

Serving: Fred C. Andersen, Akela, Kiwanis Scout Camp, Day Camp, and Tomahawk Scout Reservation

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## What is the Camp Staff Alumni Association?

At the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tomahawk Scout Reservation and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp in 2003, camp staff alumni and friends of Tomahawk wanted to find a way to keep in touch and continue giving back to the camps that had made such an impact on their lives. It was decided to form an association with an acting committee to help oversee the creation and growth of the organization. While still in it's infancy, the association already has over 275 members. The organization coordinates periodic get-togethers and events at the camps, publishes an informative newsletter, and supports improvements at the camps

through volunteer labor and financial contributions. The association is also trying to increase public awareness of the history of the camps and their impact on the community through old photos and histories given by members. To date, the association has planned the anniversary celebrations at TSR and FCA, an alumni reunion for the 1950's-60's staff, created an alumni award for first year staff at Tomahawk, and submitted profiles of camp staff alumni to the *Council Close-ups* newsletter. Future plans include orchestrating the annual reunion for camp staff this winter.

Even though we are growing quickly we do still need help. We still need board members and volunteers are always needed! Veteran camp staff from every decade and interested Scouters are strongly encouraged to join the board, or volunteer your time and expertise with camp projects. It is our hope to help ensure the success and future of the councils' camps by sharing our knowledge and experience from the past.

Join using the attached form or via the web at:

[www.camptomahawk.org](http://www.camptomahawk.org)



## Message From the Chair - Jim King 1955-1970

It's hard to believe, but in about 90 days the Tomahawk Staff, class of 2005 will gather to begin staff training week and make preparations for yet another summer of adventure and learning for thousands of Scouts. Even more amazing is that this will be the 51<sup>st</sup> Tomahawk staff to make the Scouting experience happen for boys. There are a few of us who were present at the first, in 1955, who plan on participating in the 2005 version. ...just to see how times have changed. It is my guess that much will be familiar to us.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find out about the steering committee for the Tomahawk Alumni Association. Thanks to the work of many past staffers

and council resources, over 1700 former staffers have been located and will receive this newsletter. Hopefully, a great start to the formation of the Tomahawk Alumni Association. Hopefully, an organization you will want to be part of.

In our next newsletter, you will receive details on Alumni events planned for this summer, details on membership opportunity, an opportunity to help develop the purpose and structure of the association, event sponsorship and planning, and all of the other things we can do to enrich the camping experience for the thousands of Scouts who will know Tomahawk as we do.

Last year a few staffers from the first decade – 1955 / 1964 – put

together an outstanding reunion for over 40 'old timers', and the idea of the Association gained momentum. This same group will be providing the camp with a display depicting the early years at Tomahawk, it will be in place this season. I mention this to recognize this grassroots effort.

I cannot tell you how many notes, calls, e-mails, etc. were generated by this project. Hopefully (there's that word again) the efforts of these few will grow to provide 'our' camp with the support that comes from experienced, enthusiastic, and committed alumni.

Until next time.....Jim King

[jbking@boreal.org](mailto:jbking@boreal.org)

### FAST FACTS Summer 2004

- 8,076 Campers
- 143 Staff
- 68.7 Average Temp.
- 177,100 Meals Served
- 10,179 Merit Badges Earned

## Meet Your Committee - Alumni Association Bios

### Jim King

Tomahawk Staff 1955-70  
I was on staff at Tomahawk for most of the years between 1955 and 1970, as a C.I.T., Chippewa Dining Steward, Commissary Director, Provisional SM, Sioux Camp Director, and Reservation Director. Our oldest daughter came to Tomahawk when she was only 5 days old, and both of our girls learned to read the Scout Law signs by age 4 or so. I spent 38 years as a professional Scouter, and directed and built camps in 6 states, served as a member of the National Staff and helped develop Camp Standards and coordinated the Camp Visitation/Accreditation program for this area for many years. Tomahawk has always been special for me because of the many great experiences, good friends, and fond memories it has given me. I am proud to have been asked to serve on the Tomahawk Alumni Committee.

