



WINTER 2011 EDITION

Circa 2002 - The new Camp Wilderness Boy Scout Camp Bell Tower

By Mike Melby

After reading the last edition of the Aurora, I thought you may enjoy knowing the 'history' of the new bell tower in the Boy Scout area of Camp Wilderness.

The original bell tower was built in the late 40's or early 50's to serve as the communication signal for 'chow call' and emergency alarm signals. It also 'protected' the 'spider valve section' for the camp water supply system. If you turned off the wrong valve – nobody had water until some 'knowledgeable' person came and turned on the correct valve.

In 2002, the old bell tower was removed during the construction of the new kitchen for the chow hall. That was the year the new kitchen would be upgraded to a 'year around' water supply from the new camp water supply system housed in the winter trading post.



The interesting part of the new bell tower 'history' lies in the initial planning for the new bell tower. Construction of the new bell tower was 'targeted' for the work weekend of 2002. The initial request for a 'good crew' to build the new bell tower came from Ranger Andy. He was concerned that the final product would produce a bell tower that would be an equal 'icon' as the last tower and would be a lasting structure for many years to come.

The 'initial' drawing coming forth from the council level of engineers must have certainly 'graced' more than one napkin while the tower was discussed at length. (see fig #1)

Looking for Winter Event Help

I am looking for Staff, Alumni, and other friends of camp that would be willing to help work the Romp, and also the Polar Cub. Usually if we have around 2-3 people at each event it works very well, and we have around 10-12 programs running throughout the day. It is a great time.



The dates for the Romp are 2/11/2010-2/13/2010. The dates for the Polar Cub are 3/11/2010-3/13/2010. I made one event so I didn't have to send out multiple notifications, because they are somewhat annoying. Respond here, with what event you are interested in, or let me know one way or the other if you are willing to help.

Friday is event setup. Saturday we run the events, most of which will be outside. We also help clean the kitchen up, and usually have some fun that night. Sunday we clean up and head home.

It would also be nice to have people with EMT training because there is around 200-300 people at these events. So if you have that, please keep us in mind.

Let me know if you are interested, or need more info: Ryan Foley - rfoley89@gmail.com

Happy winter to all.



The past two Twin Cities alum events were filled with conversation and fun for a roomful of people. Such frivolity was shared by 2-3 people each time. The Saints game idea this summer fell flat. Here is a different idea for a weekend. Please get back to me if all or even a part of this is something you would attend and the best dates.

A Winter Blowout including Waterpark of America, crackerbarrel, "luncheon" and a MN Wild hockey game. All this could be yours if you are interested. Staying at the Radisson attached to the Waterpark of America could be fun as well--with only a short hop to the Mall of America (free shuttle too) Make it a family retreat or stay with friends (6-8 people sharing the cost and staying in one room? I didn't hear that-lol.

The dates--following Wild home game schedule might be:

- Feb. 11-13 Wild play St. Louis Blues @ 8 on Sat.
- Feb. 18-20 Wild play Detroit Red Wings on Sun. (2/20) @ 5 PM
- March 4-6 Wild play Buffalo Sabres Sunday @ 5:00 PM

- March 18-20 Wild play Sat. vs. Columbus Bluejackets @ 1 PM and on Sunday vs. Montreal Canadiens on March 20.

Please let me know your ideas and interest. If enough of us are interested I can negotiate with the hotel/waterpark and the Wild box office on group rates. This would be a great family event.

I only have about 17 of us on my camp list on Facebook. Spread the word on this survey. Thanks. In cheerfulness, brotherhood and service,

Jeff Ronning, jeffmronning@comcast.net or Facebook

Northern Lights Council, Boy Scouts Of America Announces New Center For Scouting Capital Campaign

A meeting was held on November 19 in Fargo to communicate its plans for the next 100 years of Scouting! For more information about that meeting Contact: Mark Holtz, Scout Executive, 701.293.5011, mholtz@bsamail.org



BACKGROUND:

For 100 years the Boy Scouts of America has provided a comprehensive youth development program for communities across America. The Northern Lights Council, Boy Scouts of America is chartered by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America to administer programs of the Boy Scouts of America throughout the entire State of North Dakota, 18 counties in northwestern Minnesota and 2 counties each in South Dakota and Montana. The Northern Lights Council was incorporated in 1974 as a result of a merger of four Boy Scout Councils in North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota. The Council currently serves over 15,000 youth and over 4,000 registered adult volunteer leaders.

