Metigoshe Scout Reservation Reunion

The Metigoshe Scout Reservation Reunion was held on August 21-23, 2009 at the old Boy Scout Camp now located within the Lake Metigoshe State Park. Thirty-five past staffers showed up to remember and share their memories of working and attending camp from 1958 through 1991. We were very fortunate to have a representative from every year that the camp was open in attendance during the reunion; a pretty remarkable feat considering the camp was open for 33 years. A special guest Phil Blomquist, the last Ranger at the camp was honored by receiving the Alumni Achievement Award an annual award given out to people who render service of an outstanding and considerable nature to the Northern Lights Council camps on all levels over an extended period of time. In attendance were past staffers from Bottineau and as far way as Maryland, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, South Dakota, Kansas and Minnesota.

Organized by the Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps this event was highly successful in uniting these staffers covering 5 decades. Many had not seen each other since they were in their early twenties, now in there forties, fifties, and even seventies there was much to catch up. Reminiscing over photos and slides, memories quickly came back to the time of being at camp providing an experience of Scouting to countless boys over the many summers that Metigoshe Scout Reservation operated. Old campsites were explored and the camp’s building were checked out as groups of staffers talked about what they did on staff and how they were effected by the camp. Saturday winded down by having a campfire with stories and skits from the past and a chapel service on Sunday morning. As everybody was saying their last good-byes the conversation turned to making sure they stay in contact with each other and how much better the next reunion will be.

In photo - group photo behind the camp dining hall
Paul Olson, Bottineau checking out some photos from 1958

Dr. Erik Williamson, Grand Forks and Rev. Peter Boe sharing some memories

Foreground Curt Schall (Minot, ND) talking to Larry Hagen the manger of the Lake Metigoshe State Park after the group photo

Brothers Rod Johnson (Sandy, Utah) and Dr. Richard Johnson (Lake Metigoshe/Scottsdale, Az) singing a song with Nic Jacobs (Lake Metigoshe) tending the fire

L t oRr Ron Elliot (Grand Forks, ND), Ken Fuchs (Williston, ND), Dr. Erik Williamson (Grand Forks, ND) watching the campfire
Dear All,

At our last Lake Agassiz district meeting I was reminded that the Alumni Association is quite active, which I appreciated. It also made me realize that I'd better write this letter for the "Aurora" before I leave the country for a week.

The camping season of summer 2009 in Camp Wilderness is behind us. I understand that it has been a successful season. I want to thank the staff again for a job well done. Camp Wilderness is the highlight of the scouting year for the younger scouts before they go on the activities such as Boundary Waters or Philmont. I am always grateful that the camp has such excellent staff. They make the scouts' experience in camp such that they want to come back. I sincerely hope that the efforts to create more high adventure activities possibly away from camp in order to keep things interesting for the older scouts will prove successful. I invite everybody to share ideas about possible activities with Brad Olson.

Camp Wilderness has fabulous facilities. Having come from a scouting experience outside of this country I really appreciate how excellent the facilities of our Camp Wilderness are. I still compare camping in Wilderness with staying at a Hilton or a Waldorf. I am glad that so many alumni continue to enjoy the camp and are willing to help to improve it.

As president I invite all to enjoy Camp Wilderness activities or gatherings as well as the reunions in the other camps. I also beg you to continue helping maintain and improve our camp.