### Greg Travis

Tomahawk Staff 1961-69  
I started at age 14 as Asst. to the Asst. Outfitter, spent most years on Sioux Beach but also Chip-

pewa Food Truck Driver, Chippewa Beach, Sioux Beach Director, and Chippewa Camp Director. The highlight of those years will always be the hundreds of campfires my guitar and I spent at troop sites. I have four children, two boys who both worked on camp staff. With my sons involved in Scouting I've been able to continue to spend many a day and night at Tomahawk.

### Greg Todd (Toad)

Tomahawk Staff 1965-71  
I was on skills staff, Archery Range Director, Rifle Range Director, and Commissioner. I am married with 3 daughters and 2 grandkids. I currently live in Inver Grove Heights, MN and am a sales representative for Standard Register Co..

### Myron Jacobson

Tomahawk Staff 1982-95  
I served eleven summers on Tomahawk staff as Painter, General Store Operator, Program Commissioner, Sioux Camp Director, Reservation Program Director, and Associate Reservation Director. I graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in political science and the

University of Southern California with a masters in Public Administration. After a decade of working in both the California State Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives my family and I moved back to Minnesota. I presently serve on the Indianhead Council's Chairman's Cabinet and chair the TSR Alumni Friends of Scouting Campaign. I live in Woodbury with my wife Catherine (TSR staff 85-87) and two children.

### Marshall Lichty

Tomahawk Staff 1992-2000  
I started working at Tomahawk in 1992 as a horse corral assistant. I worked at both Chippewa and White Pine beach and ended my camp career as the Chippewa Camp Director for two years. I currently serve as a member of the Indianhead Council's Chairman's Cabinet and work as an attorney with the Minneapolis law firm of Meagher & Geer.

### Scott Heineman

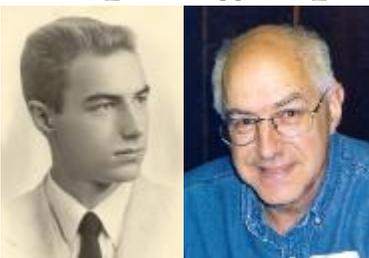
Tomahawk Staff 1996-2003  
I worked at Tomahawk for eight years starting in 1996 as an Aquatics Specialist on Sioux Beach. I remained on the beach working

my way up to Sailing Director and Aquatics Director. My final two years at Tomahawk I was the Sioux Camp Director. I have since graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Electrical Engineering, and work for Cardinal Health. Remembering the great memories at camp, I now serve on the TSR Program Committee and am actively involved in my troop again. I am also an advisor for the camp venture crew, Crew 1910.

### Scott Travis

Tomahawk Staff 1992-97  
I spent my first five seasons working at Sioux Beach. My final summer I was the Sioux Camp Director. I count myself terrifically lucky to have connected with Tomahawk and consider the friends, memories, and lessons from there to be among the best of my life. Since leaving camp I've worked with the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity as a construction site manager and builder. Most recently I've worked as a project designer and teacher at a new Montessori Charter High School in St. Paul.

## Camp Staff Spotlight



Bob Albright, 1958      Bob Albright, 2004

### Bob Albright

Tomahawk Staff 1955-59  
Bob Albright worked at Tomahawk between 1955-59 as an Assistant Site Commissioner, Nature Counselor, Camp Store Keeper, and Assistant SM Provisional. He is now retired after 35 years of working for 3M. Last year he was the FOS Chair for Eagle Bluff District. He reconnected with many old friends and

fellow staff members at Tomahawk's anniversary celebration in August 2003. Bob also has two sons, Russ and Jim who worked at Tomahawk. Jim met his wife Shelley while working on Tomahawk staff and have two children who will hopefully both be future Tomahawk staff members.

Q. What was happening at Tomahawk during your tenure? What was new?

A. Almost everything was new. No buildings in what is now Sioux Camp, we called it South End. Tomahawk was a wilderness camp, no climbing towers, fire tower, or showers. New trails were blazed and site beaches

established. Many troops took on the project of establishing the site beaches as their camp "good turn".

