

# Aurora

A newsletter of the Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps  
Winter 2006

## 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WORK WEEK-END



Sixty years – already! I guess you really can say ‘Time flies while you’re having fun’!

A lot has transpired since they opened the gates of Camp Wilderness. Over the years, many groups have worked on the camp facilities and thoroughly enjoyed the camp they built.

Once again, our work weekend is just around the corner. A little more fun at the Rendezvous Romp, a couple more weeks of ‘balmy’ winter camp, a spring camp inspection and we will be ready for the work weekend projects. This won’t be the regular event you are used to though. This is the year that most of the scouters can pitch in and help create the newest portion of the camp. Yes, the Cub Camp is finally here. A lot of work has been done in the last few months, and the contractor will soon have the Cub Camp ready for the volunteer

scouters to ‘pitch in’ and put some final touches to the camp especially geared to the cub scouts and Webelos resident campers.

In the Boy Scout portion of the camp, we already have about a half dozen major projects to work on and the Cub Scout camp promises to have that many or maybe even more. Now would be a good time to start coordinating with your fellow Alumni and plan to pitch in. Be sure to pay attention to the Hi-Lites for the current information.

Even more this year! Yes there is more. We have some project weekends this year where interested scouters can come to camp in March and April to do some smaller projects in the shop to have ready to install in the Cub Camp during the summer. Things like the waterfront ‘buddy board’, campsite bulletin boards, campfire benches, maybe a shelter when the weather cooperates. You can also look forward to helping the new waterfront facilities take shape. Three major projects are available to create the shooting sports facilities in the cub camp.

Another venture to pitch in on will be the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tree-planting project. This will be the spring that determines what the new Cub Camp facilities will look like in years to come. Now if some of you are adept at coming up with a good landscaping plan for the tree planting crews, stop by camp and have a chat with Ranger Andy.

Spring camp inspection weekend may be the time we lay out the tree locations for the planting crews. Make some plans to come join us.

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## **Alumni Socials are a BIG Hit**



### **Fargo**

The first Tuesday of each month at Buffalo Wild Wings friends of camp in the Fargo area gather for wings and fellowship. Now on our fourth social many beverages have been drunk, old friends have been reunited, and new friends have been made. Each month somebody new shows up and surprises the group. Even Andy Hippy Hoffman drove down to share some memories. With ten to fifteen people stopping by each social there are always enough interesting conversation and stories to share.

This spring an idea has been put out to have some of our meetings out on the patio at Doolittle's to enjoy a drink and friendship all while by being warmed up by their campfire. Our group would like to challenge the "old guard" to join in and meet monthly as well. It would be great to see other scouters, scoutmasters, and staffers that either are still in scouting or even better those that have not been around in awhile.

No pressure, just friends of camp getting together and having a great time.

The 4th of July lands on the first Tuesday if your in Fargo plan on stopping by at Doolittle's or better yet meet us at George's for fireworks. Just remember to bring a hard hat and some conversation.

Anyone and everyone are welcome it is just a gathering of like-minded people who enjoy each other's company. We share a little about what is going on each other lives and learn a little what's going on at camp. It can be whatever... as there is no agenda, but there is plenty of great food and drink. The next social is set for February 7th starting around seven till about nine.

Submitted by Neil Litton & Chad Swenson

### **Grand Forks**

The first Grand Forks Area Alumni meeting was held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Happy Joe's in Grand Forks. Several local and some distant Camp Wilderness alumni attended for a friendly meal and conversation. At the event were Glenn Larson, Erik Williamson, Nathan Anderson, Mary Jane Stewart, Chad Swenson, Monte & Jenn Fronk, Chuck Votava, and Kristen Votava. Also included were 'scouts to be' James and Beau Votava. Mary Jane brought several camp staff photos and fond memories, which sparked conversation. Everyone enjoyed a few hours together with such a great variety of staff representation. Some new ideas were also developed at the meeting. The group hopes to have quarterly get-togethers and perhaps create alumni coats, shirts, etc. to be sold with the camp logo.

