

Tomahawk Alumni Association

Serving: Fred C. Andersen, Akela, Kiwanis Scout Camp, Day Camp, and Tomahawk Scout Reservation

Annual Meeting / Holiday Gathering

December 27, 2007

O'Gara's Bar & Grill

Annual Meeting 7:30-8:00 p.m. (more details on page 6)



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Message from the President

TAA Board Annual Report

Your current Tomahawk Alumni Association board was organized on Nov. 16, 2006, and including the annual meeting in December, met another five times.

During the past year, the following were accomplished:

- The previous governing committee was reorganized as a board; officers and board members were selected.
- Articles of association were adopted that among other things established the association's purpose and functions.
- The purpose of the association was defined as promotion of social activities for members, dissemination of information about Tomahawk Scout Reservation and the alumni association, and service and support to the camp.
- The dues structure was refined.
- An association Web site was established and has been maintained and enhanced.
- The historical display case at Tomahawk was cleaned and updated.
- A cabin at camp was made available to members wanting to make an overnight

visit.

- Two social events were held and attended by over 100 members.
- A TAA-sponsored sparkler for current staff persons was conducted at camp.
- Membership was opened to (all) friends of Tomahawk.
- The decision was made that newsletters will be posted on the Web site 30 days after mailing but will no longer be sent to non-members. Four newsletters were published and mailed (three to all 1,600-plus persons on staff mailing lists; this one, the fourth, only to paid members).
- The TAA board was represented on the camp's long range planning committee, which is developing the plan for a new welcome and historical center at Tomahawk.
- Planning was started for a special staff reunion to celebrate the camp's 55th anniversary next year.
- A regular schedule of board meetings was set. Meetings will be the second Wednesday night of the second month of each quarter starting at 6:00 p.m. at

the St. Paul Scout office. All members are welcome to attend.

Immediate goals for the association were determined:

1. Raise funds to design and build a traditional log camp entrance sign.
2. Be actively involved in planning and implementing the historical aspect of the camp's new center.
3. Financially support campers, staff or the physical needs of the camp in a unique way.

Please continue to spread the word about the TAA. Thank you for your support.

Jim Frost, President



New Board Members

Nominated for three-year board terms are Keith Johansen, Larry Moser and Tom Creager who will succeed Scott Heineman, Jim King and Greg Todd. Keith was a 50s staff person, Larry served in the 60s and Tom in the 50s and 60s.

Thank you to Scott, Jim and Greg for your service.

Continuing on the board are Steve Flood, Hugh H. Gwin and Chuck Perkins (one year remaining); Bob Albright, Paul Fisher and Scott Schuette (two years); Myron Jacobson (president elect) and Jim Frost (president).



55th Anniversary Staff Reunion

Next year marks the 55th anniversary of Tomahawk Scout Reservation.

The 50th anniversary staff reunion drew significant participation, despite problems in locating and notifying staff alums. Since then, the Tomahawk Alumni Association has grown and has contact information for many more former staff members. Attendance at summer and winter holiday reunions has been growing but those who no longer live in the area have not been well represented. We suspect that this is due to such things as not having enough notice and not having a sense of how many old friends would be in attendance at any given event.

We'd like to have a special reunion every fifth year, when everyone will know the dates and other particulars well in advance and can expect a large turnout. We'll even list everyone who plans to attend on the TAA Web site.

If you are interested in a reunion event, please indicate your preferences for each option on the enclosed survey, provide any additional suggestions and comments at the end, and return it to me. Thank you.

Larry Moser

55th Anniversary Staff Reunion Chair



2008 Tomahawk Staff Reunion Survey

Contact Info

Name	e-mail	Phone
Street/PO Box	City, State Zip	

Where would you prefer to see a 55th Anniversary Reunion? Please indicate your interest level for each option below from 0 [not interested] to 5 [very interested]:

- _____ At Tomahawk [1 day to full weekend]
- _____ At Tomahawk and in Twin Cities [Fri or Sat evening in TC, 1-2 weekend days at camp]
- _____ Fred C. Andersen aka River Camp (1 day to full weekend)
- _____ Fred C Andersen & Stillwater [Fri or Sat evening in Stillwater, 1-2 weekend days at camp]
- _____ Location in Twin Cities

[evening meal]	[noon meal]
_____Thursday	_____Saturday
_____Friday	_____Sunday
_____Saturday	

What kinds of activities would you like to see at a 55th Anniversary Reunion? Please indicate your interest level in each activity below from 0 [not interested] to 5 [very interested]:

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| _____ Camp Tours | _____ Alumni Campfire |
| _____ Explore camp at own pace | _____ Share memories with large group |
| _____ Reconnect with old friends | _____ Share memories with others on staff in same era |
| _____ Meet staff of other eras & share stories | _____ Share memories informally with others |
| _____ Learn about current camp operations | _____ _____ |
| _____ Songfest | _____ _____ |

What day(s) of the week would you prefer for a 55th Anniversary Reunion? Please indicate your interest level for each of the 8 options below from 0 [not interested] to 5 [very interested]:

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| _____ Friday Evening | _____ Sunday noon meal and afternoon |
| _____ Saturday Evening | _____ Friday evening and Saturday |
| _____ Saturday noon meal and afternoon | _____ Saturday evening and Sunday |
| _____ Saturday noon meal through evening meal | _____ Friday evening through mid-day Sunday (only in Jun/Sep/Oct) |

What time of year would you like to hold a 55th Anniversary Reunion? Please indicate your interest level from 0 [not interested] to 5 [very interested] below:

- Jun [Limited Camp Operation - some lodging avail at camp] Oct [Limited Camp Operation - some lodging avail at camp]
- Jul-Aug [Full Camp Operation - no lodging at camp] Sep [Limited Camp Operation - some lodging avail at camp]

What additional comments or suggestions do you have?