Q. What was your favorite place at camp?

A. The weekly Wednesday Chicken BBQ's. It was the only time during the week when all the staff members got together. The BBQ was followed by the OA pageant in which many of the staff participated. I participated in the Indian Dancing. Those of us that were Muh Quah dancers still have a special relationship together.

Q. When was your last visit to Tomahawk? What was different?

A. During my last visit to Toma-

hawk on August 16, 2003 for the camps 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary I noted it was much larger, serving many more boys, and having more camps. While we only had one camp, now referred to as Chippewa Camp, there are now Sioux, Navajo, and White Pine, and the Snow Base and High Adventure Programs.

**"Scouting gave purpose to my life and working at Tomahawk gave direction to my life"**

**- Bob Albright**

## Capital Improvement Updates

Indianhead Council is pleased to announce the beginning of nine major capital projects to be kicked off in 2005. We have already broken ground at Kiwanis Scout Camp on the addition and renovation of the dining hall. The capacity will increase from 120 to almost 200 campers! New pool equipment will be installed this spring and construction on a new garage and nature center will begin this fall.



Tomahawk Scout Reservation will see the construction of the shower house in Sioux camp begin in August and a new COPE Course is being constructed this spring.



Phillippo Scout Reservation will see the building of a new camper cabin this spring and the renovation and expansion of the pool showers beginning late this summer.



The "Presidents Trail" is nearing completion at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp and should be open late this spring. This is a new two mile interpretive trail which is to be dedicated to the past presidents of the Indianhead Council in recognition of their outstanding leadership.

Indianhead Council thanks the many volunteers and companies who have contributed to the "Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders" capital campaign. We are proud to invest these dollars in our camps and we are proud to continue to provide the best Scouting program in the country!

## Upcoming Alumni Events

### Tomahawk's Spring Kick-Off!

Join the current staff, alumni, and the Agaming Lodge for the spring work weekend to get the Reservation ready for summer. Weekend projects will be tailored to a person's skills and abilities. Projects will include everything from painting and cleaning to felling trees.

**Date:** June 3 - 5

**Where:** TSR, White Pine Camp

**When:** Fri 7 p.m. - Sun noon

**What:** Fellowship, camp tours, and service to camp

**Food:** Snacks on Friday night, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast Sunday

**Lodging:** Your choice of bunkhouse, tent, or cabin\*

**Cost:** None

**Sign up** - Send an email to - [cforrest@indianhead.org](mailto:cforrest@indianhead.org)

\* Cabin rental fee is \$75.00 for a weekend

### Tomahawk's Alumni Day!

Open to all former camp staff and their families. Come and visit with old friends and tour camp to see what's new and what's still as you remember it. Bring your old photos and a camera. Come up just for the day or stay overnight in our family camping area.

**Date:** July 27

**Where:** TSR, Central Services

**When:** 9 a.m. - ?

**What:** Fellowship with other alumni, V.I.P. tours of camp, B.B.Q. hosted by the current TSR staff

**Food:** Lunch and dinner provided

**Lodging:** Tent camping available for those who wish to stay overnight

**Cost:** None

**Sign up** - Send an email to - [cforrest@indianhead.org](mailto:cforrest@indianhead.org)

## Become A Member of the Association

Our association has current information on over 275 former camp staff members and we are still growing. If you would like to update your contact information look to our website at [www.camptomahawk.org](http://www.camptomahawk.org). All former Indianhead Council camp staff members and friends of the camps will be able to become a charter member of the Tomahawk Alumni Association. Our April newsletter will have membership information and benefits, fees, and how to join. If you have questions about the association or would like to volunteer in recruitment efforts please e-mail us at [tsralumni@indianhead.org](mailto:tsralumni@indianhead.org).

Look for the next issue of the Tomahawk Alumni Association Newsletter for more information on memberships, volunteer events, and other ways to give back to Tomahawk.