The Northern Lights Council's current facility at 301 7th Street South in Fargo was built in 1966 by the Red River Valley Council. In 1974, as a result of a merger between the four Scout Councils in North Dakota and parts of Minnesota, the Red River Valley Council's 3,300 square foot Scout Office became the administrative headquarters for the Northern Lights Council. The current facility does not allow for adequate resources such as training facilities, meeting spaces/conference rooms for staff, volunteers, and community partners, adequate Scouting resource materials or storage space. The building's conference room was converted to office space for our local field representatives. The current Scout store in the Council headquarters trading post only carries the most basic of Scout support materials. Through the generosity of Straus Clothing in Fargo and other distributors throughout our territory, they carry Scout uniforms and accessories for our membership.

The Council also owns and operates Camp Wilderness, a 2,400 acre long term Camp facility near Park Rapids, Minnesota. Over the last 12 years, the Council has infused nearly

\$3.5 million in capital improvements to “Scouting’s Outdoor Classroom”, Camp Wilderness. Camp Wilderness serves over 7,000 youth and adults annually.

Leggate inducted into Scouting National Hall of Leadership

By:Linda Sailer, The Dickinson Press

Kenneth L. Leggate, Dickinson, has been selected to represent the Northern Lights Council for induction into the Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership.

The National Hall of Leadership is not a hall or building in the traditional sense. It was created by the Boy Scouts of America as part of its 100th anniversary to recognize outstanding leadership by a Scout, volunteer or registered leader, according to a press release.

Responding to the announcement, Leggate said, “There are many people that are deserving of the award.” Leggate will be recognized for this honor during the 11th annual Roughrider Roundup on Thursday at the home of Dr. Richard and Julie McCallum in Dickinson. “Over 7,000 were nominated and 300 were selected for this award,” said Bill Anderson, Dickinson, senior district scout executive. “It is reflective of his decades of service to the Boy Scouts of America.



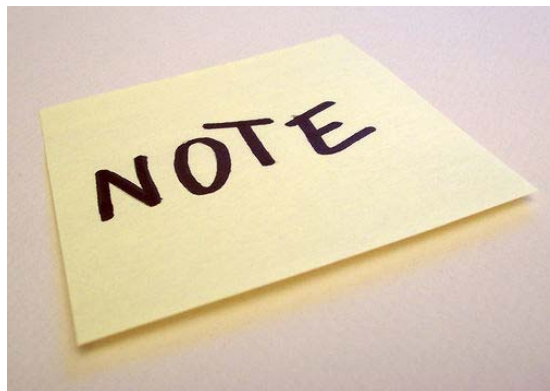
Leggate is described as a great example of volunteerism and the spirit of Scouting. “He is a phenomenal resource of information because of his long-term involvement with the program,” said Anderson. Leggate joined the Cub Scouts in Billings, Mont., in 1952 and is still involved 58 years later. “I’ve seen what it does for youth and I wanted to be involved,” he said. “When I started Cub Scouts, you’re working with parents. Then with Boy Scouts, you’re working with other Scouts and other adults, maturing along the way. Eventually, you approach your Eagle Award and you’re working with other adults in the community.” Throughout his career, Leggate has served as a leader in Anchorage, Alaska, Jamestown, Glendive, Mont., and Dickinson. He has served as district camping chairman, unit commissioner, district advancement chairman, Webelos leader and Den leader. He attended training and served as a trek leader at the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico. With this adventure, Scouts are taken on 50-mile treks, hiking all the way with supplies packed on burros or horses. He served as camp commissioner at Camp Wilderness, was an assistant Scoutmaster for the 1985 National Jamboree and Scoutmaster for the 1989 National Jamboree. Leggate was the founding Scoutmaster for Troop 26 in Dickinson, and continues to serve as an assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 32 in Dickinson. He was involved in the 2000 International Camperall and played a key role in the centennial celebration at the North Dakota capitol in June. He is a Council Wood Badge coordinator and active in the council’s Scouter’s Religious Association. Leggate was named a James West Fellow, earned the Silver Beaver Award, District Award of Merit, District Council of Campfire — Friend of Children and Youth Award and United Methodist Church

Cross and Flame Award. Leggate has been involved in other community organizations including El Zagal Shrine Frontiersmen, Roughrider Country Kiwanis Club, Elks, Masonic Lodge, Dickinson City Planning Commission and Stark County Planning Commission. He serves as Scouting coordinator for the United Church, which sponsors Cub Pack 26, Boy Scout Troop 26 and a Venture Crew.