Yours in Scouting,

Willem Schrage – President

Phil Blomquist is Honored with Alumni Achievement Award During Metigoshe Reunion

For nearly a year, Phil’s wife, Virginia and Chris Soper conspired to find an appropriate location to award Phil Blomquist with The Alumni Achievement Award. Chris Soper and Bob Szczys had also been talking for years about having a Metigoshe all staff Reunion. After putting two and two together and coming up with four, the Metigoshe reunion date was set and the weekend had been cleared for Phil to come to camp for the reunion. Little did he know that the weekend was planned around him. Here is what the person who nominated Phil for the Alumni Achievement award had to say about him.
“I first met Phil Blomquest when I was eleven years old. At this point, Phil had been the ranger for Metigoshe Scout Reservation for several years. In total, Phil served 18 years as ranger of the camp. Phil managed activities in camp year round. He prepared buildings for troops in the winter, plowed roads, and welcomed troops and other organizations for spring and fall activities. In the 18 years that Phil was at camp, the camp was maintained to perfection. Every building, road, and campsite was in perfect condition even during hard times in the council when money was not available. Phil found a way to gather materials and maintain a high standard. Both directly and indirectly, Phil Blomquest affected the lives of every scout, scouter, volunteer, or visitor to Metigoshe Scout Reservation during his 18 years as ranger. I am still in contact with him today and he continues to provide valuable historical information regarding staff members and a vital part of the history of the Northern Lights Camp.”

If you get a chance, give Phil a call or letter and thank him for his years of service. 701-352-0377 or 241 Burgamott Ave, Grafton ND 58237.

2009 Alumni & Staff Spring Gathering-Tropical Fun!

Aloha! June 12-14 marked the annual Alumni & Staff Spring Gathering at Camp Wilderness. Traditionally, the Spring Gathering has been held the weekend prior to staff week, but this year it was decided to be held at the end of staff week. The reasoning for this was to increase the attendance of the incoming staff. In past years, attendance was limited to many of the camp staff veterans who could come to camp earlier than required.

During the weekend, alumni worked on several projects that included starting the new human foosball court at the Cub Scout Camp and laying out the markers for the “History Trail”.

On Saturday evening, The Association hosted a tropical themed luau down at the waterfront. Kabobs were cooked for dinner at the beach and everyone enjoyed the casual and fun atmosphere of the event. Over 50 staff, alumni and alumni families were present for the luau activities.
In the evening, a campfire and s’mores were available for all to enjoy. Next year’s spring gathering will be held June 11-13 at Camp Wilderness. We hope to see many of you there!

Chris Soper Receives 2009 Alumni Achievement Award

At Camp Wilderness’s 50th Anniversary in 1996, the Alumni Association created an Alumni Association Achievement Award to recognize outstanding dedication and service to one or more of our camps. Only 16 people have received this award to date. Our 2009 recipient is Alumni Association veteran Chris Soper from Lenexa, Kansas. For over 20 years, Chris has been integral to the operation and support of Camp Wilderness. His contributions started as a scout and later served in several capacities on camp staffs. Chris has fervently supported the camp financially. Chris’s name can be found in several areas of camp. There are other places that it should be found, but he did not want it that way. Despite living in Kansas, Chris manages to come up to camp to serve for a full week every summer and he has done so for years, serving as a role model for staff and scouts alike. Chris was presented his award up at Camp Wilderness on July 2, 2009. Congratulations to Chris for his on-going service to Scouting and to the Northern Lights Council Camps!
Hi all. I have been lost for awhile. After a great number of summers at Wilderness, Metigoshe, and Heart Butte, I joined the Navy. Spending 4 years as a Corpsman and participating in Desert Shield and Storm as a Marine Corpsman I became a paramedic in the Chicagoland area. I worked for a private ambulance company for about 6 years. In that time I got married to a lovely person (Dawn) who is a teacher. The company I worked for went belly up and I ended up working for the State of Illinois as an equipment operator. Yes that seems strange but I really liked the job and it paid the bills. While working for the State of IL I bought a house in North Aurora IL and settled down and started a family. During this time I was still a paramedic and became a paid on call firefighter. I discovered that firefighting is what I really liked so I started testing for different departments and ended up as a full time firefighter for Aurora Illinois. I work 24 hours and get 48 hours off. I have since become a fire behavior expert and teach new cadets at the academy. I am also a fire investigator, I really like putting the puzzle back together and figuring out how the fire started and there is a satisfaction being involved in putting arsonist in jail. I do this and am still on shift assigned to a truck company (Ladder truck). I have been away from scouting for too long. My oldest son is now at the age to join a troop after the Cub Scout thing. My youngest is still in Cub Scouts. I have become involved in a very small troop. We are only bringing 8 out of 23 kids to camp this summer. This is a big change from my days with Troop 346 and having 20 or 30+ scouts at camp. I am involved in Three Fires Council, troop 28 and will go to Camp Freeland Leslie in Wisconsin. I hope my two sons get out of scouting that I did. So far they both really enjoy the programs. The time I spent in scouting, and the time I spent at the Northern Lights Councils camps are still some of the best times in my life. Even though I have lost touch with most everyone, there isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about those years.