### Boy Scout Camping

- 5,558 Boy Scouts attended Tomahawk Scout Reservation
- 1,117 Boy Scouts attended Snow Base Winter Camp



### Cub Scout Camping

- 2,787 Cub Scouts attended Camp Akela or Kiwanis Cub Camp and Navajo summer resident camp
- 2,810 Cub Scouts participated in Cub Scout Day Camp or Webelos Adventure Days
- 3,322 Cub Scouts went to the Polar Cubs winter day camp



## Indianhead Council's Friends of Scouting Campaign

As camp staff members you learned that it took a lot of energy and resources to provide a quality program for boys. Several important steps had to take place behind the scenes. Quality staff members needed to be hired and trained, program supplies had to be purchased, and maintenance needed to be done before equipment and buildings could be used. The Indianhead Council has a long-standing tradition of being a camp program oriented council. All four council camp properties have programs taking place during the summer. Listed to the left are the 2004 summer and winter camp attendance numbers for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Each year the Indianhead Council conducts a fundraising campaign to support Scouting. The money raised each year is used to support camping programs, property improvements, adult leader training, and operational costs associated with Scouting. Several camp staff alumni have

contributed to this year's Friends of Scouting campaign. We have currently achieved 65% of our \$1,460,000 Friends of Scouting goal. In order for Scouting to continue to grow and thrive we need the support of several more camp staff alumni who understand the importance of providing a quality program for boys year round. **It costs \$159 to support one Scout for a year in the program.**

Some people choose to give money to the operating fund while others choose to give program supplies that the camp needs. Individuals may also designate their gift if they choose. Below is a list of program supply items needed for the 2005 camping season.

- Medical supplies - \$1,000
- 22-Caliber Rifles - \$1,000
- 4 Aluminum Canoes - \$1600
- Climbing Gear - \$1,000
- Mosquito Netting - \$300
- Tools – Hammers, shovels, posthole diggers, splitting

mauls, draw knives, saws, axes - \$1,000

- Fishing Equipment - \$500
- Archery Supplies - \$400

The Friends of Scouting Campaign directly sustains the year-round activities of the Indianhead Council, supporting more than 15,000 volunteer leaders who deliver a real Scouting program to more than 40,000 youth members. These Scouts need your assistance again to help ensure that they receive a great Scouting experience. Please consider making a gift to Scouting this year. Please use the envelope included in this newsletter to send a gift if you are able to help out with even a fraction of our need. Please call 651-254-9135 or send an e-mail to [mmccabe@indianhead.org](mailto:mmccabe@indianhead.org) if you have any questions. To follow the timeline of the campaign we urge you to make a pledge by the end of April.

**A gift of any amount will be greatly appreciated!**

## What's New at Tomahawk

We are in the process of expanding the Tomahawk High Adventure Base by bringing Project C.O.P.E. back to Tomahawk. We have been offering C.O.P.E. by running day trips to Camp Phillips, however now with contributions to the Capital Campaign we will have both low courses running by this summer and hopefully a brand new high course located near the Scout Farm. Along with C.O.P.E.,

we are working on plans for an additional High Adventure climbing tower and bunk house near the Scout Farm. We are expanding Tomahawk's trail system and greatly improving the signs along our trails. Sioux Camp will be getting a much needed new shower building for the summer of 2006. We are looking into creating a Frisbee golf course in the woods around the fire tower.

Some of the programs we offer at Tomahawk are going through significant changes also. High adventure now offers a week-long backpacking trip to Isle Royale and day trips for Scouts to do mountain biking, rock climbing, white water rafting, and white water canoeing. Sioux and Chippewa camps will be on a block schedule for merit badges and program which will provide a better quality

merit badge program and more troop times for climbing and shooting.

We are currently in the interview and hiring process for the summer with record numbers of applicants. We are expanding the C.I.T. program to allow the large number of applicants a chance to still come and work at camp.

