

# Tomahawk Alumni Association

Serving Past and Present Staff Members and Supporting Tomahawk Scout Reservation

## 2008 Reunion and Celebration of Tomahawk's 55<sup>th</sup> Year

The number one purpose of the alumni association is promotion of social activities for members and all former staff persons. This year is no exception—get ready for July 19 and 20!

Plan to arrive between 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. each day for registration and informal program activities. Each day's activities will be focused primarily on reconnecting with old friends, along with camp tours and time to explore on your own or with a group of friends. We plan to have a display of photos and/or a video presentation of photos. If you have any you can share, bring them along, or send digital files or prints to Larry Moser at [moserlarry@gmail.com](mailto:moserlarry@gmail.com) or 6233 Boyer Path, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076-5505. Feel free to bring other memorabilia as well.

Registration on Saturday, July 19 at Fred C. Andersen (St. Croix River) Camp will be at the Peterson cabins (on the left before you go down the hill to the trading post and main camp area). The cabins are also available for Friday and Saturday overnight stays (bring your own bedding). Directions are at <http://northernstarbsa.org/Camping/Facilities/FredCAndersen/Directions.aspx>.

Registration on Sunday, July 20 at Tomahawk will be at main Central Services (Admin for us old-timers) building (left turn at the totem pole - main entrance to camp). A complete schedule for each day may be found on page two.

We will wrap up "formal" programs by about 5:30 p.m. each day, with an option for such things as getting together for

dinner in town, an evening campfire, or other activities if there is enough interest.

See our web site (<http://alumni.camptomahawk.org/>) for a list of those already indicating plans to attend, links to maps to Tomahawk and Fred C. Andersen camps, links to Stillwater and Rice Lake area lodging, and for any late-breaking news. Contact Bob Albright at [albright\\_r@sbcglobal.net](mailto:albright_r@sbcglobal.net) to add your name to the list of planning to attend. And maybe contact old friends who aren't listed to attend and encourage them to join us on one or both days!

**Larry Moser,**  
**60s Staff Member**  
**Reunion Chair**

## Tomahawk Sign Replacement a project of the TAA

For several decades, the entry sign 'on the corner' was the start of an adventure, for campers, leaders, and staff. For staff, it meant home. For Scouts and leaders, the opportunity to teach and learn new skills and live the Scout Oath and Law. For all, it represented fun, fellowship, and growth. One of my best memories is that of my children learning to 'read' the sign and the 12 points of the Scout Law that followed as we made our way to our cabin. A long time friend gave me a replica of 'the sign' that he carved in 1956, and it still sits on the shelf in my office. There is a great picture of Ken Berglund standing at the sign, taken in 56 or 57, and that picture has come full circle.....

Recent land acquisition and expansion of camp program areas mean a new road system and entry for Tomahawk. A part of this project includes a new welcome

center, built with major funding provided by former staff member Ken Berglund.

The TAA board has agreed to provide a replica of the original sign to compliment the 'Berglund Building' and camp entrance area. Not a small project, as it will include 14' treated cedar logs with steel backing, a raised stone/concrete base, solar lighting, and a 48"x60" exact replica of the original sign.



This project will be the first impression of camp for thousands of Scouts. We envision many troop photos gathering around it, and it will again become a trademark image for camp promotion and advertising.

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# Reunion Schedule

## 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Schedule for Saturday

- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Arrive and sign in (Peterson Cabins)
- 10:30 a.m. Welcome
- 10:45 a.m. Review Tomahawk changes over the years  
Physical plant, boundaries, camper and staff facilities  
Organizational structure  
Program
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Group photos
- 1:30 p.m. Tours and free time
- 3:00 p.m. Meet by decade
- 4:00 p.m. Re-gather to share top stories from the decades
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own
- 8:00 p.m. Campfire for those staying