Steve Wedll wedll@sbcglobal.net
Metigoshe 1986, 1987
Heart Butte 1986

Mike Schlieman worked on the Waterfront in 89 and he and his family are currently living in East Grand Forks. Mike has a son in Webelos and a also has a daughter. We ran into Mike at the Cub camp this summer. Drop Mike a note at 223 3rd St NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721 or at newsletters@schlieman.net He can also be reached by phone at 218-773-1889.

Steve Fisher is currently living in Brainerd MN with his wife and family. Steve worked at Wilderness in 79-84 and was Camp Director in 93. Drop him a note at 1720 Norwood St, Brainerd, MN 56401. Or call or email at 218-825-0357 safishes@brainerd.net.

Scott Wheeler, along with wife Tammy, have moved from Bismarck, ND to Plains, Mt due to a new job as a Long Term Care Administrator in Hot Springs, Mt with Evergreen
Healthcare LLC. He can be found at 7477 W Hwy 200, Plains, Montana. (406) 826-7272 and emailed at scottw04@gmail.com. Scott worked at all three summer camps in ’86 (Wilderness, Metigoshi, & Heart Butte), Metigoshi and Wilderness in ’87, and Wilderness in ’88 as a Water Front Aide.

Warren Bucher is now living in Hawaii working as a Coastal Engineer. Just a grouchy old man with no wife or kids. I came here in 1978 for grad school and never left. Before that I was in the Air Force for 7 years. I transferred to the AF Reserve when I came here and am now a military retiree. I still work at my company job trying to save beaches while protecting shoreline property. Not a problem we had in North Dakota. I travel to the "mainland" as we call it, a couple times each year to visit family and to climb rocks, which I enjoy. I haven't been back to North Dakota since 1971, I believe.
Home phone is (808) 623-8550. Email is wbucher@oceanit.com.

Paul Olson is now living in Bottineau ND. Give him an email at Paul.olson@bench.com or a call at 701-228-2030 607 West Pine Circle Bottineau, ND 58318

New Members

Barry and Jill Davis. Barry has been in scouting for 23 years and is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He is interested in scouting history in North Dakota. Jill is English and has lived in Minot for 20 years and is active in Webelos and is a Webelo camp leader for several years. Both have been volunteer commissioners at Wilderness. Contact them in minot at 807 8th Street NW Minot, ND 58703 or 701-852-9526

Marianne Jezierski joins us as a lifetime member after serving as an active person for the past few years. Marianne has been a leader of the Two Harbors troop and most recently has been donating time and materials to create the wonderful Birthday and Thank You cards that many of you have been receiving. Drop Marianne a thank you for all of her work at 1949 Hwy 2 Two Harbors, MN 55616 or give her a call at 218-834-4587.

Chuck Ensign joins us as an Annual Member. Chuck is a leader from Two Harbors and has been instrumental in many of the Alumni Association projects. We are so happy that Chuck and his son Josh have made camp Wilderness their summer home. Drop Chuck a note at 6757 Homestead Rd, Duluth, MN 55804 or an email at ensignchas@wwwb.org.

Steve Fisher joins us as a Lifetime Member. Steve worked at Wilderness in 79-84 and was Camp Director in 93. Steve has close ties to The Association as his parents and two other brothers have been highly involved in the Northern Lights Camps.