His rewards come with simple thank-you's. "Well, it's quite a joy to have Scouts stop by and say thanks," he said.

Leggate is married to Eloise Leggate, who also is active in Scouting. They are the parents of two sons, Carl and Marcus, and a daughter, Julie. Both sons earned the Eagle Scout Award and their daughter received a Campfire WoHeLo Award — equivalent to the Eagle Award.

A note from Michael Vertin



I worked at Camp Wilderness during the summers of 1961 and 1962. Both years I was Campcraft Director---campsite maintenance, proper tent-setups, building tables with small logs and rope, cooking, and stuff like that. (The personal highlight of each week for me was meeting with scoutmasters' wives and showing them how to bake a cake in a dutch oven. Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't!) Chuck Kuhlman and I also had lots of fun running the weekly "Adventure Trail" competition

between troops. (I also had spent a week at Wilderness for many summers as a regular camper, before my two summers on the camp staff. I grew up in Breckenridge, MN, which had a very active Scouting program in the 1940s--1960s.)

One of my nephews (originally also from Breckenridge) is a guy named Ken Vertin. Perhaps you already have information on him, but he was active at Wilderness in the decades after I was there. (He was quite devoted to the camp, and perhaps he still is connected with it in some way.) His e-mail address: kenvertin@msn.com

You now have my e-mail address. I'll give you additional contact info at the bottom of the page. However, although I'm certainly willing to have an occasional interchange with persons from that era, I am not in position to devote a lot of time to memory-sharing at this point. (I continue to work at an interesting but very labor-intensive job.)

It's generous of you to serve with the Alumni Association, Chris. My thanks to you for your generosity.

Please pass along my warm greetings to Chuck Kuhlman the next time you're in touch with him. (Working with him during those two summers was a great delight!) Michael Vertin, 21 Dale Ave., Apt. 918, Toronto, Ontario M4W 1K3, Canada (416) 966-1216



Happy Birthday!

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As I was doing some research the other day, I came across the original paperwork when the camp was purchased by the Red River Valley Council. The camp became part of the council on December 24, 1945. Happy 65th Anniversary Camp Wilderness!!



Camp Wilderness Times

December 24, 2010

"The Adventure Begins Where The Road Ends"

Tw'as the Night Before Camp

Tw'as the night before camp when all through the woods,
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse
 The stockings were hung by the Black Building with care,
 In hopes that Ranger Andy soon would be there;
 The Scouts were nestled all snug in their beds,
 While visions of sledding danced in their heads;
 When out on the basketball court there arose such a clatter,
 I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
 The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
 Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
 When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 But a minivan, and eight tiny Scouts,
 With a Scoutmaster, so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment I must be quick.
 The Scouts were ready for fun and adventure,
 And Camp Wilderness was just the answer.
 The Scouts came to sled, ski, fish, and more.
 All they needed was the snow!
 As the winter weekends come and go,
 Summer will be here before we know.

Happy Holidays to you and you're Scouts!

Extra, Extra Snow Report for Camp!!

Currently there is 10 inches of snow on the ground. The ski trails and sledding hills are packed and ready for the first weekend in January. The ice is about 6 inches thick and safe to walk on.

Questions about camp?

Contact Brad Olson
(877) 293-5011
E-mail: bolson@nlcbsa.org

www.nlcbsa.org



Summer Camp 2011

Currently there are 117 Troops signed up for next summer. We will be doing some special camp webinar promotions in 2011 to help get your Scouts excited about summer camp and to help answer questions for parents.

The dates are:
February 24, 26, 28, and March 2

These special webinar promotions will be about a half hour each. You will be able to sign up for these webinars on the council website after the first of the year. If your Troop has not signed up for next summer yet, call the Fargo Service Center to make a reservation. We look forward to seeing you at camp next summer!