## *Identified Alumni*

Mark Abbott	Jon Dejager	John F. Gwin	Carol Kelsey	Gary Murphy	Scott Schute
Robert Abbott	Greg Delaune	Michael Haney	Don Kelsey	Aaron Nelson	Jim Schwieger
Brian Acker	Edwin Dery	Robert J. Hannah, Sr.	Peter Kennon	Dan Nelson	Paul Severson
Gregory Adair	Leo Dery	Jacqueline Harris	Jim King	Daryl Nelson	Roger Shirley
David Albrecht	Bill Dewey	Joel Harris	Steve King	F. Howard Nelson	Joel Silverman
Steven Albrecht	Frank Dewey	Kirk Havel	Kent Klawitter	Ken Nelson	Tony Smith
Bob Albright	Erik Dinsmore	Sandy Havel	Casey Knutson	Mike Newton	Fred Specht
Jim Albright	Dan Dixon	Ken Hawkinson	Melissa Kolb	Vonnie (Bear) Niccum	Danielle Stariha
Shelley Albright	Bill Dorgan	Jim Heil	Jeffrey Krauklis	Mike Nordrum	Kenneth Stearns
Clint Andera	John Dougherty	John Heil	Eric Kvamme	Brenda Nordrum	Christo Stoev
Aaron Anderson	Garrett Drake	Scott Heineman	Matthew LaCroix	Dynessa Nordrum	Anthony Stoffel
Rick Anderson	Jayson Drake	Buck Henderson	Bob LaFavor	Steve Nordrum	James Stoffel
Neil Armstrong	Amy Duda	Richard Herman	Robert Lambert	Gary Norman	Tom Strapp
Charles Arneson	Josh Duda	Aurea Herman	Neil Larsen	Patrick Norris	David Suchy
Janice Arneson	Noma Easton	Mike Herrmann	Thomas Leach	Jeff Nowak	Louie Sudheimer
Ken Balfanz	Ron Easton	Paul Hessburg	John Lentz	Jon Nowak	Jeff Sulzbach
Kevin Balfanz	Kerry Eckert	Al Hoffa	Lloyd Lentz	Peter Odlaug	Marsh Sundberg
Misty Barrett	Andrea Elfstrom	Arlene Maki	Marshall Lichty	RJ Oelslager	Mike Sweet
Dan Bartholic	Paul Elfstrom	Chris Hoffmann	Al Linder	Chuck Olson	Thomas Thompson
David Benson	Bill Ellison	Jeff Hoffmann	Steven Linder	Andy Paasch	Todd Tingblad
Ken Berglund	Bob Ellison	Marc Hoffmann	Ben Magnuson	Thomas Pedersen	Greg Todd
Peter Bilotta	Mary Elmore	Dick Holmboe	Dotty Magnuson	Gene Peterson	Dennis Tooley
John Bina	Grant Erickson	Mark Holtz	Alex Manson	Gregg Peterson	Chad Towle
Ron Bjerstedt	Merle Erickson	Paul Houck Jr.	Dana Marshall	Kent Peterson	Chris Townsend
Rolland Bowler	Chris Ferguson	Bill Huberty	Fern Martinson	Mike Peterson	Tom Trant
John Brostrom	Jon Feulner	Jenni Hunter	Greg Matthews	John Pollard	Greg Travis
Stephanie Budge	Dave Fihn	Andrew Jackson	Steve Matthews	Ben Pomeroy	Scott Travis
Erik Burgardt	Richard Fihn	Tony Jackson	Lucas Mattson	Shawn Pomeroy	Richard Tregilgas
Paul Burson	Shirley Fihn	Russ Jacobsen	Hanafiah Maulud	Sherwood Pomeroy	Todd Tretter
David Cahoy	Steve Flood	Catherine Jacobson	Mark McCabe	Kathy Posus	Mark Tysseling
Tom Campbell	Craig Flor	Myron Jacobson	Don McCall	Mike Posus	Ross Vanderwert
Joe Capistrant	Sara Folsom	Rob Jarrett	Patrick McCardle	Trish Posus Pearson	George Veith III
Laurence Chamberlain	Jim Forrest	Joe Jennrich	Chuck McCormick	Dan Pratt	Kevin Von Feldt
Ray Chun	Bruce Foster	Steve Jensen	Ralph McLean	Terry Pratt	Keith Warrick
Jon Cieslak	Dave Franks	Tom Jensen	Steve Melander	Joe Price	David Webster
Katie Cieslak	Tom Fredeen	Keith Johansen	Thomas Mercier	Krista Rahm	Steve Weekes
Chuck Clabots	Todd Freeman	Alan Johnson	Brian Merhar	Paul Ries	John Wells
Charles Clausen	Mary Fromenthal	Benjamin Johnson	Leo Meyer	Gordon Ringberg	Dick Whitmore
Sam Clausen	Jim Frost	Christopher Johnson	Jeff Miersch	Brian Robb	Tom Wilson
Joe Collins	Dennis Fuchs	Rusty Johnson	Michael Miessen	Tim Rossbach	Jim Wink
Paul Conlon	Tom Gallagher	Seth Johnson	Mike Miler	Jim Rupert	John Winters
Jim Craig	Simon Gaylord	Don Jorgenson	Homer Miles	Josh Rushlo	Kathryn Wyatt
Mary Craig	Chuck Gitzen	Kirk Keeney	Dick Molby III	Matt Salaba	Rich Yager
Tom Creager	David Graham	Krissy Keeney	Dan Morehead	Bill Sandve	Diana Yang
Jim Crowl	Angela Greiling	Doug Keim	Bob Morehead	Trevor Saylor	Kent York
Mark Crowley	Jeff Gustafson	Craig Keller	Greg Moser	Steve Schenten	Paul Zantek
John Curren	John Guthmann	Drew Keller	Larry Moser	Scott Schuette	
Christopher Curry	Hugh H. Gwin	Greg Keller	Mike Moser	Robert Schultz	

