

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

April 20th, 2009

Brothers,

Since our previous Chapter Report, Lakota has accomplished a great deal. Lakota held our monthly Chapter Meeting and will hold our CEC Meeting this Tuesday (April 28th).

Events

Firestone Service Project: On March 21st, 5 Lakota Arrowmen supported the Siwinis Lodge Firestone Service Project. They were tasked with replacing the large signs commemorating the three scouts who had been killed in action in Afghanistan or Iraq.

The First Cub Rocket Academy: Lakota served as the cook crew at the first Cub Rocket Academy on the 27th-29th of March. We also provided Arrowmen to help staff the event.

The Second Cub Rocket Academy: Although we were not the lead Chapter for the second Cub Rocket Academy on the 3rd-5th of April, Lakota still provided several Arrowmen to serve as program staff and kitchen staff.

2009 Pacifica Spring Camporee: Lakota Treasurer Brian Major was the Chair for the spring Camporee (April 17th-19th). Brian planned and led the Camporee Planning Committee as well as arranged for Arrowmen and others to staff the events. This is the first time in 3 years that a Pacifica Camporee has been youth led and Brian led a strong team in a great performance. Given the Camporee's success, Lakota Chapter may be asked to run the Camporee again.

Pacifica Pinewood Derby: On April 25th, Lakota will provide staff for the Pacifica District Pinewood Derby.

Venturing

Lakota Chapter is also Venture Crew 1994. We are part of the LAAC Venture Officer Association (VOA) and plan to send have representatives at the May 14th VOA meeting.

Committee Work

Vice Chief: Our Vice Chief, David Dye, is continuing to build the OA Unit Rep program. His OA Rep packet is passed out at unit elections. He is putting together an online spreadsheet that will better organize his efforts and make the information more accessible. He worked at the First Cub Rocket Academy.

Secretary: Our Sachem, Morgan McNally, has been busy handling the ongoing re-registration process for the Chapter. He recently mailed out our first quarterly newsletter. The next issue, due out in early June, is already in the works.

Treasurer: Our Treasurer, Brian Major, has recruited and started training a deputy. He has been working with his Adviser to fix the financial discrepancy between the Lodge and the Chapter's records. He was also in charge of organizing and running the 2009 Pacifica District Spring Camporee.

Immediate Past Chief: Our Immediate Past Chief, Howard Limburg, is also the Siwinis Lodge NOAC Contingent Chair.

Brotherhood: Our Niamat Chair, Richard Faherty, has compiled a roster of Arrowmen eligible for Brotherhood conversion, and is in the process of contacting them. He also led Niamat training at our April Chapter Meeting. In addition, four Lakota Arrowmen went through their Brotherhood conversion at the 2009 Spring Ordeal.

Camping Promotions: Our Camping Promotions Chair, Ryan Glymph, has a deputy and is expanding his committee. He has created a flyer encouraging Scoutmasters to have Camping Promotions presentations, which is being given to Scoutmasters by OA Unit Elections teams. He is also researching camping information is preparing to post camping promotions material on the Pacifica District website by April 28th. He will be helping lead our Chapter Fellowship Day in June.

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 and his deputy led Elangomat training at our April Chapter Meeting.

Elections: Our Elections Chair, Taylor Wood, has contacted all of the Units in the District, completed 17 elections, and scheduled 4 more. Currently, 81 youth have been elected and 2 adults have been nominated (with a third pending Lodge Approval). The elections teams are distributing District Camping Promotions Materials, information on the OA Unit Representative program, and forms encouraging adult nominations at each election.

Medicine Man: Brandon Villalpando has been holding regular practices with his team. His ceremony team performed the Callout and Brotherhood Ceremonies at the Pacifica District Spring Camporee. They are also preparing to perform a Pre-Ordeal Ceremony and a Brotherhood Ceremony at the Spring Ordeal.

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 is working to promote our Chapter tee shirt to our new members.

Vigil: Our Vigil Chair, Brandon Villalpando, represented Lakota at the Lodge Vigil youth meeting in February. He has arranged sponsors for the Lakota nominees. Brandon is making alternate arrangements for one of our nominees as they are unable to attend Potlatch.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Soren Fulton
Lakota Chapter Chief