Winter Camp

The weekends of January 14, February 11, and February 18 are full. The rest of the weekends are filling fast! Food service is available for your hungry Scouts. There are new opportunities for Cub Scouts this year! Check out the winter camp leaders guide on the council web site: www.nlcbsa.org for more details. Call the Fargo Service Center toll free at 877-293-5011 to reserve your cabin!

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 23-27—Camp Closed
- Jan. 1- 3—Camp Closed
- Jan. 7-9—OA Winter Fellowship
- Feb. 12—ROMP
- March 12—Polar Cub
- April 15-17—Merit Badge Weekend
- April 15-17—Tiger Cub Camp
- April 15-17—Venture Skills Course
- April 29—May 1—Work Weekend

Fall Fellowship Update

Fall Fellowship was a great success this year. We had more than 40 people come out to enjoy the weekend at Camp Wilderness. Friday night we had a cracker barrel and campfire to welcome everyone to camp and provide a catalyst for conversation. It worked quite well, and personally I really enjoyed the opportunity to sit down and talk with Alumni that I rarely see. Saturday was filled with hard work, great food courtesy of Jo, and a little bit of Zorbaz. I would like to thank everyone that came out, worked hard, and enjoyed the weekend. I look forward to next year, and seeing everyone again.



Ryan Foley - Fall Fellowship Chair

Scout Salute

William E. Fabian

A special tribute to William E. Fabian, 84, passed away at the Lakewood Health System Care Center, Tuesday December 1, 2010. William was born in Durbin, ND. He lived in the Herman, MN area in his early years and most of his adult life in Fargo, ND. He and his wife, Charlotte moved to Staples in 2006, to be closer to family. William worked in sales and service in the sound business for over 35 years. In 1975, he became owner and operator of Music Systems and worked there until his retirement in 1992. In Fargo, William was very actively involved with St. John Lutheran Church. In addition to many years as a member of the church choir, he served as congregational president, council member and on various committees including building, clergy calling and anniversary. Singing with the FM Ambassadors Barbershop Quartet was also an activity engaged by William. For over 50 years, William touched countless lives of young men through his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America, receiving many awards including the Silver Beaver and the Lutheran Lamb Award for outstanding service to youth and God. Other pastimes included golf, fishing and hunting. Above all this William's love of his family and spending time visiting with them, and other friends was the highlight of his life. His family will remember him for his love and enjoyment of visiting with everyone. William is a veteran of World War II serving in the Navy aboard the USS South Dakota. William was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Martha (Gerber) Fabian and 7 brothers and sisters. William is survived by his wife Charlotte of 59 years; Children, David



(Beth) Fabian of Staples, MN, Daniel (Roxanne) Fabian of Roseau, MN, John (Alana) Fabian of Coon Rapids, MN, and Mary (Casey) Whelan of Maple Grove, MN; 11 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. Motley Honor Guard, Motley American Legion, Tri-County Post 124 provided full Military Honors.

Longtime Troop 219, Fargo, ND Scoutmaster-: From the mid 1960's to mid 1970's, Troop 219 accounted for 5 of the Minniduta Lodge, Lodge Chiefs. Bill became a Vigil Honor member ("Father of Chiefs"), in 1974. Steve Shark took the lower photo on Black Building porch, August 1986- Camp Wilderness 40th Anniversary weekend.



Vernon Hektner

Joel Hektner's father, Vernon, passed away last fall. Joel is a member of the Alumni Association and is currently the Chairman of the NLC Camping Committee. Joel and Vernon were both involved with the troop 346 in Wahpeton.

Our condolence goes out to the Hektner family.



Vernon Hektner was born on October 9, 1921 in Fergus Falls, MN to Joseph and Mabel (Huss) Hektner. His first home was in Richland County on a farm homesteaded by his grandparents. Having finished eighth grade in a rural school, Vernon went to Wahpeton High School, catching the bus in Mooreton. This was the first year that high school students were bussed into Wahpeton. After graduation from high school in 1939, he enrolled at the North Dakota State School of Science, commuting by car from home every day. In 1941, after finishing at SSS, he went to Concordia College in Moorhead and graduated in 1943. He taught school in Ulen, MN until 1944 when he received a scholarship to the University of Colorado in Boulder. After getting his Master's degree in August of 1945, he taught one year at Dawson Junior College in Montana and was teaching at Farragut College in Idaho when an opportunity came in December 1946 to teach history at NDSSS. He continued his graduate education in Boulder for an additional six summers. In 1956, Vernon became Dean of the Arts and Science Division, a post he held for 26 years. For ten years during his career, he served as an examiner for the North Central Association, evaluating two-year colleges in 18 states for accreditation purposes. He returned to teaching for two years before retiring in June 1984 after 40 years in education, 38 of them at Science. At that time, he was given the title Dean Emeritus and a building was named Hektner Hall in his honor.

