

FINAL NOTICE: Your Payment is Overdue

Unfortunately if you are not a member of the Tomahawk Alumni Association this is the last issue of the newsletter that you will receive. Our resources are somewhat limited and the cost of mailing to several thousand former camp staff members is prohibitive.

Membership fees have been set at reasonable levels so that no one need be left out. Dues for an annual membership are

\$15 or \$5 for a current staff person. Lifetime memberships are \$150 or \$175 with a commemorative jacket.

Go to the "Membership List" page on the alumni association's Web site and at the bottom click on the membership form, which is self-explanatory. While you are on the page, check out the list of current members. Consider becoming one of them so that you can con-

tinue to receive information about the association as well as Tomahawk Scout Reservation.

About 20 former memberships have expired or will expire at the end of this year. Please check to see if you are one of these.

And we hope to see you at camp on July 29 for our annual reunion.

Staff Sparkler at Camp July 26

Move over Simon, Paula, and Randy, it's time for Tomahawk Idol!!! This year's Alumni Sparkler will feature a singing/air band competition in the flavor of American idol...only more fun. Come watch various areas sing their hearts out and face the wrath of Mark McCabe, Tomahawk's own version of Simon.

The fun will start at 9:00 PM at the Miles Administration building on Thursday July 26th and last until midnight. There will be food, fun, and yes even prizes for the winner. This is a great way to start off Alumni weekend as Alumni Day is the following Sunday, July 29th. So why not come up early, take in the fun and stay for a weekend of fun and memories.

If you are interested in either helping out OR being a member of the Alumni entry, please contact Scott Schuette at scott.schuette@echostar.com. We'll see you at camp!!!

Alumni Day at TSR July 29

The alumni day is taking place Sunday, July 29 at Tomahawk. The alumni day begins at 10:00 a.m. with camp tours and an introduction of the camp staff. Lunch will be provided in White Pine camp. A brief program will take place after lunch led by Jim Frost.

Please RSVP for lunch to Mark McCabe
mmccabe@northernstarbsa.org by Friday, July 27.

Alumni are free to stay at camp throughout the day and explore camp on their own in the afternoon. There will be campfires in each of the sub-camps on Sunday evening followed by the Order of the Arrow Call Out Ceremony. Families are welcome as well. All alumni should check in at Central Services, get a map of the camp, parking pass and a guest wristband.



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Message from the President

Former camp staff member, Ken Berglund, and his family foundation have made a significant donation to Tomahawk Scout Reservation for construction of a welcome and history center to be situated near the camp's main entrance.

I have represented our association and its board on a special planning committee for the center. This committee includes representatives from the professional staff as well as camping and building committees and has been active in planning its purpose and location.

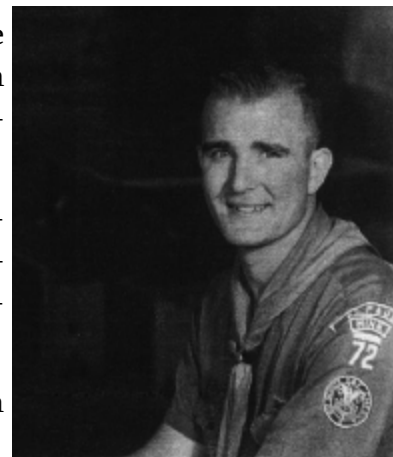
Incidentally, in the future we expect the committee to take on an even greater role in developing long range plans for the entire camp.

As of this relatively early stage of planning, three components are envisioned for the center. One will be based on the past—the camp's history and traditions. The second will be the present—welcoming information for all who pass through the camp's gate. The third will be the future—hopes and dreams for what will be as well as a fund raising function.

The alumni association board has expressed its interest in being actively involved in the planning and implementation particularly of the center's history aspect.

This is an exciting project and will be a great addition to Tomahawk. Thank you to the Berglunds for your support.

Jim Frost, President



Camp Staffer Ken Berglund

1958 Tomahawk Camp Staff



Are you pictured?

Greetings from the World Jamboree

From July 26 to August 1, former staff member and professional Scouter, Jim King, will be in England for the World Scout Jamboree. Here is his report.

The day of the camp staff reunion, I'll be saying good morning from the site of the 21st World Scout Jamboree somewhere near London! It takes a lot to keep me away from a reunion at Tomahawk, but that is the case this year. I am serving as the camp Commissioner for 13 Troops from the Central Region at the 100th Anniversary of the Scouting Movement (Centenary Jamboree) and couldn't pass it up.

We have been working for three years to coordinate the attendance of 468 Scouts and 52 leaders from our region for this event. In addition, another 80 adults are serving as staff members, under the direction of the British Scouting Association that is hosting the event. One complete troop is from the Northern Star Council, a testimonial to the quality of our Scouting program in Minnesota and Wisconsin. We will be part of 35,000 Scouts from over 160 countries in attendance.

My first World (8th) was in 1955, following a stint as a counselor in training at Tomahawk. Many years later I led the Regional contingent to the 18th World in Holland, and four years ago the 20th in Thailand. I decided then that I would like to be on hand for the 100th Anniversary and was honored to be selected for a leadership role. There have been lots of changes since 1955, and I am fortunate to be able to participate.

I will be thinking of the Tomahawk event and hope you have a good turnout and good weather; see you next year!

Jim King, Tomahawk Staff Alumni

Director's Report

Some 300 troops will attend Tomahawk this summer.