The TAA is always looking for volunteers to help make this organization better. Please indicate if you are willing and able to assist in the following areas.:

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| Fold | <input type="checkbox"/> Locating former staff members | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan and organize activities | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicizing the reunion | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange and secure locations | Fold |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Help in other ways (List) | | |

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In Memory of...



Remembering Del Swanson

Tomahawk Staff alumnus Del Swanson, 58, passed away April 25, 2007, at his home in Lake City, of a brain tumor. Del began his camp staff service as a lifeguard and counselor for aquatics merit badges in the Voyageurs Area Council while attending high school in Pine City, MN. He was also an active Explorer and participated in several canoe trips in the Boundary Waters. Del served on the staff at Tomahawk as the Chippewa Beach Director in 1972 and 1973, he is pictured here (third from left) with the staff he directed in 1973. His wife Pat who served as the Family Island Director accompanied him at Tomahawk. After Tomahawk Del joined the Indianhead Council staff in St. Paul and later had a successful career in the industrial fabrics industry. He remained active in youth programs including hockey and soccer, as well as aquatics with the Lake City Yacht Club, and enjoyed canoeing, hockey and judo. His wife Pat survives him along with daughters Kim and Mindy, and brother Lee.

Submitted by Richard Herman,
Tomahawk Staff Member, 1969-73



Remembering Fern Martinson

Tomahawk staffers of the 50's and early 60's were saddened to hear of the passing of Fern Martinson on Oct 2, 2007 at age 97. Fern was one of the two 'original' camp cooks, along with Mary Kleven. Many of us were able to visit with Fern at the staff reunion at Andersen Camp just a few years ago. Fern was married for 71 years to Amos, and taught at several schools in the area, including Birchwood, Haugen, Mikana, and Brill. She was a graduate of Univ. of WI, Eau Claire. Two of her daughters,

Mary (Fromenthal) and Joann (Forward) were long time members of the Indianhead Council staff prior to retirement 5 years ago. Mary was also a Tomahawk staff member in 1956.

Fern was able to get a group of high school boys focused on food service, getting the job done right, on time, and enjoying what we did. Not an easy task, but her experience as a teacher shone through. Many of us were fortunate to have maintained contact with her over the years. She, along with many others, can take credit for making Tomahawk one of the premier Scout camps in the country.

Jim King
Past TAA Chair



44 former staff members met at the River Camp (Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp) on June 4, 2004. Fern Martinson is seated in the second row far left with daughter Mary at her side.

You will be missed...





The 2007 Tomahawk Season a Success - Mark McCabe, Tomahawk Director

Tomahawk celebrated many successes during the 2007 summer camp season. Some highlights included a 15% increase in Navajo Webelos Camp attendance, a 50% increase in participation in the Lake Superior Sea Kayaking adventure, and increases in high adventure participation.

Several new program features made for a revitalized program for Scouts. New program features included:

- A fun 9 hole mini golf course at Navajo
- An 18 hole disc golf course for all Scouts to enjoy
- A revamped COPE program which allowed for more Scouts to enroll in the program
- A 12 foot inflatable iceberg on Sioux beach for Scouts to climb

Navajo campers got a chance to learn more about the transition to Boy Scouts in a program called Webelos Outpost. Just over 500 Scouts and parents participated in this new program. Activities included spending a night in a Boy Scout campsite, disc golf, splat ball, swimming, team building, and dutch oven cooking.

Annual Meeting / Holiday Gathering set for December 27

The holiday season is fast approaching. All camp staff alumni, their families, and friends of Tomahawk Scout Reservation are invited to a combined Annual Meeting and Holiday Gathering. Current staff and alumni 21 years old and older are invited to O'Gara's Bar & Grill on Thursday December 27. Our gathering will take place in the Brew Pub room at O'Gara's. The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. The annual meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. Your attendance at the annual meeting is valued and important. This is

one of the only face to face opportunities for members to provide feedback to the alumni board. The holiday gathering will begin immediately following the annual meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m. The alumni association will provide Hors d'oeuvres during the evening.

Boy Scouts, 14 years of age and older, were offered a new high adventure program called T-2. This program allowed Scouts to participate in several day long high adventure programs throughout their week at camp. Activities included whitewater kayaking, rock climbing, COPE, golfing, and spending an overnight on Seminole Island at Tomahawk Scout Reservation. The T-2 program was a great success serving 160 Scouts during its first summer.

Most importantly Scouts of all ages learned leadership skills, increased their self confidence, and learned timeless Scouting values. In addition to the camp staff several other people are to be thanked for a successful summer season. Many thanks to the countless alumni members who donated to the Friends of Scouting campaign which helps fund our operating budget and keep Tomahawk affordable, the people who volunteered time at Tomahawk to improve the facilities, the staff sparkler organization, the staff mentors, and supporters of the camp program.

Thanks for all you do to continue the many great traditions at Tomahawk Scout Reservation!

This gathering is a great opportunity to learn more about the different ways the alumni association supports Tomahawk and to reconnect with staff members you may have worked with. Please help spread the word to other former camp



staffers you are in contact with. O'Gara's Bar & Grill is located at 164 Snelling Avenue North in St. Paul. A RSVP is not required but it will help us plan. Please call Mark McCabe at 651-254-9138 or send an e-mail to mmccabe@northernstarbsa.org by Dec. 20 if you plan on attending.

Happy Holidays!

Scott Schuette, TAA Social Chairman