

# 2023

## MITIGWA LODGE, ORDER OF THE ARROW TRAIL CREW

### Mitigwa Scout Reservation

*"The order of the arrow is a thing of the out of doors rather than the indoors. It was born in an island wilderness. It needs the sun and rain, the woods and the plains, the waters and the starlit sky"*  
-E. Urner Goodman

#### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Mitigwa Lodge is offering you an opportunity to join together with other Arrowmen in cheerful service and the formation of lasting brotherhood on the hills of beautiful Camp Mitigwa. Under the direction of Mitigwa Lodge youth members and two adult advisers with strong Order of the Arrow backgrounds, participants will be led through the week of trail crew.

The program is a 5-day experience. There will be on a project selected by the Mid-Iowa Council and the Mitigwa Lodge. Each week we will need up to seven youth and two adults. The program is not necessarily trail work but the Trail Crew is ultimately a journey that will challenge scouts mentally, physically, and spiritually.

The experience is full of long, strenuous days requiring a great deal of physical effort. Participants are expected to work with great diligence. The project will last many years to come and benefit Camp Mitigwa and the surrounding areas. Trail Crew members will strengthen their leadership skills, observe and participate in group safety, good judgment, and motivation activities, and receive Order of Arrow instruction. The project mission is to maintain, reinforce and enhance the purpose of the Order of the Arrow by using scout camping traditions. Participants are expected to use their experience to benefit their scout unit, chapter, Lodge, and Council programs. Camping is a method of scouting that enhances and builds stronger programs and people.

#### REQUIREMENTS

- As a youth be at least 14 years old during the year the program begins, but not 21 by the week's conclusion.
- No fee will be charged upon acceptance to the program
- Be strong and robust.
- A current physical and health history form must be brought with you to camp.
- The week you apply for may NOT be your unit's week of camp.
- The participant must attend camp with the unit unless he serves as a staff member when the troop is in camp.
- Be a registered member of the BSA and the Mitigwa Lodge.

*Apply for any exceptions to these requirements. Selection for this program is voluntary and is both an honor and a privilege.*

#### HOW TO APPLY

Complete the enclosed application and have it approved by your scouting unit leader, and receive (if you are under 18 years of age) parental permission. **Mail your completed application to: Mid-Iowa Council, 6123 Scout Trail, Des Moines, IA 50321. The lodge will notify you of your acceptance.**

#### MITIGWA TRAIL CREW CODE OF CONDUCT

The general welfare of any group depends on the conduct of each individual member. This ensures the success of our lodge service project and provides the maximum benefit to every participant. As an Arrowman, I understand this and support the reasonable demands of conduct expected of me.

*As a member of the Order of the Arrow I will:*

Live the Scout Oath and Law and the Order of the Arrow Obligation

Observe, respect and strive to live the Boy Scout Outdoor Code.

Observe the rules of the Camp Mitigwa Scout Reservation and my Adult Advisers.

Wear my full official scout uniform or work clothes as required. Unofficial decorations are not part of my official uniform.

Attend and participate in all functions of the program.

Be personally responsible for loss or damage of personal property.

Respect all safety procedures and learn to properly use equipment.

Observe quiet hours.

Keep my sleeping area clean and dispose of trash in proper places.  
At all times, be considerate of the participants and staff at Mitigwa Scout Reservation.  
Understand the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes or illicit drugs at any time during the program will not be permitted and will result in dismissal from the program at the expense of the participant. This standard shall apply to all participants. Compliance with the state law regulations will apply at all times.  
Respect the laws of the state of Iowa and the rules of the Mitigwa Scout Reservation prohibiting the use of fireworks, firearms and gambling. Infraction of these regulations will be grounds for immediate dismissal at the participant's expense.

ORDER OF THE ARROW BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

**2023 MITIGWA TRAIL CREW APPLICATION**

(Please type or print neatly)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

**SCOUTING EXPERIENCE**

Years Involved \_\_\_ Currently Registered in Troop, Team # \_\_\_\_\_ OA Honor O \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ V \_\_\_ (circle one)  
Order of the Arrow Experience \_\_\_\_\_  
Leadership Positions Held \_\_\_\_\_  
Years at Summer Camp \_\_\_\_\_ Years on Summer Camp Staff \_\_\_\_\_  
High Adventure Experience \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTAL APPROVAL**

Our son has our complete permission to participate in a Camp Mitigwa Work Project during the week of June 5-10, 2022. We understand projects are physically demanding and involve a small degree of personal risk to participants. It is understood this is a voluntary act and is a privilege to be selected as a participant. We have read the Code of Conduct and approve.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT LEADER APPROVAL**

I certify that this person is a registered member of my unit and of the BSA. I also certify that the week he has chosen is not the week his unit will be in camp. He plans to be in camp with the unit (or will serve on staff.) the week unit is in Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Mitigwa Lodge  
Mid-Iowa Council  
6123 Scout Trail  
Des Moines Iowa 50321

**APPLICANT APPROVAL**

I have read the Code of Conduct attached to this form and agree to abide with all of it stipulations. I agree to attend camp with my Boy Scout Unit (or will be serving on Staff during that time.) I understand that if I satisfactorily complete the entire Trail Crew Week in the opinion of my Trail Crew Advisers that I am entitled to \$165 towards the Camp Mitigwa fee for 2023 Summer Camp (unless serving on Staff.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicants are asked to provide additional information concerning their Scouting experience and expectations for the Mitigwa Trail Crew Program. Please indicate why you would like to participate in this service project.