

# Turtle Talk

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Have you been wanting to become part of one of the most important things in our lodge? Well now is your chance. Come to the Winter Banquet and check out how you can become apart of the Ceremonies teams!

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## Send Me Your Questions or Comments

We are always looking for new ideas and information to put in the Turtle Talk. If anyone has idea's for articles or has an article they would like published in the next turtle talk you could send it to me at:

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## 2006 Tetonwana Lodge Officer Elections.

As the Winter Banquet quickly approaches, the Lodge must turn its attention to Officer Elections. Every year at the Winter Banquet, the entire youth membership of the Lodge elects new lodge officers. Through this process, young Arrowmen can become lodge officers and share and implement their ideas for improving the Lodge.

There are only a few requirements for being a lodge officer. First, the Arrowman must be a youth. This means that from the time he is elected to the time his term ends, the Arrowman must be under twenty-one years old. Other than that, the only other requirement is that the Scout is an Arrowman. It does not matter whether he is an Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil member. Of course, I recommend that anyone seeking these positions has a good functional knowledge of the ins and outs of the workings of the Lodge.

It's not necessary, but it's always good to know what is happening before you dive into it.

Anyone seeking a leadership position must express written notification of his intent to run for office. A letter of intent must be turned in to either Lodge Chief Jake Mackey or Lodge Adviser Bruce Berger. This should be done by Lunch-time at the Winter Banquet.

If there are any questions about what each Lodge Officers do, feel free to contact me at [jake\\_mackey@hotmail.com](mailto:jake_mackey@hotmail.com) or simply consult your Guide to Officers and Advisers.

Finally, if you want to become involved in the Lodge but do not want to bear all of the responsibility that the officers have, you can always become involved in a committee. The chairmen are constantly looking for committee members to help them. Also, you could even become a committee chairman if you really want.

The bottom line is that there are plenty of leadership opportunities for anyone interested in becoming involved in the lodge. All you have to do is speak up.



## Chiefly Speaking

Fellow Arrowmen,

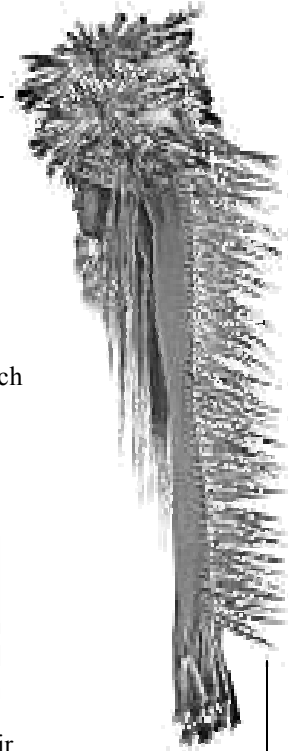
I have traveled all across this country for scouting. Scouting has quite literally taken me from one corner of this country to the other. However, in all my travels, I have realized that the best lessons I have learned came right from my own hometown. In fact, the one that sticks with me the most happened when I was young. Bear with me as I recount my earlier years.

When I was a young squirt of about 11, I goofed around often. One such occasion happened after a troop meeting. I was goofing around with a few friends of mine (for their own integrity, I have omitted their names), and the goofing around led to pushing. And before I knew it, my friend had pushed me right through a wall. Just imagine a Jake-sized hole in the drywall of our troop's meeting area. It was hilarious. My friends and I could not stop laughing. That is, until we came to the realization of what we had done and its necessary consequences. That same night, we tried to find the minister of the church to inform him of what we had done to his nice building. Being held accountable for our actions put the fear of God into us. Facing the minister turned out much better than we thought it would, and we wound up fixing the wall.

The point of my story is that people should be held accountable for their actions. It makes no difference who they are, what they have done, or why the situation is as so. Accountability makes people realize their mistakes and helps solve them so that they do not happen again. Additionally, it helps enact change to prevent negative consequences from happening. Recalling this story has made me wonder about how I can be held more accountable for my actions. Therefore, I am asking you, the lodge membership, for more input. As far as what the Lodge is doing, let me know you think we are doing right, what we could do better, or even what we could do differently that would mix things up a bit. I know there are many good ideas floating around out there, and I want to tap that source for the improvement of our organization. So I ask you, send your questions, comments, concerns, and ideas to [jake\\_mackey@hotmail.com](mailto:jake_mackey@hotmail.com). Then, I will know what you know and can work to improve the lodge just that much more. I thank you in advance for your help, and I look forward to your emails.