## 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Schedule for Sunday

- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Arrive and sign in (Central Services/Admin Building)
- 10:30 a.m. Welcome (Central Services/Admin Building)
- 10:45 a.m. Review Tomahawk changes over the years (Central Services/Admin Building)  
Physical plant, boundaries, facilities  
Organizational structure  
Program
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch (White Pine Program Building)
- 1:00 p.m. Group Photos
- 1:30 p.m. Tours and free time
- 3:00 p.m. Meet by decade (White Pine Program Building)
- 4:15 p.m. Re-gather to share top stories from the decades (White Pine Program Building)



## Tomahawk Sign Continued

Here is an opportunity for us to give something of ourselves back to the camp, with a donation of your choice. In a few weeks we will send a brochure and funding info to all alumni of record. TAA member Kent York is assisting members Steve Flood, Lars Loberg, and Jim King with this phase of the project, and members Dave Orman and Mark McCabe are working up a commemorative retro camp t-shirt for sale in the camp trading post, and by mail to members.

Plaque to be placed on the base of the sign:

**This replica of the original 1955 Tomahawk entrance sign is provided by Tomahawk Alumni**

**The logs supporting the sign represent the Scout Sign**

Jim King, 50s, 60s and 70s Staff Member  
Past TAA Chair



Meeting to discuss the 2007 Tomahawk alumni reunion and begin planning for 2008 are (seated) Steve Flood, Hugh Gwin, Jim Frost, Chuck Perkins and (standing) Bob Albright, Dave Albrecht, Larry Moser.

## ***MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

### ***TAA Board Meetings—Your Board at Work***

Board members of the alumni association are Bob Albright, Tom Creager, Paul Fischer, Steve Flood, Jim Frost, Hugh Gwin, Myron Jacobson, Keith Johansen, Mark McCabe, Larry Moser, Chuck Perkins and Scott Schuette.

*The board has set a regular schedule of quarterly meetings and last met May 14—a typically busy meeting*

Treasurer Steve Flood reported that as of April 30 association assets were \$7,753.17.

Bob Albright's membership committee reported that the TAA has six new or renewed annual members and seven new life members since the board's Feb. 13 meeting. Overall breakdown is 18-three year, 36-one year, 42 lifetime and 71 charter members—the total is 167.

Welcome to new and renewed members Loren Albert, Thomas Burbank, Bill Dorgan, Rob Duncan, Paul Ellefson, Drew Keller, Jens Loberg, F. Howard Nelson, Dan Parcheta, P. Scott Snyder, David Webster and Dick Whitmore.

Board members discussed goals of the association. In addition to the sign project and the historical display in the camp's new welcome center, an immediate goal is to support the camp in a unique way. Board members as well as all association members are asked for suggestions for this goal for posting on the Web site and further discussion. Scott Schuette will work with Bob Albright on developing a forum for the Web site.

All TAA members are reminded to submit stories on their Tomahawk experiences to Bob Albright for the Web site Spotlight page. His e-mail address is [albright\\_r@sbcglobal.net](mailto:albright_r@sbcglobal.net).

Larry Moser reported on plans for the summer's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion (see pages one and two for details). The board authorized reasonable necessary expenditures including purchasing food for lunch both days. The alumni association has a database with 2,322 names and this newsletter is being sent to all former staff persons for whom there are current addresses.

The traditional gate sign fund raising committee consists of Steve Flood, Jim King and Lars Loberg. The goal is \$5,000. It was decided that a commemorative t-shirt would be developed for donor recognition and sale. The sign will be situated near the welcome and history center at the camp's new entrance, north of the current entrance near the COPE course. It will be in place when the center goes on line in the spring of 2009 (please see story on page one).

Paul Fischer reported on the work weekend at camp May 10-11. Some 30 persons showed up including several staff alumni. Pat Murray, a staff person from the 70s stayed on and worked all of the subsequent week.

Mark McCabe distributed and discussed plans for the welcome and history center. Ground will be broken this fall. The history display will occupy approximately 50 percent of the finished structure or 1,600 square feet. Discussion took place about how the TAA will go forward with its commitment to develop the display; board members were asked to bring suggestions for layout and inclusion to the next meeting. Myron Jacobson will contact persons from the North Star museum for input and possible assistance.

