



Welcome and History Center

Visits to Tomahawk Scout Reservation and Grand Marais, MN, gave ample reason to be excited about the Welcome and History Center, being constructed for completion by the opening of the 2009 camping season.

An extremely generous donation from the R.R.W. and Florence Berglund Family Foundation has made the facility possible. This new center will mark the camp's entry point as a highlight for campers, leaders, parents, and members of the general public for decades to come.

Just south of Grand Marais on U.S. Highway 61, Mike Senty and his crew are laboring to put together the final pieces of a massive set of logs that will be disassembled and shipped to Tomahawk for reassembly on a foundation already in place.



The building will be 3,200 square feet, with 1,600 devoted to an exhibit of Tomahawk's history. It will also have a basement, front portico and back porch. In addition to the history exhibit, there will be a reception area and information desk, a conference room, restrooms, and a massive fireplace.

It will be situated at the new main entrance to camp, which is north of the current Fox-fire Outpost near the COPE course. The old entrance will become a service road only.

The history exhibit will feature 10 stations dealing with aspects of the camp's past and its development into one of America's premier camping facilities. The memorabilia display cases presently housed at the Central Service Lodge will be moved to the new building. Camp-

ers will be able to record their impressions and favorite camp experiences on computers in the exhibit.

Another important aspect of the new entrance is installation of a traditional sign that is being paid for by donations from members of the Tomahawk Alumni Association and other friends of Tomahawk. Persons interested in contributing may do so through the TAA Web site: <http://alumni.camptomahawk.org/>.

Outgoing Alumni Association president Jim Frost has been designated project manager for the history exhibit. Most of all he needs photographs and other printed material that tell the camp's story. Anyone having these items or other artifacts who is interested in donating them for display should contact him at 11609N Fuley Drive, Hayward, WI 54843 or e-mail jamesgfrost@earthlink.net.

Looking much like a giant set of Lincoln Logs, Tomahawk Scout Reservation's Welcome and History Center is taking shape in Grand Marais, MN. Upon completion it will be shipped to Tomahawk for assembly. It will be a wonderful addition to our camp.

Alumni Holiday Gathering

Our 2008 holiday gathering will include a short annual meeting with new board members being installed and an adult evening with spouses and significant others that will be devoted to food, fellowship and fun!



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Reunion Updates

Tomahawk 55th Anniversary Staff Reunion

Once again, memories were shared and refreshed, and updates exchanged between old friends. The Tomahawk 55th Anniversary Reunion held July 19-20th was a success! Seventeen former Tomahawk staff members—mostly from the 50s and 60s—participated in the Saturday, July 19, activities at Fred C. Andersen Camp on the St. Croix River. About 30 former staff members and a dozen current staff members participated in the Sunday, July 20, activities at Tomahawk. Long distance participation also occurred when email greetings were shared Jerry McNellis, Dana X. Marshall, and Bill Seabloom.

Both days included a review and discussion of Tomahawk's history, displays of camp photos, camp tours, and time to renew old friendships and forge new friendships. Everyone seemed to enjoy the time together, and even the comments on the food were positive! Thanks to Jeff Sulzbach, Jim King, Carol Forrest, Mark McCabe and Bob Albright for enhancing the formerly incomplete camp history on our Web site, which will be further updated over the next few months. For more on the reunion, go to http://alumni.camptomahawk.org/55th_Reunion.htm.



Tomahawk 60th Anniversary Staff Reunion

Mark your calendars for the summer of 2013! Well, maybe it's a little early for that, but 2013 is the year for the next summer reunion of Tomahawk staff alumni. For the last several years, we have been holding annual winter holiday get-togethers and annual summer reunions at Tomahawk and Fred C. Andersen. Participants have enjoyed both, but participation in the summer event has not been growing as much as expected. Therefore, the association board has decided to focus more on service projects, fund raising, and a holiday social event each year with a summer reunion (probably at Tomahawk) every five years. If the reunions are less frequent, we can put more into them and draw even more participants, improving the experience for everyone who attends.

Meanwhile, those who wish to gather more frequently will have the winter party and at least one opportunity per year to participate in a service project, which will benefit the camp while allowing opportunities to renew old friendships and foster new ones.

Larry Moser, Reunion Chair



New Association President

Myron Jacobson began working at Tomahawk in 1982 as a CIT and later that summer got his first job, as a camp painter. Myron went on to work ten years on the Tomahawk staff, including serving as General Store Operator, a Commissioner in Chippewa and Sioux, Sioux Camp Director, and Associate Reservation Director.

After leaving camp, Myron worked as a District Executive with the BSA. He went on to serve several years as a legislative assistant to a U.S. Congressman in Washington, D.C. After leaving Capitol Hill, Myron became a lobbyist with a Washington-based lobbying & consulting firm. In 2002 he and his family returned to Minnesota, where he has been a stay-at-home dad ever since.