Grant Patterson joins The Association and hails from Des Lacs ND. Grant is a pastor at Bethel Lutheran of New Town and is married with a 16 year old daughter and a 15 year old son. Grant has served as Chaplain at Camp Wilderness. Drop him a note at 15715 19th Ave NW Des Lacs ND 58733 or call or Email at 701-725-4647 or gmpatterson@srt.com.
Dave Pederson joins The Association as a Lifetime Member. Dave is currently living at 844 East Lake Brophy, Alexander, MN 56308. Dave was an active Scoutmaster and strong supporter of Camp Wilderness and the Scouting program. Dave’s son, Brodie, worked at Camp Wilderness in the 80’s. Give him a call at 320-763-4681 or email at dpedersen@charter.com.

Mike Schlieman joined the Association this summer as an Annual Member. Mike worked on the Waterfront in 89.

Two Committees Added:

During the 2008 Annual meeting, two committees were formalized. The Association took over the Camp Staff Scholarship administration last year and worked as an un-official committee. Jenny Fisher has taken on the committee as chair and is looking for members to help support the administration of the scholarship. The Ad-hoc History Committee has become a standing committee led by Bob Rezac. Bob and his committee are researching the historical areas of camp and recording them for future generations.

History Trail:
The History Committee has accomplished a milestone by placing the first markers on the Camp Wilderness History Trail. During Alumni Reunion Week, alum painted the markers and labeled them with their perspective letter. The history trail books can be checked out at the Black Building. Next time you are at camp, take a walk through history. The committee is actively seeking historical items from camp and is always welcoming historic pictures and people interested in contributing.

Interviews Continue:

Many of us have memories about our experiences at camp. Over the years, we have been trying to interview people who worked at camp through the decades. The interviews will be posted on our AV page. We recently interviewed David Quam, who worked at Wabaunaquat. Look for the interview to be posted in the near future.

New Face of Alumni

The Association is now on Facebook. Look us up by using "The Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps". Sign up today! http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=123513023101
Dates to Keep

- Fall Fellowship - The Fall Fellowship will be held October ??-??, 2009. Contact the Fargo Scout Office to register. Come join the fun and fellowship and help with fall camp projects.
- Winter Aurora Deadline – Have all articles in by Jan. 15, 2009 for the Winter Edition. Articles are to be sent to Scott Ralston Scott@skralston.com
- Spring Aurora Deadline – Have all articles in by May. 15, 2010 for the Spring Edition. Articles are to be sent to Scott Ralston Scott@skralston.com
- The Wabaunquat reunion will be May 15, 2010.
- Staff week will start June 6, 2010.
- Alumni Spring Gathering is planned for 11-13 June, 2010.
- Alumni week is planned for July 4-10, 2010.

Break out the Photo Album!

We need photos for the History Project & Website. We are looking for photos or slides from any of our camps. They can be recent or of the past. They can be great shots, those showing staff at their best, or your favorites. Contact Chad Swenson at Chad.Swenson@northernlightsalumni.com or call 701-388-2494

Electronic Aurora

If anyone is interested in receiving an electronic copy of The Aurora instead of a paper copy, please contact Chris Soper at chris.soper@northernlightsalumni.com or by phone at 913-221-7252. Electronic mailings cut down on publication & mailing costs and are more eco-friendly by saving paper.

Officers:

Do you want to get involved or have a question on some aspect of the association? Please contact one of the association officers. All officers are listed on our web site under the “Membership & Officers section http://northernlightsalumni.com/"

Stories

Do you have a personal story or reflection from events or time at camp? Would you be willing to share it? It can be serious, humorous, lessons learned, ideas for the future or anything else. The Aurora is always full of information such as dates and events but some of the most interesting articles are those personal expressions that past staff, campers & scouters share. These are also the most difficult articles to gather. Please forward such stories to scott@skralston.com to be included in a future Aurora edition. Thank You!
Softly Falls the Light of Day, As Our Campfire Fades Away…

Remembering Steve Werpy

Steve was found down and unresponsive on May 13th, and he basically never regained consciousness. He was taken to a Bismarck hospital for further care where he was in intensive care. The physicians did not know the cause. He had some spontaneous eye opening and would withdraw his limbs to touch but had no purposeful actions or responses, and he had remained in that state over the weekend. He was off the ventilator for a short time a few days ago but he did not tolerate this, and he needed to go back on the vent.