Development of the history aspect of the welcome center is a huge TAA commitment. Persons with memorabilia or otherwise interested in assisting should contact Jim Frost ([jamesgfrost@earthlink.net](mailto:jamesgfrost@earthlink.net)) or Mark McCabe ([mmccabe@northernstarbsa.org](mailto:mmccabe@northernstarbsa.org)).

Mark McCabe also distributed copies of the Tomahawk Scout Reservation long-range vision plan developed by an ad hoc committee of which he and Jim Frost are members. The plan has four objectives consistent with overall Northern Star Council planning: TSR will provide more programs for Scouts; TSR will be fiscally more efficient and effective; TSR will provide programming and facilities to other youth organizations and the community to become more relevant to today's young people and the community; and TSR will expand and increase the quality of service and programming to volunteers. Under the final objective, the plan includes a statement supporting the efforts of the TAA to benefit the camp.

Scott Schuette and Mark McCabe will again provide a camp staff "sparkler" on Thursday, July 17. Tomahawk is so large these days that staff persons have few opportunities to get together as a large group. Sparklers, held several times each summer, give them an evening of fun together. An expenditure of \$500 was approved for what is seen as both a benefit to current staff members and a recruiting tool for the TAA.

**Jim Frost, President**

## Tomahawk Scout Reservation Off to a Great Start

The camping season is underway at Tomahawk Scout Reservation. For the first time ever Tomahawk hosted a National Camp School where camp staff from all across the Midwest gathered for a week long training course teaching them how to run a quality Scout program. Over 140 people attended National Camp School. The Tomahawk staff and alumni did an outstanding job hosting this event. Several staff and alumni members volunteered in an effort to get camp open a week early for the camp school.

Another major accomplishment was the construction of a 60' climbing tower located across from the high ropes COPE course. The camp ranger staff, properties committee volunteers, and alumni members helped construct the massive tower. The tower will be used by older Scouts providing them with a challenge to keep them interested and excited about the Scouting program.

Over 650 Boy Scouts and Webelos attended Tomahawk during its first week of operation. We had a great opening week as the staff were as enthusiastic as ever and Scouts learned important Scouting skills and created life long memories.

Tomahawk will have its annual camp inspection on Monday June 30 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Alumni members are welcome to attend. We are also getting ready for the annual alumni day which will take place on July 20. We hope you are able to attend.

Mark McCabe,  
Tomahawk Reservation Director

## 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](mailto:jamesgfrost@earthlink.net).

<p>Tomahawk Alumni Association 393 Marshall Avenue Saint Paul MN 55102-1717 651-254-9138 <a href="http://www.camptomahawk.org">www.camptomahawk.org</a> Phone Numbers: (H) _____ (W) _____ Years/Positions at TSR: _____ Years: _____ Positions: _____ Name: _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tomahawk Alumni Association</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Membership Levels by calendar year</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Annual Current Camp Staffer</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: right;">\$5.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Annual Member Dues</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: right;">\$15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Lifetime Membership</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: right;">\$150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Lifetime Membership with Jacket</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: right;">\$175.00</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">Jacket Size _____</p> <p>Payment: \$ _____ Date: _____ I prefer to pay:           Cash           Check No. _____ <i>Please make checks payable to: Northern Star Council / BSA</i> Please charge my credit card: Type of Card:           MasterCard           Visa Account No. _____ Expires:                Month _____/Year _____ Signature (Required): _____</p>	Annual Current Camp Staffer	\$5.00	Annual Member Dues	\$15.00	Lifetime Membership	\$150.00	Lifetime Membership with Jacket	\$175.00	<p style="font-size: 1.2em;">Thank You for Supporting Your Alumni Association!!</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Mail to:  Northern Star Council 393 Marshall Ave St. Paul MN 55102-1717</p>
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