On June 22, 1949 he was united in marriage to Leona Kragness, rural Walcott, who was employed in the Richland County Auditor's Office.

Vernon served ten years on the school board for Wahpeton Public School District 37. He also served eleven years as president of the Richland County Historical Society, and in 1976 was the editor of the 600-page Richland County History. He was known as the consummate authority on local history. For 46 years he maintained perfect attendance as a member of Kiwanis International, serving as president of the local club and in 1972 as governor of the Minnesota-Dakotas District. In 1999 he was awarded the Tablet of Honor from Kiwanis. For 24 years he held a seat on the Board of Directors of First Bank in Wahpeton.

He was also a member of the Sons of Norway, Masons, and past member of the Elks and Shrine. He was a 60-year member of NEA-NDEA. He was an interested alumnus of NDSCS where he belonged to the S-300 and 1903 Clubs, and of Concordia where he was a C-400 member. He also served 16 years on the Leach Public Library Board and was a professional speaker at various events throughout the area.

Vernon has been a member of Bethel Lutheran Church for more than 60 years, during which he served on several boards and call committees and authored the History of Bethel Church in 1990.

Vernon is survived by his wife, Leona, Wahpeton; his four children, Sonia (Marty) Grabarkewitz, Fargo, ND, Arla (Johnny) Runyon, Mitchell, SD, Kara (Brad) Rubinson, Boynton Beach, FL, Joel (Kristin) Hektner, Fargo; his eight grandchildren, Erin and Daniel Hagen, Ian and Alana Grabarkewitz, Shawn and Justin Rubinson, Owen and Ben Hektner; his great-grandchild, Jace. Vernon was very pleased to have all four children associated with careers in some form of education. Also surviving are his sisters, Sylvia (Carl) Likness, Jeannette Radig, Inez (Al) Eckre, and sister-in-law, Ann Hektner.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald Hektner.

In lieu of flowers the family would prefer memorials to the Vernon Hektner Scholarship Fund at the NDSCS Alumni Foundation or to the Bethel Lutheran Church Foundation.

Don Carlson

Don Carlson, aged 67 of Fargo, ND, passed away peacefully at Sanford Medical Center in south Fargo in the early hours of Saturday, September 11th, after a hard-fought bout with cancer.

Don was born on March 9, 1943, in Minneapolis, MN, and was the son of Boyden D. Carlson and Shirlee Ann Carlson. Don graduated from Shanley High School and attended North Dakota State University. He played football for Shanley and NSDU, and was known for his exploits both on - and off - the field.

Don was very active in the Boy Scouts of America throughout his life, and was highly decorated at the local, regional, and national levels. He was an Eagle Scout, and his honors include the St. George Award (the national scouting religious medal), the Silver Beaver (the highest award given to adult leaders), and in 1959 Don was awarded





the National Honor Medal for Saving a Life. Throughout his life, Don exemplified the twelve points of the scout law: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. Don was a great scoutmaster and was renowned for his tales around the campfire which could make even the bravest of scouts tread lightly and quietly back to their tents with the hair standing up on the backs of their necks.

Don also was known for playing the Native American Chief, Akela, for Arrow of Light ceremonies, in which he would appear in his full Native American regalia and inspire young scouts to continue the path to adulthood, reminding them that "the power lies within their hands."

Don was a very generous man and took great joy in giving to others. As part of his scouting activities he set up a uniform exchange where parents could trade in uniforms as their children grew.

Don's hobbies included rebuilding classic British sports cars, and he was a founding member of the local British Iron Society. He was recognized as the "2003 Enthusiast of the Year" for his ability to inspire others in the hobby.

Don also enjoyed spending time at the lake with his wife, family, and friends, where he recreated a Gaelic-style pub, the "Puckered Piper Pub," at which people have gathered to share stories, laughter, and fellowship.