Another get-together for the Grand Forks Area Alumni will be held on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Buffalo Wild Wings, Grand Forks. Please stop by to meet past friends and help with planning future meetings! We will also discuss the

development of Camp Wilderness alumni clothing. E-mail Kristen and Chuck Votava at [chuxvot@aol.com](mailto:chuxvot@aol.com) with any questions, ideas, or to RSVP. We'll look forward to seeing you there!

### **Current Area Social Coordinators:**

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## **Association Bylaws to be Amended**

During the 2005 Annual Meeting, the Executive Board set forth a motion to update the bylaws. Changes will include a means of replacing an officer who has stepped down, as well as separating the officers election process from the Board of Directors. With the approval of the bylaws, instead of a person being elected each year to start as executive secretary, then move to president, then past president, then be on the board of directors for three more years, the positions will be split into two elections. A person will be elected to be executive secretary, then move to president the following year, then past president. Each year, a new person will be elected to fill a position on the board of directors. The position will be for three years. A copy of the current bylaws can be found attached near the end of this aurora issue.

## **Sorry About the Postage**

We goofed. The Fall Aurora was sent out without enough postage. We apologize to those who had to pick up the extra postage to get it delivered. We hope that you enjoyed the last publication and found it packed with valuable material.

## **Still Spinning a Web**

In the last issue of the aurora we announced the new addition to our association. Yes, The Association now is on the web! The web page is growing and new exciting features are being added. Want to find a past issue of the Aurora? Want to look up who was on camp staff in what year? Want to see photos of camp and staff members? Do you want to keep up to date on events and participate in an online

discussion forum with past and present staff members? Well you can do all that and more on [northernlightsalumni.com](http://northernlightsalumni.com). Anyone involved in association business can apply for a [yourname@northernlightsalumni.com](mailto:yourname@northernlightsalumni.com) e-mail address. If you have any updates or information you would like on the web page then contact the webmaster at [nlalumni@northernlightsalumni.com](mailto:nlalumni@northernlightsalumni.com) or if you have web page skills that you are willing to share then you can volunteer to be an assistant webmaster. Help is always appreciated! See you on the web!

### Where's old What's His/Her Name



Shane and Betsy Miller worked at Camp Wilderness in the early 90's. Shane is an associate professor and graduate coordinator of Communication at Eastern Illinois University where he is halfway through my 10th year. He and Betsy have an 8 yr old boy and a 7 yr old daughter who love camping and backpacking as much as they do. Betsy is a poet (got an MFA about 5 years ago) who pays the bills by teaching at Eastern as well.

Drop he and Betsy a note or Email at: 2207 Reynolds Dr. 2207 Reynolds Dr., 61920 (217) 348-1470, [cfsam@eiu.edu](mailto:cfsam@eiu.edu).

Paul Cuppett is currently living in Virginia and working at the Pentagon. Paul worked at camp in the mid 80's as a commissioner and a high adventure director. He has been

active in the armed forces for many years. Drop Paul an email at [paul.cuppett@us.army.mil](mailto:paul.cuppett@us.army.mil). He would be glad to hear from you. His address is: 11993 Youngtree CT, Bristow, VA 20136

Mike Fisher was recently married and is now a new father. He and his son come to camp during Alumni week in 2005. Mike continues to do behind the scenes work in donating his time and materials to restoring and upgrading the cabin electrical wiring. Drop him a note or email at: 501 West 3rd St, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, (218) 681-5273, [mfisher@wiktel.com](mailto:mfisher@wiktel.com).

Rob Nyhlen is currently living in Moorhead with his wife Nicole. Their new address is 416 15th St S, Moorhead MN 56560.

Kent Larson is currently living in St Louis Park in the Twin Cities. He works downtown for Amerprise Financial (formerly American Express Financial Advisors). He has been married for a little over 2 years now. No kids yet. He still talks to Tweeter every week.

Matt Hollifield is living in Long Beach California with his wife Camile. He has just graduated from med school and is starting his residency. Drop him a note at 952 E. 2nd Street #4, Long Beach, CA 90802 or Email [matthollifield@hotmail.com](mailto:matthollifield@hotmail.com), or phone (562) 505-7714.

Tim Peterson living in Fargo helping with the Alumni Roster updates. Get back in contact with him at [tjpeterson@midwestinfo.net](mailto:tjpeterson@midwestinfo.net).