Several new programs have been introduced at Tomahawk Scout Reservation this summer. T-2, a new week long high adventure program, is the talk of the Reservation. Scouts ages 14 and up are eligible to participate in the T-2 program. Activities include low and high COPE, golfing, rock climbing, an in-camp extravaganza where one of the events is the iceberg inflatable aqua climbing tower, and whitewater kayaking. Jake Marty the director of the high adventure program at Tomahawk Scout Reservation said "the Scouts are pumped about the program, most of them wouldn't have been back to Tomahawk this summer if it weren't for this program option."

The Webelos Outpost program at Navajo Webelos Camp is also getting great reviews. Webelos and their parents have the option of staying an additional night after their regular camp session concludes. Participants get to sleep in a Boy

Scout campsite, participate in activities within the Boy Scout camp, do a cook-out, and explore new areas of Tomahawk. John Fitzer the Navajo Webelos Outpost Director said, "I've had several parents talk to me at the end of the Outpost and tell me that their boy is pumped about becoming a Boy Scout. This program helps Scouts get comfortable with the concept of Boy Scout camping. It also helps parents understand the transition from Webelos to Boy Scouts. The program is awesome!"

Project COPE has better reviews than it's ever had at Tomahawk. The camp staff is excellent this summer and the change in the program schedule has greatly increased participation in the program. By the fourth week of camp there were already more Scouts who received a COPE experience than the entire summer before. The COPE program is a one day experience that teaches team building skills, builds confidence, and enhances a Scout's character. The Tomahawk COPE course is a state of the art course.

COPE enthusiasts from across the country are impressed with the Tomahawk course. The course features a 600 foot zip-line, 40 foot tall balance beams, a giants ladder, and much more.

Mark McCabe

Tomahawk Scout Reservation Director





In Memory of...

Rolland "Rolly" Bowler, a "legendary" member of the TSR Staff from the mid 1950's to the mid-60's, passed this life on December 22, 2006. Rolly was born February 10, 1915 and enjoyed his early years in Excelsior, Minnesota. Rolly graduated from Excelsior High School where he was an outstanding athlete and competed in football, basketball and track. Rolly helped lead his basketball team to the state high school tournament his senior year. Rolly became active in Scouting at an early age and went on to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

Rolly was attending college when World War II started and almost immediately enlisted in the Coast Guard, serving from January of 1942 to May 1946. Following his military service, Rolly returned to the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1947. Rolly lettered in both football and track at the U of M.

Rolly enjoyed a career as a teacher, principal, and coach, in several Minnesota school districts. Rolly married Agnes Koltitz on July 24, 1965 in Odessa, Minnesota. After the end of his career in secondary education, Rolly and Agnes retired to a home remodeled from their summer cabin on beautiful Green Lake near Princeton, Minnesota. Rolly kept busy during retirement with many projects and interests, especially with his involvement for many years with Calvary Academy in Princeton where he served as a substitute teacher, advisor and coach.

Notable things about Rolly would include his great love of the outdoors and nature. Rolly's Scouting service at Many Point

Scout Camp in the late 1940's and early 1950's is remembered by many "old-timers". At Tomahawk Scout Reservation, Rolly served as a Scoutmaster for the Provisional Camp at first and later as a Program Director. Many who worked and served with Rolly remember him for his Scout enthusiasm and knowledge, and most certainly for his hearty laugh! Some of us might even remember the "Indian" cycle Rolly bought and "fixed up" so it would at least run....and run it he did! Rolly will be well remembered by all who worked with him on the TSR staff...we were lucky to have known him...he touched many lives...both campers and TSR staff. "Thanks Rolly!"

A final note...Rolly's wife Agnes wants to donate all of his accumulated Scouting memorabilia, manuals, uniform, and the like for future display in the Scout historical exhibit which she (and we) hope will become a reality sometime in the near future under the auspices of the Northern Star Council.

Steve Melander, TSR Alumni

Remembering Steve Matthews

The passing of Steve Matthews this past February was a blow to legions of camp staff members who served Tomahawk in the 70's, 80's and 90's. Steve's camp staff career began in 1977 and culminated with his tenure as Reservation Director (1988-1990). I had the privilege of serving on staff with Steve and later following him as Reservation Director.

Steve was a program guy to the core. Whether it was teaching Scouts to sail on Lake Neilsen or establishing Tomahawk's Scoutcraft areas (which rival any Scoutcraft area in the country!), Steve was a leader. His enthusiasm for Scout camping and creativity were an inspiration for me. During my tenure, I would frequently share ideas with Steve. Our sessions were often animated and sometimes heated (typical of Steve's passion). He was always ready to help work through a new idea. One such idea was "Cheeseburger's in Paradise," a cookout for all Scouts in camp named after the famed Jimmy Buffet Song. For the past 14 summers, Scouts enjoy Cheeseburgers in Paradise, thanks to Steve's suggestion to me that a simple cookout could be made fun.

Since Steve's death, his friends and family have established a memorial fund to help Scouts with financial need attend summer camp. Steve's family wanted to create a lasting memorial, and believed that Steve would prefer that these funds go directly to kids versus being used to purchase a piece of equipment or some other project. Contributions for this fund are being collected at the Scout office and will become part of a permanent endowment in Steve's name.

Steve's legacy will continue in our Scoutcraft areas, through the people he inspired, and in the lives of future generations of Scouts who benefit from the campership fund in his memory.

Jeff Sulzbach, Reservation Director (1993-2002)



You will be missed...