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Northern Star Council Executive John Andrews (right) and Tomahawk Alumni Association President Jim Frost accept the \$350,000 R.R.W. and Florence Berglund Family Foundation check to be used for construction of a welcome and history center at Tomahawk Scout Reservation. The alumni association will have an active role in planning and implementing the history aspect of the new center. Photo was taken at the annual meeting of the TAA last December.

Persons having historical Tomahawk items they would like to donate to the welcome and history center should contact Mark McCabe at mmccabe@northernstarbsa.org

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Long Range Planning

Your Tomahawk Alumni Association is represented on the camp's Long Range Planning Committee by its president, Jim Frost. Other members of the committee are Chuck Gitzen, Dave Kinde, Dan Bartholic, Sherwood Pomeroy and Terry Peterson along with professional staff persons Mark McCabe and Jim Schwieger. Taken as a whole, the committee represents a wide range of interest and expertise in Tomahawk and its future. One of the committee's first challenges

was to select a site for the new history and welcome center to be constructed later this year. For a number of reasons the site selected is north of the present camp entrance near what is now the C.O.P.E. course. It is anticipated that in the future the main camp entrance will also be in this area with the present camp road dedicated to service vehicles.

The next job for committee members is drafting a formal long-range vision statement for Tomahawk with accompanying

objectives, goals and strategies. One of four major objectives is for Tomahawk Scout Reservation to expand and increase the quality of service and programming to volunteers. A primary goal under this objective is to support the alumni association's efforts to benefit TSR, with a strategy that includes promotion of membership in the association.



Lavine Cabin

There's a place to stay when you visit TSR. 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 2008. 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. The cabin is reserved exclusively for TAA members and guests.

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 contact Carol Forrest at 651-254-9158 or email cforrest@northernstarbsa.org Tomahawk welcomes you, and the TAA wishes you a most agreeable stay.



Alumni News

(This column will contain news for and about alumni—marriages, deaths, other significant events and camp- or association-related tidbits. Send submissions to Jim Frost at jamesgfrost@earthlink.net.)

- **Important reminder:** This year's reunion will celebrate the 55-year anniversary of Tomahawk Scout Reservation. It will actually be two reunions held Saturday, July 19 at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp (River Camp) and Sunday, July 20 at Tomahawk. Check out the association Web site for details: <http://alumni.camptomahawk.org/>.
- Carol Kelsey (nee Engevik), camp nurse at Tomahawk in the 60s, has created a University of Minnesota School of Nursing Class of 1960 endowed scholarship to the nursing school together with her college roommate, Mary Lou Christensen. Carol told UMNNews, "We were so thrilled to be able to create this scholarship. We are the first class from the School of Nursing that has done this. It's amazing what can be accomplished when classmates pool their resources to make a difference." Carol met her husband Don at camp; he was a staff member in the 50s and 60s.
- Director Mark McCabe reports that a \$10,000 donation was recently made to the camp by Patricia Eggert and will be used to renovate the Protestant Chapel. Tomahawk also recently received a 22-foot Chrysler sailboat in pristine condition from longtime Scouting volunteer, Marion Mast.
- Many persons enrolled as TAA lifetime members for \$150 before custom designed jackets were included at a total cost of \$175. Persons wishing to upgrade their lifetime memberships and receive a jacket may do so for an additional \$25. Contact Mark McCabe or Carol Forrest at the east (St. Paul) Northern Star Council office if you are interested in the upgrade. You can also use the membership form on the back page, pay the additional \$25, give your jacket size and mail it to the Scout office with a note that you are upgrading your membership.
- Membership chair Bob Albright continues to update the TAA data base with addresses and other information on past staff members. Bob and his committee extend special thanks to former Camp Director Jeff Sulzbach for his help with this. Jeff is now Director of Development for the Northern Star Council and is based in St. Paul at the Hulings Scout Service Center.
- Michael W. Brown, on the staff at Tomahawk in the early 2000s, died Aug. 26, 2007, as the result of a motorcycle accident. He was 23 years of age and a graduate of Winona State University. He was working in computer tech support at SPSS in Rochester. His family asked that memorials be sent to the Gamehaven Boy Scout Council.
- News of the unexpected death of Steven F. Ethier, 62, was in the St. Paul Pioneer Press March 27, 2008. Steve was at Tomahawk in the 60s, working in the Central Camp (now Chippewa) trading post. Memorials preferred to the American Diabetes Association or donor's choice.

Tomahawk is Hosting National Camp School

Work Party at TSR – Saturday, May 10, 2008

The Tomahawk Alumni Service Committee needs your help setting up Tomahawk for National Camp School. For the first time in its history Tomahawk will host a National Camp School. The school trains camp staff members from across the entire Midwest in areas including Aquatics, Climbing, Program Director, Camp Director, C.O.P.E., Shooting Sports and more. This is a great opportunity for us to show our pride in Tomahawk and spread the word about Tomahawk Scout Reservation across the country.