Don is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Brent (Rumi); daughter, Dana (Mark); grandson, Christian; and granddaughter, Caroline.



Wish for good health

If you get a chance, send Art Heinze a note as he is recovering from heart surgery at his home in Thief River Falls. Also Leroy Aker has suffered a recent heart attack and is recovering. We wish both Leroy and Art a speedy recovery.

Notes from Camp

Council Liaison, Brad Olson announced completion of a brick courtyard on the north side of the Dining Hall, the Pa-hin Observatory next to the Nature Center, and additional work was done on the Shotgun Range. Over all it has been a good year with the Boy Scout Camp up 12%, the Webelos program up as well, however the Cub program had suffered possibly due to the Capital Centennial Campout. Open House/Reunion Week, Neil Litton stated that the next years Open House is July 8th and plans are similar to last years.



Alumni at the Dome

Fargo Dome Concession Contract, Bob Rezac made a proposal to the Association to take over the contract from his Venture Crew when it expires this winter. This would be a great way to for the Association to gain money without asking for donation. The contract requires participation in 10 events per year over 2 years. The contract requires a non-profit status so we will need to file some paperwork with IRS. The projected money raised per event can be \$100 to \$1800 based on past experience of the Venture Crew. The amount depends on the type of event and which concession stand we are given. The money would go into the Alumni Association's general fund; no decision was made for the specific usage of the funds. Bob has agreed to coordinate the recruitment of members for each event, which can be 5 to 14 depending on the concession stand and event. Events are usually known more than a month out which should be enough for us to recruit at the Fargo Social and Facebook. Discussion was made to make sure that any contract or forms filled out by the Association be reviewed and approved by Brad with the council's knowledge. If you would like more information of want to participate in the project, contact Bob Rezac



The Camp Wilderness Alumni Achievement Award Goes to:

Somewhere out there you have a Scouter that is:

- A mentor to a Scout
- The catalyst for Troop progress
- A proponent for proper training
- The 'always there' person
- The 'go getter' for troop activity
- The 'new idea' promoter

Nominations for the Camp Wilderness Alumni Achievement Award are accepted thru out the year. Cut-off date for this year's award is June 1, 2011. Nominations for individual category or an Organization will be accepted. Any nominations after June 1st will be placed in consideration for the following year.

Send your Nomination to:

Mike Melby, 1920 27th Ave S, Grand Forks ND 58201, OR melby@aero.und.edu

WANTED - Staff Photos

We are trying to collect staff photos from all camps for every year. We have many, but are still searching to complete the set. Please take a look at the list of needed photos.

Wilderness: 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 96, 98, 99, 01, 02, 03, 04

Metigoshe: 59, 61, 62, 68, 71, 72, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85.

Wabaunaquat: 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86

Heart Butte: All Years

If you can help, please contact Chris Soper at Chris.Soper@northernlightsalumni.com



More on the Web

If you haven't already been on our web site, go check it out. There is a lot of great information including posts on dates and events. Information on history and programs as well as copies of all past Aurora publications. A new feature is the video and audio link with lots of cool things to share. Go to <http://northernlightsalumni.com/>



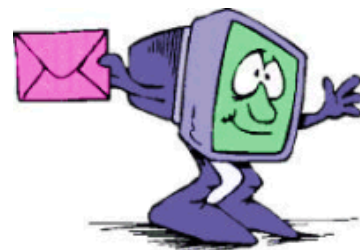
History Photo Album!



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.





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>

Mark your Calendar

Wabunaquat Reunion at Camp Wabunaquat (White Earth Lake) was scheduled for September 18th but has been POSTPONED due to lack of a chairperson to organize logistics and details. Contact Dave Quam at 218-335-2556 or quam@paulbunyan.net for details or if you would like to help!

Fargo Alumni Social first Tuesday of every month Old Chicago Located directly south of I-94 on 45th St. SW

Spring Aurora deadline for articles for the next Aurora is May 15th. Please contribute stories, announcements, news etc. The Aurora is only as good as the content you put in it. Send articles to Scott@skralston.com

More Online: As more event dates come available you can find it on <http://northernlightسالumni.com/>



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://northernlightسالumni.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!



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, or 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.

Vote on one of The Association projects: Help select projects, execute, and generate funds for Alumni Association projects. Contact any of The Association 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@northernlightسالumni.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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