

Lakota Chapter Report
Siwinis Lodge #252
Order of the Arrow

May 26th, 2009

Brothers,

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

Events

Spring Ordeal: Lakota attended the Spring Ordeal with two Elangomats and 40 Candidates. 37 of these Candidates were youth and three were adults. Lakota Ceremonialists also performed the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies for the Lodge.

Chapter Fellowship Day: On June 6th, Lakota will have our Chapter Fellowship Day. We will be going to Mulligans, which has miniature golf, go cart racing, and other attractions.

Brotherhood Conversion Day: On June 6th (shortly after the Chapter Fellowship Day), Lakota will have a Brotherhood Conversion Day. We already have a several people interested, including Arrowmen from other Chapters. This event is open to any eligible Siwinis Arrowman.

Pacifica Pinewood Derby: On April 25th, Lakota provided several Arrowmen as staff for the Pacifica District Pinewood Derby. They were widely praised for their role in the very successful event.

Venturing

Lakota Chapter is also Venture Crew 1994. We are part of the LAAC Venture Officer Association (VOA) and sent representatives at the May 14th VOA meeting. We intend to continue supporting the VOA and hope that it will develop into a youth run Council wide Venturing presence.

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 also represented Lakota at the May Pacifica District Executive Committee Meeting and served as Chair for our May CEC Meeting in the place of our Chief.

Secretary: Our Sachem, Morgan McNally, has been busy handling the ongoing re-registration process for the Chapter. He has also put together a first draft of our second quarterly newsletter. The final product will be distributed in early June.

Treasurer: Our Treasurer, Brian Major, has recruited and trained a deputy. He also represented Crew 1994 (Lakota Chapter) at the May VOA meeting.

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

Brotherhood: Our Niamat Chair, Richard Faherty, led Niamat training at our April Chapter Meeting. In addition, he served as the Niamat at the Spring Ordeal and at Potlatch. He is also planning the Lakota Brotherhood Day in June.

Camping Promotions: Our Camping Promotions Chair, Ryan Glymph, has a deputy and is expanding his committee. He has worked with the Pacifica District webmaster to post camping promotions materials (such as locations and information for new campers) in the OA section of the Pacifica District website.

Elangomat: Our Elangomat Chair, Matt Affa, has a deputy and recruited 2 Arrowmen to serve as Elangomats for the Spring Ordeal. His deputy, Matt Johnson, arranged a bus to transport our candidates up to Forest Lawn Scout Reservation for the Spring Ordeal.

Elections: Our Elections Chair, Taylor Wood, has contacted all of the Units in the District, completed 19 elections, and scheduled 2 more. Currently, 89 youth have been elected and 6 adults have been nominated. 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 ceremonies team has completed a new set of outfits. The team performed the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony 4 times & the Brotherhood Ceremony at the Spring Ordeal and the Brotherhood Ceremony at Potlatch.

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, arranged sponsors for the Lakota nominees. Brandon made alternate arrangements for one of our nominees as they are unable to attend Potlatch. He also served as the ceremonialist for the Vigil Ceremony at Potlatch.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Soren Fulton
Lakota Chapter Chief