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UPCOMING EVENTS

1/7/17………….Winter Banquet
Lodge Officer elections

3/4/17…….LLD&LEC Meeting

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Tetonwana Lodge
WINTER BANQUET
January 7, 2017

All Arrowmen: The gathering of fellowship and fun is almost here for all Arrowmen to enjoy! The Winter Banquet is filled with games, valuable training, lodge elections, and of course…The Banquet!

When and Where: The Winter Banquet will be Friday the 6th of January to Saturday the 7th in Tabor, SD at Lewis and Clark Scout.

Registration/Check-in: Please pre-register to help us make the proper accommodations for the Banquet; a pre-registration form is attached in this issue of the Turtle Talk and the cost to attend is $20, or you may register online at siouxbsa.org/
Tetonwana Lodge. You are also able to register in person Friday evening or Saturday morning.

What: Friday evening is the time to get to know other Arrowmen that you might not know and spend time with other friends with games, movies, or other activities. Saturday morning includes a filling breakfast with training cells to prepare Arrowmen to be leaders in their chapters, lodges, and beyond. Saturday afternoon includes ceremony demonstration, activities, and auctioning off of memorabilia and patches. Lodge Officer Elections will be conducted to decide offices for the upcoming year. We will then have a catered meal and a presentation of honors awards earned by Arrowmen and Chapters for their service. The final activities will be auctioning off of the Walking Stick and the passing of the bonnet.
LODGE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Each year we elect Arrowmen to leadership positions for our Lodge: Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Service, Vice Chief of Activities, Vice Chief of Inductions, Lodge Secretary, and Lodge Treasurer. If you are considering running for any of these positions, first ask yourself, “Can I serve my Lodge in an effective way?” and “What can I do to promote the Order of the Arrow?” All youth of the lodge who attend the Winter Banquet elect the new officers, through this; we can keep this a successful and relevant lodge with ambitious Arrowmen who want to lead it.

To be a Lodge Officer, you must be under twenty-one years of age by the time his term is finished. Other than that, you just have to be registered with a BSA unit and the Tetonwana Lodge. Any Arrowmen, (Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil), can run. It is preferred that anyone seeking these positions has experience of how a Lodge operates, but is not required.

If interested, you must express written notification of intention to run for office at the Winter Banquet and be given to the Lodge Chief, Lodge Adviser, or the election committee. Discussion with your Chapter Advisor and/or Unit Leader is encouraged.

If you want to become more involved in the Lodge than what you already are and you don’t feel as if you can live up to all the expectations of a Lodge Officer, then becoming involved in a committee would be for you. The Chairmen are always looking for committee members to help them. You could also become a committee chairman if you really want to.

There are plenty of leadership opportunities within the Lodge, just run for the position and make a commitment to your position. Bring a friend to nominate or you can always nominate your self. Just don’t miss out on the chance of being a leader of your lodge!

Lodge Executive Committee (LEC)

The Lodge Executive Committee is the group of Arrowmen responsible for all aspects of lodge operation. The LEC is the steering committee for the lodge. It carries out the business of the lodge by planning and coordinating fellowship and induction weekends, service projects, training sessions, and other events as appropriate. It consists of the elected youth officers, appointed youth committee chairman, chapter representatives, and Advisors.

Unit Elections

Unit Elections are an important activity the Lodge undertakes every year. In order to have new members we must take the time to contact the Troops in the Council and hold and election for eligible Scouts. Troops have from now until March 31st to complete their election and have results turned into the council office. For the Lodge to work towards Journey to Excellence, each election needs to be completed by a trained election team. Training is going to be offered at the Winter Banquet and is also offered at Chapter meetings.

If you would like to play an important role in the Order of the Arrow, sign up to be a part of your Chapter’s Unit Elections team. An excited Arrowman can have a large impact on the Lodge by helping to make sure every Troop in the Council is able to have an election. Elections can be scheduled by making arrangements through your Chapter Chief or Adviser. If your unit still needs to have an election contact your Chapter or talk to your Troop OA representative to make sure that the eligible Scouts in your Troop can get elected. Remember someone had to take the time to make sure you were elected, how many Scouts can you have the same effect on?
# Chiefly Speaking

## Amendment to Lodge’s Rules and Regulations

The LEC would like the Lodge Membership to consider the following change to the Lodge’s Rules and Regulation Article V, Section A; Paragraph 1.

Dues to be determined by the LEC with final approval by the Membership shall be collected annually.

This amendment will be discussed and voted on by the 2017 Winter Banquet.
2017 Tetonwana Lodge Calendar

January 7th       Winter Banquet in Tabor, SD at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp
February 3rd-4th  Section C-1A Council of Chiefs meeting in Sartell, MN
March 4th         Lodge Leadership Development Training and Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
                   Center for Scouting-Sioux Falls
April 21st-22nd   Section C-1A Council of Chiefs / Section Conclave On-site
                   Camp Cuyuna, Crosslake, MN
May 19th-21st    Spring Conclave at L&C Scout Camp
August 16th-18th  Fall Conclave at Camp Shetek
Sept 9th-11th    Section Conclave Camp Cuyuna, Crosslake, MN
Oct 22nd-23rd    Vigil Retreat Newton Hills Scout Camp

Winter Banquet Registration Form

Please RSVP by December 31st by sending this form to:
Tetonwana Lodge, Center for Scouting 800 N. West Ave Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Winter Banquet is January 7th at Lewis & Clark Scout Camp, Tabor, SD

Name _________________________________________________________

___ $20 Enclosed   or   ___ Pay at Event

___ Bring my dues current for 2017 - $10 per Arrowmen