



Welcome and History Center

A spectacular building is taking shape at Tomahawk Scout Reservation!

As you read this walls and superstructure have been built, the floor is in and the roof is on a beautiful 40 feet by 80 feet log structure situated at the new main camp entrance (near the COPE course, north of the old entrance).

The building will also have a front portico, back porch, reception area, restrooms, conference room, fireplace, basement and in-floor heating system. It will be the home for a 1,600 square feet historical exhibit of Tomahawk's 55-plus years.

The exhibit will consist of 10 large, portable, pathway-connected walls each with pictures and copy illustrating and explaining different facets of the camp's history. Included will be pre-camp history and how it came into being, programs such as aquatics and Scout crafts, and even how camp food and cooking have developed over the years.

The memorabilia display case now in the Central Services Building will be moved to the new structure and as in the past will be updated and added to by former Scout executive and camp staff member, Jim King and other members of the Tomahawk Alumni Association.

The exhibit will have computers where Scouts and other visitors can record their impressions and memories of Tomahawk and access additional information about camp, the alumni association and Scouting in general.

The building was made possible by a grant from the R.R.W. and Florence Family Foundation, founded by the grandparents of 50s staff person, Ken Berglund.

Persons with questions about the exhibit or interesting camp photographs may contact its project manager, Jim Frost, by e-mail: jamesgfrost@earthlink.net.



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Service Weekend Planned at Tomahawk

Please come and join us for the second annual Tomahawk Alumni Association work weekend at Tomahawk on May 15th and 16th. The weekend will be used to help get camp setup for the summer and National Camp School which will be held at Tomahawk for the second year, and as an opportunity to catch-up with old camp friends.

Work will primarily take place on from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday the 16th, but people can come to camp on Friday night and stay in the White Pine bunkhouse if they would like. The TAA will provide food on Saturday and work for all.

Last year we had a great turn out and the weekend was a success. This year we want to build on last year's success and use our alumni resources to help get camp ready for another great summer. So please try to make it and bring your camp friends with you.

You can RSVP for the event by e-mailing Tyler McKean, service chair, at mckean.tyler@gmail.com or through the Tomahawk Alumni group on the Facebook. If you have any useful expertise (carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, etc.) please let Tyler know so that we can plan ahead and organize work details accordingly.



Spotlight on Navajo

Since 1991, Navajo Camp has served as a camp for second-year Webelos, providing them with a program focused on the transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. In some ways, the Navajo experience is similar to many of the activities that go on in the Boy Scout Camps—which tends to be how most Alumni think of Tomahawk. However, the Navajo program has many differences, as it is geared specifically to provide the best possible program for a second-year Webelos (a ten year old, soon-to-be fifth grader).

Navajo parallels Sioux, White Pine, and Chippewa in many of its programs; Scouts learn knots and lashing at Scoutcraft, climb on a 20 foot tower, shoot Archery and BB guns, go on nature hikes and learn about the outdoors at Ecology, and go swimming and boating at Aquatics. They participate in nine rotations which take them throughout the camp, giving them an hour participating in all the core programs. Every session also includes an early-morning Polar Bear Swim, Open Program time, an uproarious campfire, and flag ceremonies at the 125-foot flagpole—the second tallest in Wisconsin.

One major difference between the Navajo program and the Boy Scout programs is that Webelos earn Activity Badges, as opposed to Merit Badges. Every Webelos attending Navajo has the opportunity to earn at least two Activity Badges. Activity Badges are designed for Webelos ability level, and they need to earn them if they want their Arrow of Light, the only Cub Scout patch that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. Examples of Activity Badges offered in Navajo include Forester, Outdoorsman, Aquanaut, Geologist, and Sportsman. Many other Activity Badges and Belt Loops are also offered. Just like in the Boy Scout camps, each Scout gets to decide for himself what he would like to earn while at Navajo.

Navajo is constantly changing and improving. Recent Camp Directors who have worked passionately to improve the program at Navajo include Keith Bergeron, James McLean, and SMCLA recipients Paul Fischer and Kris Lenowski. Over the last several years, Navajo has added a wrist rockets range, a mini-golf course, and the program Navajo Outpost. The Outpost is an extra day and night, designed to provide Scouts and their leaders with a fuller understanding of what lies in store at the Boy Scout Camps. Participants will go to one of the Boy Scout sub-camps on the Reservation where they visit Scoutcraft, swim at the Aquatics area, shoot at a larger Archery range, and see many other Boy Scout programs. They will also get a chance to participate in disc golf, hike throughout the Reservation, and visit the 100 foot fire tower.

