

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

August 20th, 2009

Brothers,

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

Events

Pacifica District Soap Box Derby: On July 11th, Lakota supported the Pacifica District Soap Box Derby in El Segundo. We helped with services such as crowd control and First-Aid. Richard Faherty (who is also our Niamat chair) organized our volunteers for the event.

NOAC: From July 31st to August 6th, 8 Lakota Arrowmen participated as Siwinis Lodge Contingent Members (with two serving as Staff) at the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) in Indiana. In addition, four of the Lakota Contingent members served on the NOAC Contingent committee. Howard Limburg served as the NOAC Chair with Soren Fulton on the Committee, and William Althoff and Rick Christeson as Advisers.

2009 Siwinis Lodge Fellowship Day: Lakota will be participating in the 2009 Siwinis Lodge Fellowship Day on August 22nd.

Conclave: September 11th-13th, Lakota will join Siwinis Lodge for Conclave, held at Camp Verdugo Oaks.

Venturing

Lakota Chapter is also Venture Crew 1994. We are part of the LAAC Venture Officer Association (VOA) and sent representatives at the quarterly VOA meetings on May 13th and August 13th. 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, has been maintaining the Chapter's OA Representative Roster. He has begun (and will continue) to make announcements at the Roundtable requesting more support from the Scoutmasters & Team Advisors for the OA Unit Representative Program. He also served as the Acting Chief for the July Chapter and CEC Meetings.

Secretary: Our Sachem, Morgan McNally, has been busy putting together a first draft of our third quarterly newsletter. The final product will be distributed in early September.

Treasurer: Our Treasurer, Brain Major, has finished training his deputy, Roman Ventura, and his deputy is prepared to fill the role of Treasurer in the 2010 year if he chooses to run for election. Brain and Roman are preparing for the re-registration process for 2010.

Immediate Past Chief: Our Immediate Past Chief, Howard Limburg, is also the Siwinis Lodge NOAC Contingent Chair. He led the 2009 Siwinis Contingent to Indiana.

Brotherhood: Our Niamat Chair, Richard Faherty, organized the Lakota volunteers for the Pacifica District Soap Box Derby in El Segundo on July 11th.

Camping Promotions: Our Camping Promotions Chair, Ryan Glymph, has a deputy and is expanding his committee. He is constantly working 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. He has also created a new flyer encouraging Scout Masters to have Camping Promotions Presentations, which will be distributed by the Lakota Elections Teams.

Elangomat: Our Elangomat Chair, Matt Affa, is working with his deputy to recruit Arrowmen to serve as Elangomats for the Fall Ordeal in a timelier manner than the Spring Ordeal. This should ensure that Lakota has sufficient Elangomats for its Candidates.

Elections: Our Elections Chair, Taylor Wood, has contacted all of the Units in the District and completed 21 elections. Currently, 95 youth have been elected and 7 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. The elections' season is currently in a state of hiatus while Units focus on their Summer Camps, but Taylor is making preparations to ensure that the Fall Elections season is just as successful as the Spring Elections season was.

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 with explanations for the July Chapter Meeting. They are preparing for the fall with an eye on Conclave and the Ordeal.

Trading Post: Our Trading Post Chair, Brian Applegate, has recruited a new deputy, continued to provide 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, is preparing to make alternate arrangements for one of our nominees (who was unable to attend Potlatch) to do their Vigil at the Fall Ordeal.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Soren Fulton
Lakota Chapter Chief