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# Tomahawk Alumni Association

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## THANKS TO JIM KING

by Jim Frost

The first time I met Jim King was in June of 1962. His brother Steve was already at Tomahawk getting ready for work week and the summer season in his position as outfitter.

Steve had asked me to stop by the King home in Roseville to pick up something he wanted me to bring with me when I left for camp in a few days. Jim got what I was after and as I left made a crack about my hair, which was fashionably long for the 1960s. The inference I took away was that "Mister Crew Cut" thought a camp staff person should look less shaggy.

Steve King was dating his future wife, Jerry, and a year later I was dating her cousin. I was without a car that summer and so getting to the girls' place at the north end of Long Lake was usually a problem. I borrowed cars from everyone on the staff who had one, including Rolly Bowler, Bill Dorgan, Jeff Proud and the Provisional Scoutmaster, Jim King. I was usually with another couple but when I used Jim's Chrysler, the back seat was not particularly romantic—it was a footlocker covered with a blanket.

As everyone knows, Jim went on to a professional career in Scouting and was the executive in Great Falls, Mont., where my dad held the same position in the early 1940s.

This is all said to make a couple of points. First, as an impressionable teenager, almost every memory I have that is associated with Tomahawk Scout Reservation is still with me.

Second, guys like the King brothers and many others were important to me when I was young and I very much want to stay or be back in touch with them.

And finally, the Tomahawk Alumni Association owes a big thank you to Jim King. His many years and many positions as a staff person coupled with his background and knowledge of the system as a Scout Executive made him the ideal person to lead the TAA as it got off the ground.

So, thanks a lot Jim! And thanks for letting me use your car—it worked great for me but then I got to sit in the front seat.

Jim's committee has included Bob Albright, Hugh Gwin, Scott Heineman, Myron Jacobson, Mark McCabe, Mike McCarthy, David Schmidtke, Greg Todd, Greg Travis and Scott Travis—thank you to all of you, too. Jim has already volunteered to help in the future and it is hoped that others will join us.



## ALUMNI DAY at TOMAHAWK SCOUT RESERVATION

The next opportunity to visit Tomahawk as part of an alumni function is **Thursday, July 20**, starting at 11 a.m.

Please check in at the Central Services Building. Lunch will be served in the Chippewa Camp dining hall at 12 noon. There will be recognition of alumni association members and lifetime members. There is no cost.

Camp tours are planned including the new Sioux Camp showers, the COPE course and a human foosball court in White Pine Camp. Or you can just wander around on your own.

If possible, let camp director Mark McCabe know if you will be present; call 651-254-9138 or e-mail [mmccabe@northernstarbsa.org](mailto:mmccabe@northernstarbsa.org). If you would like stay in your camper (\$20 per night) or your tent (\$10) on Family Island, please get in touch with Carol Forrest at 651-254-9158 or [cforrest@northernstarbsa.org](mailto:cforrest@northernstarbsa.org). There is also a motel in Rice Lake that has asked us to refer folks to and that is Microtel Inns and Suites at 715-736-2010.

We hope to see you at camp for a fun day.

## *New Alumni Association Chair, Jim Frost*

In the summer of 1953, my parents rented a cabin on Long Lake; I was 10 years old. One day while we were out walleye fishing my dad pointed to a forest that covered most of the opposite shoreline across from where we stayed and said, “some day that will be a Boy Scout camp and you’ll go there.”

Little did he or I guess what “going there” ultimately meant to me. I camped at Tomahawk Scout Reservation from 1955 through 1958, served as an apprentice counselor for part of 1958 and then as a full-fledged waterfront staff person from 1960-62 and 1964-65. As I mentioned in an earlier article I did for the Alumni Association Newsletter, I believe my dad and I are the only father and son to work for St. Paul Council camps as beach directors.

My immediate waterfront bosses at camp were Steve Albrecht and Gordy Lothson, Pat McCardle, Wayne Anderson and Tom Gould plus Joe Raymond when I was director at Main (Chippewa) Beach.