## *Memories from Camp*

“In 1954 we closed camp knowing that we wouldn’t be back. I remember going up to the tool shed or craft shop after many members of the staff had left and finding a dirty and torn provisional Neibel Troop flag in some rubble. I took it home, my grandmother washed it and it was stored for 50 years. I brought it back to Tomahawk for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To my delight Gene Peterson was there and he presented it to the TSR Camp Director as part of the dedication of the new TSR flag pole.”

**Dave Franks** - Camp Neibel and Tomahawk: 1950-59

“All these people and more made Tomahawk. It was the early and growing years. There was a lot of work but we did it cheerfully. We were better off for the work. It really was the best of times. Thanks to all of you who made me welcome and helped to create Tomahawk Scout Reservation.”

**Dick Fihn** - Camp Neibel and Tomahawk: 1952-59

“I had an extremely enjoyable youth because of the Boy Scouts of America program. I hope my boys will be able to look back and enjoy reminiscing on their Scouting experiences as much as I have and that my grandsons are making cherished memories as they participate in their Scouting activities.”

**Bob Albright** - Tomahawk: 1955-59

“So, I’ll raise a glass in toast to the boys of Tomahawk and to the times that helped us grow in ways that were very special. We were innocent and we were brash and we were foolish beyond reason. But I wouldn’t trade a minute or a memory with any other time of my youth. It was grand.”

**Dan Pratt** - Tomahawk: 1957-?

“We have been privileged to work with some of the best people on the planet in our years at Tomahawk. Friendships forged almost 50 years ago are still strong today and it is great to meet an old camp acquaintance from time to time. I have had the opportunity/responsibility to manage, direct, build, sell, close, accredit and live in camps for about 50 years and still hold Tomahawk as one of the premier camps of the BSA.”

**Jim King** - Tomahawk: 1955-70

## *New Record for Most Years on Staff*

### **Ralph McLean**

Tomahawk Staff 1986-present

The summer of 2004 marked Ralph’s 19th summer on staff at Tomahawk. He started on staff in 1986 as the Trading Post Manager. During his tenure he has been the Business Manager, Purchaser, Accounting, and Spearhead Director. His favorite title as he is affec-

tionately referred to is the GOM or “Grumpy Old Man.” He is looking forward to putting the mark even higher by returning this upcoming summer for his 20th summer which is longer than most of the staff has been alive! He is a legend at camp and in the surrounding towns as he says everyone at the Walmart in Rice Lake knows him. The last four

years Ralph split his time between Tomahawk in the summer and Sea Base in the winter.

Ralph has made a lasting impression on thousands of Scouts, Scouters, and staff. Ralph considers himself lucky to work on the Tomahawk staff but we are equally lucky to have his service for so many years.

**Thank you “GOM” for all your summers of hard work and for making Tomahawk great for so many years!**

**- Tomahawk Staff**