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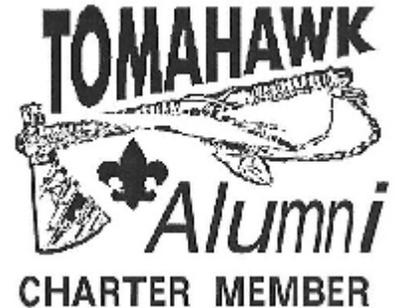
# Tomahawk Alumni Association

## Join the Alumni Association!!

This is the initial offering of membership in the **TOMAHAWK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Membership levels are as follows:

	Individual	Family
<b>Annual Student</b>	\$5.00	
<b>Annual</b>	\$15.00	\$25.00
<b>3 year</b>	\$40.00	\$60.00
<b>Lifetime</b>	\$150.00	\$200.00
<b>Lifetime Charter</b>	\$175.00	



(Sample embroidery for jacket)

Lifetime memberships are offered through 2005 only. All Lifetime Charter Members will receive a special **Alumni fleece jacket!**

Please fill out the form enclosed with this newsletter and return it with payment. Credit card payment is also an option, see the enclosed form for more details.

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## Message From the Chair - Jim King (staff 1955-1970)

Message From the Chair....

In a month or so, the 2005 staff will begin Training / Setup at Tomahawk. This will be the 51st season, and for those of us who were there at the beginning, it is hard to realize that the years have gone by so quickly. But, if I were writing this then, I would be doing it on a manual typewriter using a dittomaster and/or carbon paper. Some of you may want to ask your parents what I'm talking about....

Your Alumni Committee has been busy, as you will see throughout the newsletter. Our goal is to identify, inform, and involve as many alumni as possible, and present a suggested slate of officers/board members to carry the Association forward beginning Jan 1, 2006. There is room for everyone, so let us know of your interests.

First, **Greg Todd** and **Greg Travis** have helped to define

our membership and dues structure. We have spent over a year gathering 1800 addresses of Tomahawk staffers, now we need to have you help the Association by 1) joining at whatever level is best for you, and 2) forwarding names and addresses of any alumni you know of so that we can add them to the database.

Next, **Marshall Lichty** has been working to set up two upcoming events, read about them on page 4, and hopefully attend one or both. The Tomahawk will provide food at no cost to us....Thanks!

**Myron Jacobson** is working on some governance details...any organization needs a framework of operations and he and his committee will provide that.

**Bob Albright** and some of the 'old timers' are preparing a per-

manent display depicting the early years at Tomahawk. The cabinet is built, (mostly) paid for, and the collected memorabilia of many of the 50's - 60's staff has been sorted, cleaned, and ready to be displayed.

Responses from our last newsletter have been great! Several of you took the time to write or e-mail me with your recollections and ideas. Good to hear from old and new friends, hope we will meet up at one of the next gatherings. Am especially looking forward to spending some time at camp as part of staff week, just to see how they do it in 2005 and perhaps offer a little advice, if they will humor an old guy who thinks he is young again!

Happy Camping! Jim King  
 jkbing@boreal.org



Current TSR staff members help teach at the Junior Leader College on April 9, 2005.





Sioux Staff 2003



Sioux Staff 1976

## *Alumni Association Mission Statement* By Myron Jacobson (staff 1982-1993)

At the last TAA board meeting we discussed what we wanted the Association to accomplish, in short our Mission Statement. We also began the task of researching other Scout Camp Alumni Associations by-laws and articles of incorporation as examples of a framework from which to operate and govern. The following Mission Statement was agreed upon:

The Tomahawk Alumni Association exists to support a network of people interested in furthering the goals and objectives of the camp and the outdoor program of the Boy Scouts of America.

This mission will be accomplished by:

- Organizing alumni social events and opportunities to maintain and renew camp friendships.
- Regularly publishing a newsletter, and

maintaining a website and membership directory for the dissemination of information.

- Sponsoring service events to help prepare, support, and maintain the camp.
- Providing funding for identified camp program and facility needs.
- Providing an alumni network to current and recent camp staff to assist them with their own personal, educational, and professional goals.

Serving when needed as an advisory resource to the council camping, properties, and program committees.