My career since then has been in event management, specifically the Minnesota State Fair, Clay County Fair in Spencer, Iowa, and Arnolds Park Amusement Park in Arnolds Park, Iowa. I am now semi-retired and living on Smith Lake near Hayward, Wis. From 1985-94 I owned a cabin on Long Lake and regularly visited Tomahawk by boat—to say nothing of Bobby Schmidt’s, Dave’s Outboard, Duffy’s Tavern, Lincolnwood and Reel-em-Inn.

After a whirlwind courtship and brief

engagement, I married Karen, on May 28, 2006. She is employed by the Minnesota State Fair and spends weekends with me in the north woods.

I am pleased and honored that Jim King and Mark McCabe have asked me to chair the Tomahawk Alumni Association. The camp is a great place and the folks involved with it over the years are some of the best and brightest I have known. Together we can make both camp and association even better than



**Jim Frost and his dad, Gale.**

## *Action to Think About*

As we begin the next phase in the development of the Tomahawk Alumni Association, here are a few additional suggestions for possible action. If you have an opinion about them or have others, please contact Jim Frost at [jg.frost@yahoo.com](mailto:jg.frost@yahoo.com). Thank you.

- Plan a membership drive to double membership in the next year.
- Locate as many former staff persons as possible and complete the yearly rosters in the camp’s Central Services Building.
- Increase involvement of more recent staff persons.
- Expand membership beyond staff persons to include recruitment of interested campers.
- Determine if we want to be more of a social group or more involved with fund raising and other activities to benefit Tomahawk.
- Develop a structure for the organization with bylaws that cover the usual stuff: officers, committees, meetings, finances and so forth.
- Refine and reiterate member benefits and restrict participation to paid members.
- Add a member to the committee (or board) from each of the logical eras of camp history, not necessarily based on chronological decades.
- Continue to plan, implement and grow at least two events each year—one a summer get-together at Tomahawk, the other a winter meeting in the Twin Cities.
- Designate a project for camp improvement and raise the necessary funds for implementation
- Look at one suggested project: a new log entrance sign similar to the original one but with the “Northern Star Council” name included.
- Develop a program to annually recognize an individual for past contributions to the success of today’s Tomahawk.



## A Goal and a Challenge

Several thousand young men and women have staffed Tomahawk Scout Reservation since the first season in 1955. This newsletter is being sent to over 1,600 but paid membership in the alumni association totals less than 100.

On another page I have set forth several additional suggestions for goals for our members but I would like to start with what, for me, is number one.

Let's double the paid membership between now and next summer and then double it again the following year. That will give us over 400 members. I believe it will be fairly easy to do and will be the start of the next phase of accomplishment for the group.

Below is a list of current paid members. If each of you contacts just one additional person and persuades him or her to join, we will have done it for this year. Look at the article titled "Why You Should Be a Tomahawk Alumni Association Member" in the March 2006 newsletter for ammunition and then make a phone call or two.

We are going to be doing more in the future, both to enjoy our contacts with old friends and to benefit the camp. To do so, we need more participation. And of course, there is always strength in numbers.

The structure of the association, including bylaws, committees and further member benefits, will all be worked out within the context of an uncomplicated and friendly association of friends. There must be more than 100 persons out there that want to be a part of it.

One of my favorite guys at camp was Carl Melius, with whom I worked at both Beaver Point and Main beaches. I have tried to contact him but so far have not been successful. I guarantee he will be my new member before the year is out. Carl—are you out there?