The camp school will be based out of the Chippewa camp within Tomahawk. There is a lot of work to do. Tents need to be set up, the dining hall has to be cleaned, the kitchen ready for food service, the facilities cleaned and more. We need your help! We will host a work party from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 10. People are welcome to stay at Tomahawk Friday evening at the White Pine bunkhouse if they would like to. Otherwise please come directly to Chippewa camp, wear work clothes, and be ready for hard work and fun throughout the day. Meals will be provided on Saturday.

Please contact the TAA service coordinator Paul Fischer at 651-207-2705 or pwfischer11@yahoo.com to let him know you'll be able to attend. Your service is needed to give the best impression of Tomahawk that we can.



TSR Director's Update - Mark McCabe, Tomahawk Director

2008 Looks to be a Busy Year!

One of the great things about Tomahawk, in my opinion, is the constant investment in new programs and facilities that help make Tomahawk great. Several programs and projects are underway at Tomahawk this season. Some of the highlights include:

- Use of the newly purchased farm property which will include horse trails, mountain biking, and expanded bison fields
- Construction of a new Super Climbing Tower located near the high C.O.P.E. course
- Tomahawk will host National Camp School May 31- June 6
- Increased weeklong high adventure programming for older Boy Scouts
- Construction of a Welcome Center which will include a History Center

It's going to be a busy summer season. Thousands of Boy Scouts, Webelos, and volunteer leaders will soon be heading to Tomahawk to receive their summer program. The staff is working hard to provide a program that creates life long memories for the Scouts attending Tomahawk.

We need your help setting up camp for National Camp School, help training our camp staff, and help to get the camp set up for another season. The staff we have hired for this season is an exceptional group of young men and women. I am privileged to see the Scouting program build leadership skills not only in Boy Scouts but also in the staff. Please make an effort to come to camp this summer and get to know the staff. They are as dedicated as ever to the Scouting program. Thanks for all you do for Tomahawk and the Scouting program. I look forward to seeing you this spring and summer!



The 2008 Tomahawk Season is Revving Up! - Mark McCabe, Tomahawk Director

We are in the process of hiring the staff for the 2008 season at Tomahawk and had a record number of applicants this year to work at camp. With so many quality individuals applying to work it has taken a lot of time and diligence by the camp directors to select the best possible staff for their camps. It is truly a testament to the quality of the staff and program, Tomahawk is known for, to have such interest.

A large new addition to Tomahawk will begin this spring as we start construction on a new 50' tall high adventure climbing tower. The new tower will be located just

across from the high C.O.P.E. course. All four sides will be adorned with rock holds and chimney climbs will be built on the inside of the tower. It will be another large and highly visible symbol of the success of Tomahawk's high adventure programs.

We are increasing the size of the high adventure program as a whole this summer to accommodate the increasing numbers of older Scouts signing up. Last years new T2 Program has increased staff and trip offerings for this summer. T2 is a week full of high adventure in and out of camp, and has been a huge success and

well received as a new option for older Scouts who have already attended camp several years.

Last year the Rindsig Farm was purchased and this April we officially take over the property which is just past the bison pens on the way to White Pine. The new property offers possibilities for new outposts, new program areas, lake access to Mud Lake, and much needed storage buildings for camp vehicles and equipment. The larger cleared pastures will be rented to support more bison which in turn is increased revenue for the camp.

Entrance Sign Project

One of the immediate goals for the Tomahawk Alumni Association as determined by the board of directors and membership is to raise funds to design and build a traditional log camp entrance sign.

Former TAA chair Jim King, current board member Steve Flood and recent staff member Lars Loberg are heading up the effort. Plans for the campaign will be announced soon.

The sign will be an exact duplicate of the 12-foot structure that was a landmark at Tomahawk for many years and additional enhancements are being considered for the entrance. The original sign had three large logs evocative of the Scout hand sign and included original painted location and welcome signage. It is rumored that several 50s and 60s staff members never would have made the turn into camp on some nights had it not been for the massive edifice that pointed the way.

At any rate, funds will be raised and the new sign will be in place for the 2009 summer camping season.



Original Entrance Sign

TAA Membership

If you are reading this, you know that Tomahawk Scout Reservation has a formal association for camp staff alumni and friends of Tomahawk. 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.

You are the best recruiter of new members for the Tomahawk Alumni Association. Please make the effort to inform former staff members about the association and that we are actively recruiting people to join. 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.

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Tomahawk Alumni Association

Membership Levels by calendar year

Annual Current Camp Staffer	\$5.00
Annual Member Dues	\$15.00
Lifetime Membership	\$150.00
Lifetime Membership with Jacket	\$175.00

Payment: \$ _____

Date: _____

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**Thank You for Supporting
Your Alumni Association!!**

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