After reviewing the Articles of Association for several Scout camp alumni associations, it will be recommended at the next TAA board meeting that the Tomahawk Alumni Association use the Many Point Staff Alumni Association

Articles as a discussion draft for the TAA Articles. You can read Many Point's Articles at: <http://www.manypoint.org/board/articles.htm> The Many Point Staff Alumni Association has thoughtfully written Articles that have served them well for the past 20 years. The Articles outline powers of the association, membership eligibility, dues and donations, financial matters, annual meeting, and the board of directors. The board includes staggered, 3-year terms for board members, with representation from each era (decade) of the camp's history, and the current Reservation Director serves as an ex officio member of the board. Many Point's Articles are simply a starting point; the TAA board will ultimately decide upon our Articles. Though Many Point and Tomahawk will shortly be part of the same yet-to-be-named council, the two associations will act independently of one another. Your thoughts on TAA's Articles of Association are welcome by contacting any of the board members.

## *Camp Staff Spotlight*



**Jeff Moe**  
Past Tomahawk Staff

**What years did you work at TSR?** 1994 and 1995

**What did you do at camp?** I was the Associate Reservation Director.

**What are some of your favorite memories from camp?** I

was at camp the first year White Pine opened (there were three staff members that year). It's fun to see how much it has changed and how each camp is distinct. The Wednesday cook-outs became Cheeseburgers in Paradise while I was at camp - it was great to see all of the campers come together and the staff orchestrating "organized chaos" to get them all fed. The Scouts loved it.

**What do you miss most about TSR?** You really get immersed into camp life while on staff, and kind of lose touch with the outside world. I re-

member that the OJ Simpson incident happened while I was at camp. It was all over the news for days, and I only learned about it while I was out of camp running errands - several days after it happened.

I really enjoyed the tight-knit group that the staff was, as well as relating to the leaders and Scouts at camp.

**What are you currently doing?** I'm the Director of Field Service for Indianhead Council.

**Any advice/words of wisdom for current TSR staff?** Enjoy your time at camp - you'll make lifelong friends and learn skills

you'll carry with you the rest of your life. I didn't grow up in Scouting, and never looked into jobs at camp. Looking back, it's a great experience and I wish I would have had that opportunity. I hope my kids will work at camp in a few years.

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## *My Tomahawk Career* By *David Schmidtke*

I was a Scout at Fox campsite in Chippewa for two years, I think 1963 & 1964 although it might have been a year or two later. At that time, the waterfront was at Blackfoot campsite on Lake Neilson. You had to wade through the muck to get to canoes on racks by the swim pier.

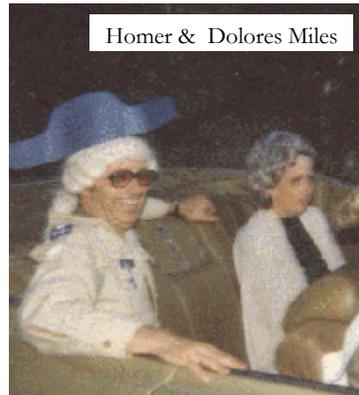
As a Scout, I thought it would be neat to be a staff member, but jobs, college, etc. got in the way until 1974 when it looked like I might graduate from college and thought that if I wanted to work on the camp staff, I better do it. I was hired as the Assistant Sioux Beach Director and was sent to National Camp School at Many Point Scout Reservation. Because I was a novice at the beach, it was about 3 weeks before the beach staff, led by Paul Sieverson, allowed me to run the gate to the swim beach. I was back to direct Sioux Beach from 1975 through 1978, then moved to the sailing beach in 1979. In 1980, I'd gone to work on the aquatics staff at National Camp School. When I got home, Homer Miles asked me if I'd be Chippewa Program Director. I thought a couple of seconds and said yes. With that, I became the first non-professional program director in many years to work at TSR. I was Chippewa Program Director in 1980 & 81.

I finally did graduate from college and got a real job, but was back at Tomahawk in Sioux Camp as a Provisional Scoutmaster for a few years. During most of these years, I also served on the Council Camping Committee as the Camping Chairman from Chief Little Crow District. I came back in 1989 to direct Sioux Beach, then 1990 to direct Chippewa Beach, then in 1991 to open up and direct Navajo beach the first year Navajo was in operation. Since then, I've helped select and develop the White Pine Beach and have built the lookout towers at White Pine and Sioux Beach.