Myron continues to be active in Scouting, serving on the Northern Star Council's President's Cabinet and as a member of the Central Region's camp visitation team. Myron has an undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He and his wife Catherine met in the summer of 1984, while they were both working in Sioux Camp. They have two children, Quinn (6), and Lydia (4). They live Woodbury, Minnesota.



Spotlight on Snow Base Winter Camp

Snow Base Winter Camp Ready for Another Great Season

This January, Tomahawk's Snow Base program will enter its thirtieth year of operation. Within the last several years the program has undergone several new developments, including the addition of Spearhead Expedition, a fast fiber-glassed sled shoot, and a yurt—a round tent in the style of those used by Mongolian nomads.

We offer four unique opportunities for Scouts interested in winter camping at Snow Base. Scouts age eleven and twelve have the option of Snow Huskies, an introductory experience involving cross country skiing, sledding, snowshoeing, and basic cold weather skills. They sleep inside—up in White Pine Camp, but they eat several meals outside, cooking the meals themselves over backpacking stoves. This year the Snow Huskies program is directed by Sara Folsom, an experienced staff member who has worked many summers and winters at Tomahawk. In Sara's words, "the Snow Huskies program is a great way for young scouts to first experience winter camping."

The first element of Snow Base to fall into place at Tomahawk was Spearhead, in 1979, founded by Ralph McLean. Scouts arrive on Friday night, upon which they check-in, meet their guide, and begin preparing for the following morning. After an early breakfast, they head out onto the trail and spend the night outdoors. The participants sleep in quinzees, which are piles of snow that have been hollowed out. It is not rare for the temperature to drop below zero degrees, in which case they receive Zero Hero awards. Jeff Rosburg, the 2008 Sioux Camp Director and an experienced Spearhead guide, calls Spearhead "a rugged camping experience, unlike the majority of opportunities these campers typically have."



Two years ago, Spearhead got an upgrade with Spearhead Expedition, an advanced program for scouts have participated in Spearhead and are looking for something more challenging. This program has been headed up by Paul Fischer, an alum of Sioux Camp and Navajo Camp, and a long-active staff member at Snow Base. "Expedition is a closer experience to real polar exploring," says Fischer. The scouts who choose Spearhead Expedition spend the entire weekend outside, trek to more remote spots on Tomahawk's property, and do many other challenging activities orchestrated by some of Snow Base's most experienced staff.

Finally, there is the Dog Sledding program. Dog Sledding has been offered for several years, and was even featured in Scouting magazine. The program is run out of Navajo Program Building, from where the scouts learn to mush, sled, and work with a team of trained sled dogs. Dog Sledding is the always the quickest program to fill up for reservations, and everyone who participates has a great time.

Snow Base offers an experience that the vast majority of these Scouts don't have on a regular basis. Many young men their age choose to avoid the winter, enjoying modern conveniences and luxuries, avoiding the outdoors and choosing comfortable living instead. Everywhere one looks at Snow Base, there is an abundance of evidence for the importance of the powerful mission with which we are charged by working at Tomahawk.



Tomahawk Alumni Association Membership

The Tomahawk Alumni Association has a formal board of directors chaired by Jim Frost, a camp staff member from the 60s, and has representatives from each era of Tomahawk's history. The association has three primary purposes:

- To promote social activities for the members to sponsor fellowship among former and current staff members—this includes sharing memories of Tomahawk, staying connected to what's currently happening at the camp and having fun.
- To disseminate information about members and about Tomahawk by

means such as mailing lists, newsletters and camp updates to encourage communications between members and keep members informed about camp and the Northern Star Council.

- To be of service and support, financially and otherwise, to Tomahawk.

Please make the effort to inform former staff members about the association and that we are actively recruiting people to join. You are the best recruiter of new members for the Tomahawk Alumni Association. Annual membership dues are only \$15 or \$5 for current year staff persons. Lifetime membership is \$150 or

\$175 including a custom jacket with the alumni association crest. Dues are used to pay for annual events and provide resources for camp projects designated by the association.

You can check out recent alumni news at <http://alumni.camptomahawk.org>. If you know someone who might be interested (or if you are not a member yourself) fill out the registration form on the Web site and mail it to the council office. We are excited by the prospect of reconnecting with many more Tomahawk alumni. If you have any questions about the association, contact Jim Frost at jamesgfrost@earthlink.net.

Entrance Sign Project

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Tomahawk Sign Project. A special thanks to our committee, Jim King, Steve Flood and Lars Loberg. As of December 1st we are at **approximately 60% of our goal**. Our goal is to be able to complete the funding phase by year-end. Please send in your pledge and we will add your name to the list and 'feel good' about your support of the Alumni Asso-

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