His brother and two sisters, along with their family were there with him in the hospital and they, attempted another trial off the ventilator on May 25th and this was not successful. Steve died later that afternoon. His sister Karen said it was very peaceful. The final cause was labeled a heart attack.

Services were held at Grace Lutheran Church in Ada, MN on May 30th. A special memorial was held at Camp Wilderness near Reed Lake on Steve’s birthday (July 30th) to celebrate his life. Steve always felt most at home at camp and his spirit will be felt there eternally.

Cards and Memorials may be sent to The family of Steve Werpy, 753 Pioneer Rd, Red Wing MN 55066. - Karen Renshaw (Steve's sister)
Memories of Steve Werpy

From: Jeff Pastir

Steve was very fond of stories. Steve, along with Neil Litton and Shawn Murphy, were the camp staff link to all things Scouting before 1977. Neil worked at Wabaunaquat but had the sense to bail on us during the switch to Wilderness. Shawn was too kind and stuck with it. Steve was in for the long haul. For better or for worse.

I joined camp staff in 1977, a year when the staff worked both at Wabaunaquat and Wilderness. I was only 15, so I became a CIT until my birthday in July. I had known of Steve from prior years as a Scout. He was the voice, although we could never "prove" it, at the OA ceremonies. He was also the staffer who would walk by the waterfront each morning and say hello to Shawn (Murphy). Steve would relate that many staffers would walk by at 11:00am and ask the waterfront director for the time, because he had trouble pronouncing "L"s.

When I first met Steve he told me that someday my Indian name in Order of the Arrow would be "Obnoxious One." The humor and irony of this was totally lost on me because I didn't know what the word meant, and I wasn't in OA so I had no idea what in the world he was talking about. Years later he told me his Vigil Honor name was translated as "Runt." It was actually more on the line of "Small One," but he always thought "Runt" was funnier.

Well, he must have saw some promise in me because I was called out the first week of summer camp. I think the REAL reason they did this was because Steve badly needed a drummer for the callouts. He would not do the Legend without one, and he wanted someone that could keep a steady beat, no matter where his voice went with the tempo. He was so serious on this matter that we would actually practice doing this. The pause at "For said he who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows, greatest" had to be absolutely perfect.

They let me drum for the callouts before I went through my Ordeal later that summer at Wilderness. That raised more than a few eyebrows from the "older" set. They thought Steve was setting a bad example by having someone participate in the callout before they had completed their Ordeal. He didn't care one bit.

That was the first of many collaborations over the next 32 years. Steve was one of the rare Northern Lights Council staffers who worked at all four of our council camps: Wabaunaquat, Wilderness, Metigoshe and Heart Butte Scout Reservation.

Steve's other favorite stories are too many to mention. I wish we had taped them all: chocolate pudding at lunch with John Lien; the Tootsie Roll in the kitchen cooler during national inspections: me teaching Randy Gebhart how to snorkel (ask Shawn about this one); the infamous night of the wood chips (ask Neil); the trip to Sprague; Doug Rickert's head injury; Brian Litton's friend Freddy; Matt T. Coad raking the beach; Claire Beach shooting the skunk in the old waterfront pump shed; "There's a fire in the kitchen;" and so many, many more.

He was a mentor, teacher, and role model for Scouting. And he's one of my best friends.

He often quoted Star Wars, especially Yoda. "There are only two: one the master and one the apprentice. But, who is the master, and who is the apprentice?"

