

Wulinaxin Chapter at Tiwahe Lodge 2009 Spring Encampment

The moment we stepped out of the car in Santa Ysabel to meet other Wulinaxin Arrowmen, we knew it was going to be a very cold night at camp for the Tiwahe Lodge Spring Encampment. We were glad that we were getting fueled up with a hardy dinner. It was a great time getting in a few laughs before heading the caravan towards Mataguay.

Mrs. Flores, our coordinator and Adviser, and her beloved **Mr. Flores** took the Ceremony gear to the OA Spirit Ring, where upon **Mr. Flaherty** and **Mr. (Hard Working Elder) Faraci T-479**, and **Mr. Lyons T-680** began the tasks of preparing the site that would be used for the Brotherhood Ceremony. The Ceremony Team: (AS) **Chief William Sivers**, (M) **Lodge Secretary D. J. Flaherty**, (N) **Troy Rayder T-616** and (K) **Ch. Treasurer Patrick Barnsley** jumped in rehearsing. As the other Wulinaxin members showed up, they too lent a hand to make the site perfect! **Bijan Y. T-685**, **Spencer S. T-663**, **Shawn K. T-479**, and **Ch. Secretary Evan L.** were, also, the perfect audience for corrective criticism. We had to put **Mr. Kreitz T-479**, our Brotherhood Candidate with **Mr. Loefstedt T-648** and **Mr. Sivers T-663** and Taskmaster for the upcoming event at the Dining Hall to wait it out.



As you might imagine, as the night came, so, too, the major warm capotes and fleece jackets came. The air was indeed brisk, especially when the wind picked up. It was then that the Casitas seemed the perfect place for the Wulinaxin Adults to bed down for the night.

Little by little other Lodge Arrowmen and Brotherhood Candidates began to register at the Dining Hall, and when the clock struck 8:30, the Brotherhood walk began. Seven Arrowmen were ready to seal their membership. The Candidates were captivated by the candle lights leading down to the Ceremony site and the great performance of the Team. Pictures were taken, and with so many Arrowmen present, clean up was no problem. Then we were off for a fantastic cracker barrel and war movie. **Mr. Ritter** (Allohak Ch.), his daughter, **Mrs. Steen** (Hadaazli-To Ch.), and **Casey S.** (Hadaazli-To Ch.) had a super lay out! The *hot coffee* and *hot chocolate* were a big smash! We did mention that it was freezing out! But then, we were prepared.



Morning came, the opening flag ceremony was held with **Patrick B.** and **William S.** doing the honors. A huge turnout of Tiwahe Lodge members assembled to give honor to our country. Of course, **Mrs. Flores** had her handy dandy digital camera ready and a Kodak moment was captured. Why, are we not surprised!

Breakfast was served. Banana, blueberry and chocolate pancakes were a great hit along with fresh fruit, and bacon! Then began the irksome tasks of clearing the thousands upon thousands of broken tree branches from the campsites, bring them to the chipper and taking the fireplace size logs to the road. Did we even make a dent in the mass of debris that cluttered our once beautiful camp? Well, we think, we did, but there is a lot more to do! **Mr. Lyon**, **Mr. Steen** (Hadaazli-To Ch.), **Mr. Hunt** (Shash-Tsoh Ch.) and **Mr. Faraci** took turns manning the chipper, and then the mighty chainsaw. **Mr. Sivers** and **Mr. Flaherty** had their hands full cutting the larger logs with their larger chainsaws. **Mr. and Mrs. Flores**, **Mr. James**, **Mr. Kreitz**, and **Mr. Loefstedt** were the hullers, while, **Mr.**

Swanson (Allohak Ch.) and his crew had the extender pole cutting branches that seemed a major threat to those wishing to use the pathways. Nice job, Bobby J.! The Wulinaxin Youths: William S., Michael P., Brian L., Patrick B., Spencer S., DJ F., Bijan Y., Shunsuke I., and Evan L. after putting in a hard



morning worth of work either headed to the Rifle Range, or off to Mountain Meadows to play a challenging game of Capture the Flag. Bobby



J.'s Team won twice while Lucas S.'s (Bitani Ch.) team only once. After which, the Youths had mean games of cards. The Adults were total weekend warriors and continued working in the fields. And that, my friend, is NO APRIL FOOL'NG!

Exhausted Arrowmen finished the day with a delicious barbecued chicken dinner, seconds were plentiful and dessert without a doubt, fantastic! One thing that the **Wulinaxin Chapter** will be doing at their **Ordeal on May 8th and 9th** is for sure! Can you guess what it is?

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