chapter newsletter. The first issue went out to our members and to Ryan Gaston, Rick Ussery, & Bob Ulrich. Howie also: created a nomination form for youth seeking a Chapter office, is drafting a 2008 calendar, and keeps and posts our CEC minutes.

Our **Treasurer**, Garrett Maldoon, is working with his Finance Committee and the other Officers to create financial procedures and a 2008 budget. Garrett is also compiling a Master Inventory and working to improve the operations of our Trading Post and Tee Shirt Committees since they fall under his supervision.

Our **Immediate Past Chief**, John Broadhead, is representing Lakota in the preparations for our Fall Camporee by attending the District Camporee Committee meetings and bringing the CEC specific requests for service. He is also planning our Chapter Dinner.

Our **Elangomat Chair**, Steven Gunderson, is working on setting up for the October Ordeal. Steven is working to get the final roster of Ordeal Candidates, organize call-out, write the candidate letters, organize the bands, and recruit and train Elangomats.

Our **Hunter** (Elections), Matt Affa, has worked on the unit leader district roster while organizing the 2007 unit elections which are now complete. He is working to support our call-out and to better organize the 2008 unit elections.

Our **Medicine Man**, Tim Fitzsimons, has had several training meetings and is working to have a strong team in place to cover call-out, Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood ceremonies. We will have call-out and Brotherhood at the Pacifica Camporee.

Our **Messenger** (Camping Promotions), Morgan McNally, has sent out 2 surveys about the camping needs of Pacifica District units with virtually no response. To learn more, he has been talking among the Chapter's youth Arrowmen.

Our **Niamat Chair** (Brotherhood), Sam Croft, is working to sign up eligible Arrowmen for one of the remaining chances this year. He has reminded those eligible of the upcoming opportunities. We have 6 for Potlatch and another 8 for our Camporee.

Our **Tee Shirt/Promotional Chair**, Howard Limburg, has continued sales of our highly popular new youth-designed Chapter Tee Shirt. He is planning to re-order in some sizes as necessary and is considering ordering additional promotional products for sale.

Our **Trading Post Chair**, Thomas Lidikay, has had the Chapter Trading Post open at the Chapter Fellowship Day and has provided refreshments at our Chapter and CEC meetings. He is preparing to open at the Pacifica Fall Camporee.

Our **Vigil Chair**, Scott Affa, has worked with the Lodge Vigil Chief to get those selected to Potlatch. A new Vigil Chair will start preparing for 2008 after Potlatch.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Brandon Villalpando
Lakota Chapter Chief