Navajo has had record-high attendance over the last several years, which is no surprise, given all the great programs and the high-quality staff. It is no wonder why Navajo is considered to be one of the premier Cub Scout camps in the nation!



New Norse Outpost

New Norse Outpost replaces Foxfire Outpost Program

For over thirty years, Foxfire Outpost has become the program of legends, no longer at our camp but living on in our hearts and memories. Rushing in to fill the gap is a new Norse-themed outpost, lead by the former Foxfire director Jake Schlagel.

The new outpost site is located in an idyllic location on the lakeshore, in a crescent bay about half a mile south of where Foxfire used to lie. The theme is that of an old Norse village, complete with theatrical staff wearing period garb, games from old Scandinavian culture, and various other program features.

The new outpost is centrally located within walking distance of all spots in Tomahawk, but will serve as an isolated program away from the conveniences of modern camp society. Scouts will feel as if they have been whisked away into a different time and place, engaging in activities such as arrow-slit action archery, blacksmithing, hand-axe throwing, and other new adventures.

Of course, every evening will end in a theatric and entertaining campfire for all the outpost's guests. There will be the usual Dutch oven treats, cooked as staff and Scouts share stories and songs around the fire.



Profile of 2009 Summer Camp Directors



Davin Grapentine – Associate Reservation Director

This is Davin's thirteenth summer working at camp, and his second in the role of Associate Reservation Director. He is an Eagle Scout, who camped in Sioux Camp at TSR before working on staff. Davin worked at Sioux Eco his first summer, followed by several years at Sioux Beach, including one summer as Assistant Beach Director and three as Beach Director. This was followed by two summers as Sioux Camp Director, before moving into the role of Associate Reservation Director. When he is not at camp, Davin is at Alta, a ski mountain near Salt Lake City. He is the coach for the Alta Freeride Division (AFD). AFD is a competitive big mountain Freeskiing team which travels all over the western US for competitions. This season Davin began competing in big mountain skiing himself. He competed in the Freeskiing World Tour at Snowbird, UT in early March, ending up in 41st place out of about 200 people. When he is not skiing or at camp, Davin spends most of his time climbing and riding bikes.

Ben Sorenson – Director of White Pine Camp

This is Ben's eighth summer working at Tomahawk, all of which have been spent in White Pine. Ben was a Scoutcraft CIT, and subsequently a Scoutcraft specialist, instructor, assistant director, and Scoutcraft Director. He was also a commissioner at one point. After being the Assistant Camp Director in 2007, Ben became the White Pine Camp Director in 2008. He is currently student teaching in Eau Claire, in the final semester of his Technology Education degree at University of Wisconsin Stout. Ben thoroughly enjoys the outdoors, especially canoeing and hiking. Ben considers his greatest strength to be strength itself. He has no weaknesses.



David Lovett – Director of Navajo Camp

David Lovett is an Eagle Scout who began his Tomahawk career in '02, as a Navajo Ecology Specialist. He had previously been a camper and CIT in Sioux, but was convinced to move to Navajo by Ecology Director Paul Fischer. He remained in Navajo Ecology for another year, before moving to Chippewa as a commissioner, and then Ecology Director for two years (where he had the pleasure of working with Corey Friend). After that, he took one year off from camp to travel, and then he helped build a cabin out of tires at an "intentional community" at Denison University. After one summer away from camp, David felt he had unfinished business, which prompted him to return in '08 as Navajo Camp Director. David graduated from Denison in '08 with a degree in English Writing and Sociology. Since then, he has worked as Snow Base Director and part time at the scout office. He spends much of his free time writing, filmmaking, and trying to play guitar.

Jeff Rosburg – Director of Sioux Camp

Jeff Rosburg is the Director of Sioux Camp this summer. It is his second year in this position. He has spent the past five years working at Tomahawk. In the summers of '04 and '05 he worked in Sioux Ecology, '06 and '07 he worked at Sioux Beach and the summer of '08 he was the Sioux Director. During the rest of the year Jeff is a student at the University of Wisconsin Stout studying Technology Education (just like Ben Sorenson!) . In his spare time he enjoys riding his bike, skateboarding, playing board games and dabbling in internet culture.



