

February Lakota Chapter Report
Siwinis Lodge #252
Order of the Arrow

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Brothers,

Since our previous Chapter Report, Lakota has accomplished a great deal. Lakota held its monthly Chapter and CEC Meetings.

Events

Chapter Fellowship Weekend: February 27th through March 1st, Lakota will have a Chapter Fellowship activity. We are planning to support the LAAC Venturing Weekend at Forest Lawn Scout Reservation. Lakota Chapter is also Venture Crew 1994 and we have been advertising the event to our members.

2009 Chapter Executive Committee Retreat: February 6th and 7th, Lakota had its 2009 Chapter Executive Committee Retreat. This was a time for the 2009 CEC to bond, learn about what is expected of them for the year, and brainstorm on how to improve our various programs. Eleven Officers and ten Advisers attended, and they helped to set up the Torrance Scout House's spaghetti dinner fundraiser Saturday afternoon.

Venturing

Lakota Chapter has just recently been chartered as Venturing Crew 1994. We are enthusiastic to support Venturing programs in the district, such as the Venture Officer Association (VOA). Although we were unable to attend the VOA meeting February 12th due to our busy elections season, we intend to send representatives to future meetings.

Committee Work

Vice Chief: Our Vice Chief, David Dye, is continuing to work on the OA Unit Representative program. He is maintaining the Unit Rep Roster and has worked with his Adviser to create an informational packet about the OA Unit Representative program to give to Scoutmasters during OA Unit elections. He also attended our 2009 CEC Retreat.

Secretary: Our Sachem, Morgan McNally, has been busy handling the ongoing re-registration process for the Chapter and updating our roster. He is also working to produce the first quarterly Lakota newsletter of 2009, which should be shipped to our members in early March.

Treasurer: Our Treasurer, Brian Major, has recruited and started training a deputy. He also attended and led a session at our 2009 CEC Retreat, and he handled the registration and financial transactions for that event. He is also in charge of organizing and running the 2009 Pacifica District Spring Camporee.

Immediate Past Chief: Howard Limburg is currently in charge of promoting the Lakota Chapter Fellowship weekend. He is also the Siwinis Lodge NOAC Contingent Chair. He also attended and co-led a session at our 2009 CEC Retreat.

Brotherhood: Our Niamat Chair, Richard Faherty, is in the process of identifying those Lakota Arrowmen eligible for Brotherhood conversion in 2009, compiling a roster of them, and recruiting Arrowmen to serve as Niamats. He also attended and led a session at our 2009 CEC Retreat.

Camping Promotions: Our Messenger, Ryan Glymph, distributed flyers at the February Pacifica District Roundtable. He is currently working with his Adviser to create a flyer to encourage units to have camping promotions presentations. These flyers will be given to Scoutmasters by OA Unit Elections teams. He is also doing research online and in camping stores to find resources to use on Unit camping presentations, and is preparing to post camping promotions material on the Pacifica District website. He also attended our 2009 CEC Retreat.

Elangomat: Our Elangomat Chair, Matt Affa, has a deputy and is already working to recruit Arrowmen to serve as Elangomats for the Spring Ordeal. He also attended our 2009 CEC Retreat.

Elections: Our Hunter, Taylor Wood, has a deputy and is expanding his committee so that he can do elections more effectively in 2009. He has contacted all of the eligible Troops, and is currently performing and scheduling elections. He also attended and led a session at our 2009 CEC Retreat.

Medicine Man: Brandon Villalpando has been holding regular practices with his team. His ceremony team performed an Arrow of Light Ceremony February 7th and they are already set to help with at least two more AoL ceremonies. They are also preparing to perform the Callout and Brotherhood Ceremonies at the Pacifica District Spring Camporee. He also attended our 2009 CEC Retreat.

Trading Post: Our Trading Post Chair, Brian Applegate, has provided the refreshments at our meetings and organized and purchased an inventory that is available for upcoming events. He also attended our 2009 CEC Retreat.

Vigil: Brandon Villalpando's committee has finished their 2009 Vigil applications and is prepared to present them at the Lodge Vigil meeting in February.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Soren Fulton
Lakota Chapter Chief