Yours in WWW,

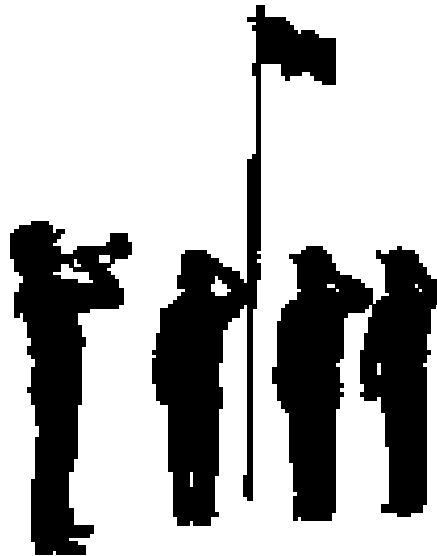
Jake Mackey





## Where to go Camping For 2006

Every so often, the Lodge produces a Where to go Camping Guide. It is a nice service we provide to the Troops in the Council to let them know where they can camp within the territory of our Lodge. Currently, we are in the process of updating the Where to Go Camping Guide. Consequently, we need your help. Each Chapter Chief has been sent a copy of our last Guide, and they have been asked to update the relevant sections for their chapters. It is a great job, and they can use all the help they can get. So we the Lodge Officers ask all youth Arrowmen to contact your Chapter Chiefs and lend them a hand. They need information, they want your help, and they want to help you develop your leadership skills. So take the initiative, get involved, and cheerfully serve our Lodge and Council and those in it. For further information, contact Lodge Vice Chief of Service Brandon Boswell at [xl3ozx@hotmail.com](mailto:xl3ozx@hotmail.com).



## Become a Part of the Tetonwana Lodge's Ceremony Team

We have all participated in ceremonies in one way or another, but how would you like to be a central part of the action? Every year at the Winter Banquet, both the Brotherhood and the Ordeal ceremony teams hold try-outs in order to put forth the best ceremonies possible. If you have ever been impressed or would just like to be a part of the ceremonies, come try out. Anyone who makes the ceremony team will be expected to attend scheduled practices, memorize his part, be able to work with a team to achieve a goal, have scout spirit, and live by the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow. Anyone who is interested and wants more information should contact Kenan Koball at [rezo42@msn.com](mailto:rezo42@msn.com).



## Thinking of Running For an Lodge Office ? Well Here is What You Need To Do.

Anyone Interested in Running for Lodge Office should look at these responsibilities so that he may know what will be expected of him.

### Vice Chief Inductions

- Unit Elections - This consists of organizing the effort, which includes keeping track of the chapters' progress.
- Ceremonies - This would be a committee headed by one of the ceremonialists. The Vice Chief would simply assist him with anything he needs.
- Inductions at conclaves - This includes organizing Elangomats, Nimats, and Guards as well as organizing the candidates into clans and assigning them work projects.
- Coordinating Ceremony activities at the Fall Fellowship - This would include any efforts to recruit new members and efforts to spark interest and respect for the principles of the ceremonies.

### Vice Chief of Service

- One Day of Service - He would find a location, set a date, organize the project, and submit a report to the Chief.
- Conclaves as a whole - He would work with the Rangers and Beaver Committees for each camp to organize projects and resources.
- Camp promotions - When he's not organizing a conclave or One Day, he will organize any camp promotions which range from any presentations or visitations to the Where to go, Camping Guide, which needs to be updated this year, to any other creative ideas.

### Vice Chief of Activities

- Fall Fellowship - This includes securing a location, organizing the activities, and all other things pertaining to this event.
- Tailgates - Take care of getting food, drinks, and a grill.
- Training - This would be a committee with a chairman who would organize any training at events such as the Winter Banquet and others. He would also work with the Vice Chief of Activities to organize the LLD.

### Secretary

- Turtle Talk - He would ask Arrowmen to write specific articles, organize them into a final format, and submit them to the printer.
- tetonwana.org - This would be a committee with a chairman who has some knowledge of website maintenance and presentation. He would work closely with his adviser to keep the site up to date.
- Minutes at meetings - He would take minutes at all Lodge Meetings and LEC meetings, type the minutes on a computer, and then email them to the LEC.

### Treasurer

- Trading Post - He would take the Trading Post to all events, order new products, and keep the trading post stocked with merchandise that will sell.