

Great Regalia = Great Ceremonies!

*A new program at the Indian Events Workshop
Sponsored by the Mascoutin Society of Chicagoland
Friday to Sunday, April 23-25, 2010
Camp Indian Trails BSA, Janesville, Wisconsin*

Dear OA ceremonies chair/advisor:

My name is Mark Thiel. I am an adult vigil member of Mikano Lodge #231, Milwaukee WI, and I am writing to you about a new program to help lodges called "Great Regalia = Great Ceremonies!" to be held within the Indian Events Workshop, an annual weekend of American Indian activities for Scouts sponsored by the Mascoutin Society.

Great Regalia = Great Ceremonies will feature six 1 hour Saturday sessions on Indian culture to help lodges:

- Select a specific tribe and era to emulate with their regalia for OA ceremonies.
- Find and use historic Indian pictures, colors, designs, instructional aids, and regalia materials.
- Make and care for regalia that are affordable, durable, practical, and easy to make. (We provide all necessary craft supplies and some additional supplies will be available for purchase.)
- Add Indian props, settings, and performance tips for great ceremonies.

In addition to Great Regalia = Great Ceremonies, we invite all interested arrow men (dancers, singers, ceremonialists, leaders, and advisors) to join us and partake of the other fine Saturday and Sunday programs of the Indian Events Workshop:

- Six 1-hour Saturday sessions on Indian culture – crafts, regalia, singing, and dancing – All necessary craft supplies provided; some additional supplies available for purchase; sessions concurrent to Great Regalia = Great Ceremonies with limited session exchanges possible.
- Youth Powwow – Saturday evening with dance competition in separate competition categories for boys/girls in outfits (ages 10 to 20 years), adults (age 21 & up), and younger children (age 9 & under)
- Sunday Morning Prayer Service
- Food – Friday night cracker barrel, three Saturday meals, and Sunday breakfast
- Camping – Weekend group tent camping for lodges in unit campsites

How to plan for the entire Indian Events Workshop weekend:

- Use the attached registration form.
- Organize a lodge (or unit) contingent comprised of youth and adult leaders with proof of permission slips, BSA tour permits, and youth medical information for emergencies.
- Submit your registration forms and fees to Linda Hayford, 380 Frederick Lane, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169-3544; Scouts/leaders = \$35.00 to April 8 and \$40.00 afterwards with checks payable to "Mascoutin Society."
- Great Regalia = Great Ceremonies limited to the first 25 registrants; all other Indian Events Workshop programs have no such limitations.
- Great Regalia = Great Ceremonies registrants will receive several handouts before the weekend.

- The Mascoutin Society is a non-BSA organization comprised of scout leaders and volunteers who sponsor this event for all scouts of the BSA and GS/USA. For information on the 2008 and 2009 events, please visit the Mascoutin Society website under Events > Indian Events: <http://www.mascoutin.com/>.
- Please share this information within your OA lodge and with other lodges as well as interested BSA units.

Yours in service,

Mark Thiel

Lead instructor for “Great Regalia = Great Ceremonies!”

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