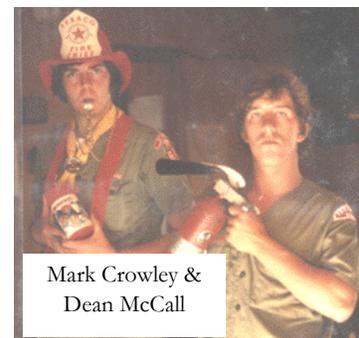
Since 1986, I've lived in Janesville, Wisconsin making it a bit more difficult to be active at TSR. I am active with a troop in Janesville, and camped at TSR in 2004 with a nephew and will be back this summer.

While at Sioux Camp, I'd started a set of photo albums called "Basically Sioux Staff" that entertained staff members for many years. By 2000, the books were falling apart and I scanned them with additional pages of description of people and events. Here are a few of the pictures from the "Basically Sioux Staff" album.

## *Basically Sioux...*



Homer & Dolores Miles



Mark Crowley &  
Dean McCall



David Schmidtke



Russ Jacobsen

## *Friends of Scouting Team Exceeds Goal!!*

Each year a team of camp staff alumni volunteer to help raise money for the council's annual operating budget. This year the team's goal was \$23,464. When the campaign concluded on April 21 the camp staff alumni team had raised \$23,984! Thank you to all who contributed to this year's campaign. The dollars raised by this campaign help ensure that we continue to provide great camp program opportunities for Scouts and leaders. A special thanks to **Myron Jacobson** this year's camp staff alumni team captain. Also special thanks to **Steve Linder, Kevin Balfanz, Craig Flor, and Chris Hoffmann** for volunteering to help raise money on the camp staff alumni team. Finally, thank you to all who contributed to this year's campaign. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to insuring the success of the Scouting program.

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## Indianhead Council Moves Forward

On March 30, 2005 Indianhead and Viking Councils voted separately to become one council. This decision will combine our strengths and reduce our inefficiencies. In the coming months council staff and volunteers will be working hard to make the transition to one council.

There are several ways that you can help with this transition. Visit the following website for up to date information on the process and decision that are being made: [www.taskforce.realscouting.org](http://www.taskforce.realscouting.org). This website will be the default source of information in the coming months.

Integration teams in 20 different areas are being created to do much of the detailed planning that comes with combining two councils. You are welcome to become involved with one of these teams.

Some of the teams that you may want to become involved with are:

- Camping & Properties
- Training & Advancement
- Risk Management & Insurance
- Membership Growth
- Activities & Programs
- Fundraising Events

For a complete list of teams, visit the Task Force website.

Please contact Kent York at [kyork@indianhead.org](mailto:kyork@indianhead.org) or John Kuehn at [jkuehn@bsamail.org](mailto:jkuehn@bsamail.org) for more information or to join one of these integration teams.

## Dolores Miles: Scouting Volunteer

This past April, Dolores Miles, wife of Homer Miles (Reservation Director 1972-1987) passed away. The following are just a few of Homer's memories of Dolores in Scouting and at Tomahawk.

Dolores began her 49 years of volunteer service to Scouting in April of 1956. Her first activity was making Cub Scout monthly theme craft items to be shown to Den Mothers at the monthly roundtables.

Before computers, she typed address labels so that all older Scouts and Explorers could receive information on the Philmont Scout Ranch expeditions and Wilderness Canoe Base trips.

She once decided that she and her two young children could paint a garage at camp. When they proudly came to announce their success, it was obvious of the color of the paint - it was all over their clothes, skin, and in their hair!

As she prepared each summer for Tomahawk, the sewing machine was first on the list of items to take. Life jackets were repaired, staff neckerchiefs made, sails were repaired or made, curtains were made for staff cabins and the Administration Building flag was repaired many times. She enjoyed baking, so the staff and visitors often received fresh baked cinnamon rolls and an occasional pie on Fridays. She fried donuts for all the campers and staff for Saturday breakfast. Dolores would work in the camp office on Sunday nights so that all of the staff could attend the campfires. Many hours were spent washing windows, mopping floors, doing whatever needed to be done.

Camp life was the highlight of her year. The bear looking in the Director's cabin window, the squirrels, chipmunks and mice in the cabin never concerned her. She was even at peace with the bats in the wall. She loved watching the eagles in the sky and the deer in the woods. Wild fruit was picked and made into jelly and jam. Any litter would always be picked up. One year she played the role of Martha Washington in the Fourth of July Parade to Homer's George.

The "to help other people at all times" was a major goal in her life, volunteering in Scouting gave her much satisfaction.

## 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)

### 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

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