"Muddled, the future is."

Although he was struck down, I believe he is now more powerful than we could ever imagine. And he will be with us, always.

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From: Eric Halverson

I too remember Steve as our first commissioner back in 1984. I think he got almost our entire troop to go out for the swimming merit badge. I also remember back in 1989 when I signed up to be a CIT but ended up getting offered a staff position. First for just Wilderness but then about 2 weeks before camp started getting the call to see if I would be able to work at Metigoshi because the dinning hall had just been completed and that was the first summer meals would be served to all campers there. That was a summer that changed so many things in my life. Thanks Steve you are one in a million. I just wanted to let you know that even though I won't be able to attend Steve's service on Saturday my thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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From Ada via California by Harpo Anderson

Life is very strange. I rarely see or talk to Steve much anymore; I live in California. But just this week Neal Litton had sent an email to both Werpy and myself. The article that had something to do about the city of Ada. And the three of us sent a few emails back and forth. This was the day before he passed out. Very strange.

I grew up with Steve Werpy in Ada, Minnesota. Steve was a little older than me. But we had Scouts in common. And we had Camp Wilderness in common. I worked on staff for three years while Werpy was on staff. The first time I had ever been to Camp Wilderness was the year I was a CIT and Steve was working the Trading Post. He seemed to take most of the new staff under his wing. And being from his home town, he was the only other staff person I knew at first.

I could share many stories about Werpy and trips to Bemidji. But all want to say is, that he will be missed.

Good Bye Steve.

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From: Brodie Pederson

I was relating Steve's passing with my dad last night and he reminded me that Steve had been our commissioner on Rotary hill the first year I was at Scout camp. Also that he had been the one to encourage and push me and several others in my troop through the Swimming merit badge, I wasn't fond of water then, but ...

Steve was also camp director the year I worked camp staff, many fond memories.

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From: Brian Norberg, Troop 652, Dilworth, MN

Nobody did an OA call-out ceremony like Steve Werpy. He was the unseen voice at OA "tap-outs" from my youth in the 70's. When I mentioned this to him at summer camp back in the 90's, he did the OA ceremony the "old way" that week, telling me the next day that he did that for me. He loved Camp Wilderness and tried to spend every birthday (at the end of July) at camp.

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From: Andrew Van Sickle

Steve was really an awesome guy, he really would take the shirt off of his back to help someone out. The one thing that I always remember was going on the Perkins run on Wednesday night and once Steve was like lets do a Chinese firedrill, and as we are running around the car I look at Steve and he really looked like he was lost running in circles it was hilarious, Steve you will always be in our hearts. You will be missed always.

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From: Steve Shark

I was an inactive Minniduta Lodge O.A. Ordeal member when I first joined CW staff in 1972 with Steve also serving as a fellow rookie staff member. Steve was a major reason why I got the OA "bug", got my Brotherhood that year, got active and eventually had the privilege of serving as Lodge Chief (as Steve did 3 years before me). Thanks Steve- I'm grateful for your friendship and your on-going dedication to our great camp.

In addition to that Pa-Hin patch, Steve also designed some Minniduta patches as well:

Spring 1973

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From: Shawn Murphy

I attached some photos of Steve for you to use or forward as you wish. I do like the photo of him with a coffee cup at the ready. The other was his Christmas program from when he was teaching in Las Vegas. I can only share how painful this is...
for me. Steve was scheduled to arrive here in Las Vegas last Friday for a visit. My attempts to call him last Wednesday went unanswered. I will remember Steve as forever giving.

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From: Steve Lyman

As most of you now know we have lost a great friend in Steve! He was one of us that lived for Camp Wilderness and never forgot those that worked there. He would give you the shirt off his back! It was with great sadness that I read Jeff Pastir's email last night and it brought back a ton of camp memories, mostly from the infamous summer of '95.

