

SECTION NC-4A CONCLAVE HELD AT CAMP MITIGWA

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The 1981 Order of the Arrow Section NC-4A Conclave was held at camp Mitigwa located about 40 miles north of Des Moines Iowa the Weekend of October 9-11, 1981. The camp is located on the Des Moines river and the main part of the camp is about 400 feet above the river (like on a mountain top). The weataher was good for the weekend, and since the Summer Uniform Brigade was there in force (Russ, Bruce, Paul, & Bob), they were lucky. The food was good and the training sessions were very good. Even the patch traders were there in force looking for a good deal (of patches, that is).

The following members attended:

Paul Cepure	Dennis Dripps	Brian Hutchinson	Ken Lambrecht
Rick Comte	Tony Ray	Gerry Dugan	Bruce Abernethy
Russ Votava	Ed Hutchinson		

All eight (8) Lodges in the Section were well represented. There were 225 arrowmen there learning how to make the Order of the Arrow program better.

The Ceremonial grounds at Mitigwa are probably the best in the Nation. The location is in a valley with steep hills on either side and the valley is in the shape of an arrowhead. The Grounds are well developed with permanent stone benches, fire pits and decorations. They use about 75 fire torches around the area which are custom made and very permanent. All in all, it was one fine ceremonial area.

The annual and traditional Arrow Bowl was won by SAC-N-FOX lodge with the Golden Sun Lodge a close second. This event was founded by Roger Lampe one of our past chiefs.

One thing that was noticed by all is that the people of Des Moines support Scouting. The camp was very well endowed and everyone took pride in the camp. The Scouters of our council should care about our camp in the same manner. Camps are not built or run on love alone, it takes their support and MONEY.

***** TRADING POST *****

HERE IS A LIST OF THE NEW ITEMS WHICH WILL(?) BE AVAILABLE AT THE WINTER FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

Lodge Tee-Shirt

OA Belt Buckle

MAYBE MAYBE ** Golden Sun Lodge Neckerchief ** MAYBE MAYBE

Plus the usual supply of all standard OA items:

Sashes	Ribbon Pins	Lodge Flap Patches
Slides	Key Chains	Back Patches
Handbooks	Segments	Beads
etc.	etc.	etc.