Corey Friend – Chippewa Camp Director

Corey Friend is the Chippewa Camp Director for the 2009 Summer Camp Season. This is his seventh summer on staff, although as Corey says, "sometimes it feels like my eighth summer." While this is his first summer as a camp director, this is not his first experience as a leader or as a staff member in Chippewa. Corey camped in Chippewa as a Scout, and began working in 2003 as a Dining Hall/Ecology Specialist. He spent the 2004 and 2005 summers as an Ecology Specialist in Chippewa (where he had the pleasure of working in Ecology with David Lovett), before making the switch to White Pine Camp. For the summers of 2006 and 2007, Corey was the White Pine Health Officer and a commissioner, and then in 2008 he became the White Pine Assistant Camp Director and Head Commissioner. Corey is currently a Junior at Saint John's University in the tundra of Collegeville, Minnesota, where he is studying Political Science and a minor in Japanese language. He had the opportunity to study abroad through SJU this past fall in Japan, and is looking to return to Japan after graduation. Fun facts about Corey include: He is an Eagle Scout (2004), an accomplished pine wood derby champ (8th place in the state-1998), has played Ultimate Frisbee in 8 countries, he is a diehard Twins fan, and an avid postcard collector.





Snow Base Beginnings

Snow Base started from humble beginnings

In the winter of 1979, Homer Miles, Indianhead Council Director of Camping, asked a group of Scouts and Scouters from the Chief Little Crow District, Explorer Post 247 of Inver Grove Heights Minnesota, specializing in High Adventure Search and Rescue and Explorer Post 499 from Apple Valley Minnesota, specializing in Emergency Response, if it was possible to run an outdoor winter program at Tomahawk Scout Reservation. These two groups had been participating in one at Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota, for a couple of years, called the Okpik Winter Camping Program.

So the group went to Tomahawk to see if it could be done. Tom Randall, the camp ranger, built an insert for the fireplace in the Administrations building out of a 55 gallon barrel, to be the heat for the building. The administration building was not heated. The only areas that were used were the kitchen and large meeting area. The group also brought up a torpedo heater to supplement the barrel stove heater. The group arrived on Friday evening, bringing along all the equipment that they knew they were going to need. They spent the night in the Ad Building. After Breakfast on Saturday morning, the groups went out to build their quinzee snow shelters. Both groups found locations on Long Lake, one group making camp just down from the Ad building and the other going out near Ponca campsite. After piling the snow, the groups set out to check out the camp in the winter. After lunch they finished their shelters and had dinner out on the ice. The next morning breakfast was eaten out on the ice; unfortunately it did not go below zero to earn the Zero Hero patch. Above is the patch that the participants all received.

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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 utilize the Lavine Alumni cabin to experience Tomahawk.

- 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 As-

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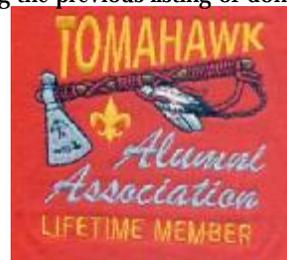
Annual membership dues are only \$15 or free for current year staff persons. Lifetime membership is \$150 or \$175 including a custom jacket with the alumni association crest. Dues are used to pay for annual events and provide resources for camp projects designated by the association.

You can check out recent alumni news at <http://alumni.camptomahawk.org>. Please 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

Project to Build the New Entrance Sign

There is still time to help! Currently we are at 80% of our \$6,000 goal for the sign project. If you have thought about giving, NOW is the time. Construction is about to begin! The replicated original Tomahawk sign will direct campers and visitors to the new Berglund Visitor Center and, beyond that, adventure at one of the finest Scout camps in the BSA. Joining the previous listing of donors are;

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Beautiful Lavine Cabin at Tomahawk Available for TAA Members

Tomahawk Alumni Association members last summer used Lavine Cabin as a way to visit Tomahawk and have fun with their family and it is available again in 2009. Once staff members have finished their involvement as camp staff, it can be hard to find a way to visit Tomahawk. To accommodate alumni who want to come back, Tomahawk has a beautiful cabin available for alumni members to use.



Lavine Cabin is tucked away on a hillside not far from the Central Administration Building, with views of and access to Long Lake. Sleeping space includes a full bed, one set of bunks, and a couch/futon. Amenities are simple but nice: basic kitchen facilities, bathroom, water and electricity, a dock on Long Lake, a grill, and the beauty of the north woods. So come up with your significant other or a few of your alumni friends and see what is new and what traditions continue at TSR. There is a \$35 per night fee for the cabin.

To make a reservation please email kburbank@northernstarbsa.org Tomahawk welcomes you, and the TAA wishes you a most agreeable stay.

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