## *Alumni Association Membership*



<p><b><u>Lifetime Charter Members:</u></b></p> <p>Mark Abbott David Albrecht Mike Anderson Kevin Balfanz Dave Beardsley John "A.J." Bostrom Charles Clausen Christopher Clausen Samuel Clausen Stephen Cory Mary Craig Michael Dollershell Arllys Edson John Edson Tim Engel Grant Erickson Steve Flood John Flowers Jim Frost Tom Gallagher Bob Gard James Garey James (Jay) Garey Rene Greer (Rule) Dr. Earl Grinols Jeff Gustafson</p>	<p>Mike Haney Robert Hannah, Sr. Chuck Hawkinson Suzette Heinze Keith Johansen Rusty Johnson Peter Kennon Jim King Duane Krings Al Linder Steven Linder Dana Marshall Mark McCabe Ralph McLean Lori Mongelluzzo Gary Murphy Pat Murray Tom Murray Patrick Norris Chuck Olson Gregg Peterson Mike Peterson Shawn Pomeroy Jim Rupert David Schmidtke Jim Schwieger Bill Seabloom</p>	<p>Arnold (Skip) Sheldon Wade Smith Jeff Sulzbach Rev. Tom Thompson Greg Todd Chad Towle Rich Tregilgas Richard Yeager Joseph Ziskovsky</p> <p><b><u>Lifetime Family Members:</u></b></p> <p>Aaron Bergh Josh &amp; Amy Duda James Grinols Myron &amp; Catherine Jacobson</p> <p><b><u>Three Year Membership</u></b></p> <p>Kenneth Berglund David Cahoy Andy Creager Craig Croone John Heil Tom Houle Sean Kelley Don &amp; Carol Kelsey Scott Lyon Brian Merhar</p>	<p>Leo Meyer Rev. Kent Peterson Daniel Reylek</p> <p><b><u>One Year Membership</u></b></p> <p>Loren Albert Dan Bartholic Larry Conley Jon DeJager Adam Dellinger Bill Ellison Bob Ellison David Gates Paul Hessberg Angela (Greiling) Keane Marshall Lichty Homer Miles Shawn Murphy Gene Peterson Greg Travis Diana Yang Messig Dan York</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Your name could be on this list! Send in your membership form on page 4 soon!</b></p>
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# Why Be a Tomahawk Alumni Association Member?

The Tomahawk Alumni Association has two main focuses at this point in its early existence. Generally, members of the TAA work to create and maintain a network of current and former staff, and provide resources to Tomahawk Scout Reservation.

### Create and maintain a network of current and former staff.

Members of the TAA work to achieve this goal by providing a space to foster communication and exchange of ideas between former and current staff. Specifically, the association accomplishes this in the following ways:

- 1) Maintain a data base of current and former Tomahawk staff.

*Record contact information, years on camp staff, and positions held of Tomahawk alumni.*

- 2) Maintain a relationship among former and current Tomahawk staff.

*Allow for exchange of ideas via the Alumni Committee and by keeping an open relationship with the current camp administration. Also, make convenient ways to visit camp.*

- 3) Keep alumni up-to-date with Tomahawk and Council news.

*This is accomplished with this news letter, Alumni Day at Tomahawk, and strong communication among former and current staff and administration.*

- 4) Fellowship: offer two alumni activities each year.

*The alumni-sponsored Alumni Holiday Reunion and Alumni Day at Tomahawk.*

## Register Now in the Tomahawk Alumni Association!

<p><b>Tomahawk Alumni Association</b>  393 Marshall Avenue  Saint Paul MN 55102-1717  763-231-7201  <a href="http://www.camptomahawk.org">www.camptomahawk.org</a></p> <p>Phone Numbers: (H) _____  (W) _____</p> <p>Years/Positions at TSR:  Years _____  Positions: _____  _____  _____</p> <p>Name _____  Street: _____  City: _____  State: _____ Zip: _____  Email: _____</p>	<p align="center"><b>Tomahawk Alumni Association</b></p> <p><b>Membership Levels</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Individual</th> <th>Family</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Annual Student</td> <td>\$5.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Annual</td> <td>\$15.00</td> <td>\$25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Year</td> <td>\$40.00</td> <td>\$60.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Payment: \$ _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p><b>I prefer to pay:</b>  Cash _____ Check No. _____ Credit Card _____</p> <p align="center"><i>Please make checks payable to:</i>  <b>Northern Star Council / BSA</b></p> <p><b>Please charge my credit card:</b>  Type of Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____  Account No. _____  Expires: Month _____/Year _____  <b>Signature (Required):</b> _____</p>		Individual	Family	Annual Student	\$5.00		Annual	\$15.00	\$25.00	3 Year	\$40.00	\$60.00	<p><b>Thank You  for Supporting  Your Camp Alumni  Association!!</b></p>  <p><b>Mail To:</b>  Tomahawk Alumni Assoc.  Northern Star Council  393 Marshall Ave.  St. Paul, MN 55102-1717</p>
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What are you doing on Thursday, July 20th?  
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