That was not the first summer that I meet Steve, which was in the late1980's when he was the camp director a position that I would later become. He would come down to Commissioner Campfires on Wednesday and finish off the campfire with a Scoutmaster's minute. I was astonished by what he said and how he acted, he was above the rest of us.

Later, I got the chance to share an office with Steve in the Black Building as he was the Business manager and I was the Lead Commissioner. It was a dramatic time for me as I lost a good friend that summer, totaled my first car and left my life to join the Army. Steve was always willing to lend an ear. Something that I never forgot, as busy as he was he always gave me a minute of his time.

That year was also the year that I was Chairman of the Fall Conclave, and when I needed help in designing the patch for that conclave Steve came thru for me. For those of you that still have the 1995 Fall Conclave patch, please take moment to remember the man that was always behind the scenes in scouting, and never looked for the limelight.

Later on Steve came back to camp as the Scoutcraft Director, and we began the three Steves, myself, him and Steve Edwards. We would stand in line at the Dining Hall and debate which Steve was the best as each one of us spelled it differently. It was a great time and something that may have seem trivial at the time is now something that I will hold dear.

Rest in Peace Steve Werpy and may the Great Scoutmaster watch over you!

1995 Fall Conclave Patch, It was a picture of original Buck Lake OA site!

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From: Robert Nyhlen

Thank you for our thoughts Steve. Werpy was in fact one of the most selfless people I knew. He will truly be missed and as my "Foster" Dad, he will always hold a place in my heart.

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From: John DeWerd

I was very saddened when I received the notice from Jeff. Steve was there at my first summer on staff, in 1985, and he was already an old "veteran" by then. He was an unforgettable person, and his legacy at camp will live on forever. He was not only a dear man but a dear friend, and though I hadn't seen him in many years I still often thought about him.

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From: Darla Dosch

In college Steve was the Grad Student for our band at UND one year. I remember it was so fun to watch him conduct the songs for us because he was so into the music. It was like he was dancing on the podium as he lead us through the music. He was like that in everything he did, so enthusiastic about scouts, music and life in general. He will be missed, but we will always remember the times we had with him. May he Rest in Peace.
Ways to Get Involved

Involvement in the Alumni Association can take on many forms depending upon your time availability. Some members simply join and read the newsletter. Others join a committee, participate in the events, or become elected officials and serve for several years. Here are some ways that you can get involved:

Write an article for The Aurora: Pick a topic, a memory, a story, any interesting topic and send it to the Publications Committee Chair. scott@skralston.com

Join a Committee: Serve as a member of a committee by contacting the committee chair or any officer of The Association.

Nominate Someone for The Alumni Achievement Award: Complete the nomination form and send it to the Alumni Achievement Committee Chair.

Participate in one of The Association events: Attend or help with the Staff Week, Open House, or Fall Fellowship events. Look for information in The Aurora or contact the respective committee chair.

Send Birthday Cards to staff members: We are looking for someone who will get a list of birthdays for each year’s staff and send him or her a birthday card. Contact The Association President if you are interested.

Help update the Alumni Roster: We are in the process of assembling a roster of all the people who have worked at one of the Northern Lights Council Camps. If you would like a copy of the lists that we have for the years that you worked, please contact Chris Soper at (913) 221-7252 or Email him at levelboy@hotmail.com.

Help put mailing labels on The Aurora: We always need help putting mailing labels on the newsletter. Contact the Publications Committee Chair for details.

Become an officer of The Association: If you would like to become heavily involved in the business of The Association, consider running for election. Contact any of the officers for information.


Memories from Camp: Jot down you fondest memories from camp in story or in letter form so that we can compile a book at some point.

Start a Local Chapter: Locate other alum in your area and host a social event. Contact any of The Association officers for information.

Help With the Web Page: If you have web skills you would like to share we are always looking to expand our cyber capabilities. Contact nlaumni@northernlightsalumni.com

Insert Your Idea Here: The sky is the limit; we welcome all ideas, projects and services. Contact any of The Association officers for information.
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