

# THE MEDICINE WHEEL



Wahpekute Lodge- Order of the Arrow

## Winter conclave

Winter Conclave will be held at Holy Rosary, in North Mankato this year on January 8-9th. This is a great weekend that will bring fellowship, great food and fun for all members of the lodge. We will have games and movies on Saturday night, as well as wii games, basketball tournaments, and Texas hold em matches. On Saturday night, we will be attending a MSU hockey game where we will be watching the game and also going out to eat at the Old Country Buffet or Pizza Ranch. The hockey game and meal are included in the registration fee. We will also have some chapter meetings and a Lodge L.E.C. meeting with lots of information and door prizes. Please fill out form below.

Registration costs are \$25.00

### Lodge Officers

- Lodge Chief - Greg Rasmussen  
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### Chapter Chiefs

- North Star - Seth H.
- Great Bend - Chris F.
- Sioux Trails - Josiah A.
- Southern Trails - Christian A.

The next Lodge LEC meeting will be at the Winter Conclave on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011



The ArrowPower2011 Service on the Superior is a service project that is going to be in northern Minnesota by Grand Marais. As a member of one of the 12 lodges in Area 1 of the Central Region, BSA, you are invited to take part in this great opportunity. We will do some major trail reconstruction along the shores of Lake Superior, along with clearing some new mountain bike trails and creating campsites and portage trails. All Arrowmen 14 and above are eligible to participate. Youth and adults are able to do this and you don't even have to fill out a permit to go into the boundary waters. It will take place from June 21-26, 2011. Cost is about \$195. We will work on the Vegetable Chain Lakes, the Superior National Hiking Trail, or the Sugarbush and Pincushion Mountain Bike Trails. The Section has been working with the US Forest Service in providing this great opportunity. Programs and entertainment will take place in the evening. For more information take a look at the link <http://arrowpower.sectionc1b.org> Call Steve Knuth for more information.

**Winter Conclave Schedule  
January 8-9, 2011  
Holy Rosary School**

**Saturday**

11:00-3:00pm Registration  
11:00-3:00pm Wii games, basketball, card games  
5:00pm Leave for Old Country Buffet or Pizza Ranch.  
6:30pm Leave for Verizon Center for MSU Hockey Game.  
7:00-9:00pm MSU Hockey Game  
10:00pm L.E.C and Holiday gifts-Brotherhood Bash with lots of food and fellowship  
11:30-4:00am Continue Games.  
5:00 am Lights Out for at least 1 hour.

**Sunday**

6:00am Wake up  
7:00am Begin cleaning up personal gear  
8:00am Breakfast  
9:00am Continue cleaning up  
10:00am Short Chapel Service  
11:00am Everyone leave

**Quality Lodge–Brotherhood Conversion**

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, We signed papers for Wahpekute Lodge to get Quality Lodge again in 2010. To do this as a lodge we needed to contribute to the Twin Valley Council in service and funds. We did service projects for the community and for our camps at Cedar Point, Norseland and Cuyuna, we attained 30% Brotherhood Conversion, and we increased our membership from 308 last year to 348 this year at years end. We did a lot of other things too for it, including 15 items needed to be worked on over the last year. Thank you to all those that have helped with elections, doing their Brotherhood conversion and contributed to the lodge in many ways.

**Future Fundraising**

Like most organizations, in order to keep it sustained and working, Wahpekute Lodge also needs to grow funds to maintain the lodge's purposes and goals for the scouts, Twin Valley Council, and the community. Wahpekute Lodge is currently working on a couple of fundraisers that will happen over the next year. The first is a Golf Tournament that will take place in June of 2011. This fundraiser will be held at North Links Golf Course, and will help raise funds for our lodge. Entry only costs \$75, but you will get a lot for that. Also this winter, we will be holding a couple pancake breakfasts at the Eagle's Club in Mankato. Lastly, a great opportunity has come to us through Travis Lang, a professional photographer, and a Wahpekute Lodge member. He has authorized two photo prints of his to sell. Look for this in future emails within the next month or so.

## Lodge Recharter/Membership Renewal for 2011

Scoutmasters attending the November and December Roundtable meetings please check for troop packets dealing with O.A. membership. Membership renewal is \$10.00 and with that you will get your 2011 membership cards, Medicine Wheel newsletters, and other information. Please follow the directions on the sheet and include all information. It helps us keep our records accurate. If you are an O.A. member and need to renew your membership individually, please send it to the scout office in Mankato with personal information including mailing address, email, and date of birth and phone number. They are due with Troop Recharter. If you are no longer with a troop and wish to keep your membership in the OA, we can put you into a Venture Crew that the OA has. Just let us know! We are a growing lodge and continue to need your involvement and membership current.

## Order of the Arrow High Adventure

Each summer, for any youth under 21 years, the Order of the Arrow offers a myriad of different High Adventure opportunities to meet your summer needs whether its wetting your appetite by going for a plunge in the Atlantic Ocean with the Ocean Adventure at the Florida Sea Base; maybe hiking is your passion, what better place to go than the Philmont Scout Ranch. Have you ever given thought about what the Native Americans and early explorers did to be avid traders, maybe the OA Voyage is your calling. Perhaps watch the Northern Lights from a canoe at Northern Tier by Ely, MN. Whatever your summer aspirations may be, these National High Adventure bases have put together a multitude of options for you for two weeks this summer! Costs are very low for this experience!! This is open to any youth under the age of 21.

If you're interested in any of the Order of the Arrow High Adventure programs, please visit [adventura.aa-bsa.org](http://adventura.aa-bsa.org). We already have 2 people very interested in going. One has sent in an application to attend two of them for next summer. This is a great opportunity to meet many people from all over the country. Again, costs are very low for this great time. You do some service for the first week and then you do a trek the second week. It is about \$100.00 registration fee for the two week experience.



Registration Form  
2011 Wahpekute Lodge Winter Conclave

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: under 18 or 18-21 or Over 21

\_\_\_\_\_: Yes, I will attend the Wahpekute Lodge Winter Conclave!!

Enclosed \$25.00. You may pay at the Scout Office or at the door when you get there. If paying ahead of time Please Enclose Payment and Send to: Twin Valley Council, BSA, 810 E. Madison Ave., Mankato, MN 56001, or pay at the door. If you have questions, please call Steve Knuth, Lodge Adviser at 507.525.3149.

