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www.siouxbsa.org/TetonwanaLodge

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/6/18  .............. Winter Banquet
Lodge Officer elections
3/3/18  ...... LLD&LEC Meeting

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Tetonwana Lodge
WINTER BANQUET
January 6, 2018

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 5th of January to Saturday the 6th in Sioux Falls, SD at the Center for Scouting, 800 N. West Avenue.

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. 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 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?

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### 2018 OA Tetonwana Lodge 105

#### Winter Banquet Schedule

**Friday – January 5, 2018**

7:00 PM – Check in  
9:00 PM – Cracker Barrel  
11:00 PM – Lights out

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**Saturday – January 6th, 2018**

7:00 AM – Check in resumes  
7:15 AM – Breakfast  
9:00 AM – Opening Ceremonies  
  - Presentation of the Colors  
9:30 AM – Training Sessions  
  - So you wanna be in OA?  
  - Link Training  
10:30 AM – Training Sessions  
  - OA High Adventure Opportunities  
  - Link Training  
11:30 AM – Lunch

1:00 PM – Training Session #3  
  - Unit Elections  
  - Link Training  
2:00 PM – Free Time  
3:30 PM – Lodge Meeting

5:30 PM – Lodge Banquet  
  - Meal  
  - Key Note Speaker  
  - Recognitions  
  - Awards  
  - Introduction of New Lodge Officers  
  - Auctioning of Walking Stick  
  - Passing of the Bonnet  

8:00 PM – Closing Ceremonies  
  - Retiring of the Colors
Greetings Brothers!

This feel very weird to me for this to be my last Chiefly speaking after two years as Lodge Chief. I am so unbelievably thankful for all of the people that I have had a chance to meet through this experience. I am especially thankful for all of the amazing people we have in our lodge that have pushed me to be more motivated in my own personal and Boy Scout life. I had the opportunity to run for a Section Officer position this last year at the Section C1A conclave, a fun meeting of several other lodges including our own. Do to our lodges help, I ran for and was elected to the position of the section secretary. I will also be doubling up as your secretary for the lodge, so I’ll still be seeing all of you around this next year!

↓ THIS IS THE IMPORTANT NEXT YEAR STUFF ↓

It’s that time of the year for unit elections! It is SUPER important that we hold as many as we can this year! If you know of any troops that need a unit election, or troops that haven’t had one, pass that information on to your chapter so that we can prepare for our unit elections for this next year!

The Winter Banquet is fast approaching and will be held on the weekend of January 6th! This event is open to anyone and everyone in our lodge! Come by for some food, fellowship, training sessions and guess what! I’ll be there too! – (Hopefully that doesn’t deter you)

NLS – If you are interested in getting some of the best leadership training that the OA has to offer for youth members, this is the event to look for. Keep your eyes on the Central Regions calendar. (central.oa-bsa.org) There is completely new content available, and they have redefined the NLATS program for adults and replaced it with DYLC!

Remind, the lodge is going to attempt setting up text message notifications for this next year! We are using a service called Remind. To join the text list, simply text @tetonwana to 81010. We will be posting updates for events and giving out other important information during the year.

This next year is going to be great! Good luck to the new officer team!

Christopher Loutsch
2016 – 2017 Lodge Chief

******** NOAC ********

Registration is open for the 2018 NOAC, which will be held at Indiana University July 30-August 4, 2018. The Tetonwana Lodge contingent, led by Tony Chida and Marlon Overholt, have already begun organizing for the trip. The cost for the event will be $800.00 and will include transportation, lodging and the conference registration.

This conference will give an opportunity for future Lodge leadership to learn the skills they need to carry Tetonwana into the future. There will be discussion on topics like retention, activities, ceremony teams and much more. Also, there will be daily opportunities for entertainment, contests and fellowship with fellow Arrowmen from around the United States.

Currently, we have 15 youth slots for the conference, but more may be available when the other lodges release their quotas they do not use. Watch for more information in January. If you are interested in joining the Tetonwana contingent, please contact Marlon at soliddfc@gmail.com. A deposit of $300.00 will be needed at the time of your registration to hold your place with monthly payments of $100.00 until the $800.00 payment has been made in full.
2018 Tetonwana Lodge Calendar

January 5-6    Winter Banquet, Center for Scouting, Sioux Falls
February 2-3  Section C-1A Council of Chiefs meeting in Sartell, MN
March 3       Lodge Leadership Development Training and
             Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
             Center for Scouting-Sioux Falls
April 20-21   Section C-1A Council of Chiefs / Section Conclave
             On-site Camp Wilderness, MN
May 18-20     Spring Conclave at L&C Scout Camp
August 10-12  Fall Conclave at Camp Iyataka
Sept 7-9      Section C-1A Conclave Camp Wilderness, MN
Oct 20-21     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 6th at Center for Scouting, Sioux Falls, SD

Name _________________________________________________________

__ $20 Enclosed   or   ___ Pay at Event

___ Bring my dues current for 2017 - $15 per Arrowmen
2018 Campership Council Strip Submission Form

Design MUST Include:
Council Name (Sioux), States in the Council, (MN, SD, IA)
And the year (2018)

Bring to the Winter Banquet.
MUST be Colored
NO Hypothetical Ideas.

Submitted by: ____________________________________________