Gordon Przybylski is still working for the Boy Scouts and is living with his wife in Wisconsin. Drop him a note at [gjprzybylski@mccbsa.org](mailto:gjprzybylski@mccbsa.org).

Clark Eide had moved and is now living in New York. Drop him a note at [EidC@wyeth.com](mailto:EidC@wyeth.com) or 45 Greenwood Dr, New City NY 10956 or phone at 845-634-6406.

Andrew Lawrence is alive and living in Columbia MO. He works for the university, has a BA in History and would like to teach. Drop him an email at [aplreenactor@juno.com](mailto:aplreenactor@juno.com) or 6565 Wagontrail, Columbia, MO or phone him at 573-815-9246.

Bill Pribula is still kicking in Milnor North Dakota. He has moved to the country side. Drop him a note at [bill.pribula@sendit.nodak.edu](mailto:bill.pribula@sendit.nodak.edu) or 8021 150th Ave SE, Milnor, ND 58060.

Scott Ralston and his wife Kathryn are still in Devils Lake, ND working for the US Fish & Wildlife Service but recently changed addresses as he bought his first house located 6 miles north of DL. Drop him a note at [scott@skralston.com](mailto:scott@skralston.com) or 5478 Hwy. 20, Devils Lake, ND 58301 or call him at 701-662-9599.

## **Oral History Creation**

Even though I do not live near the Northern Lights Council anymore, my mind and heart are never far from the camps that have served her Scouts. As you are aware, the Northern Lights Camps has a rich tradition of building great experiences for the Scouts, Leaders, and Staff who attend and work the camps.

As the camps age and some of the camps have closed, those stories, histories, and traditions start to fade. Our memories of years, names, and faces also fade away and we find ourselves asking, “oh, who was it that worked with me in...” In an attempt

to capture these memories, we have started to gather written and oral histories.

As a trial basis, we have contacted two Wilderness staff members from the mid 40’s and asked them to write down, or record stories and memories. We have had great success and hearing the stories on tape is captivating for me. We have alum in Minneapolis who takes the tapes and breaks them up into audio segments in MP3 format. We eventually want to have a full history display that people can select years, story types, descriptions of camps and areas and listen to it through the voice of the teller.

We are asking for your help. We want to hear your stories. We know that this could be a daunting task, but the people who have already done it say it was a wonderful experience and they would do it again. We encourage you to get together with old friends, put the recorder on, and just start talking. Don’t worry about editing the tape; we will take care of that.

So please, help preserve the history of our camps in a way that people can enjoy and learn from for years to come. If you are interested, please contact me at 913-221-7252 or [chris.soper@northernlightsalumni.com](mailto:chris.soper@northernlightsalumni.com). I have some topics and other information to help get you started.

## **Got Memorabilia?**

With the creation of The Association web page and digital technology, we have expanded our ability to share that memorabilia that we have stored in boxes in our basements. We are in the process of gathering digital pictures of camp patches, staff shirts, and what we are really in need of, staff pictures. If you have any of these sitting around, set it out and snap a few shots of it send me a copy. Pictures can be easily scanned at local drug stores and discount stores. Send your digital treasures to me at

[Chris.Soper@northernlightsalumni.com](mailto:Chris.Soper@northernlightsalumni.com) or [levelboy@hotmail.com](mailto:levelboy@hotmail.com) and I will make sure that they are added to the web site.

## Stork/Marrage/Death Report

Ben and Claire Overman have had a Baby Girl

Deceased: Bob Schaible of Bismarck. It is a great loss.

## Alumni Achievement Awards Presented



Tom Hall (above) and Leo Erhmantraut (below) were recognized at two separate events this fall and received the Alumni Achievement Award. Congratulations on this honor.



## Cub Camp Construction



Great progress is being made on the new cub scout camp. The council web page has created a neat new link where you can track the progress. For cub camp construction updates, check out the Northern Lights Council Web page:

<http://www.nlcbsa.org>

## Check Your Mailing Labels

Take a look at your mailing labels. We have added information to them that will indicate your current membership status. If you have any questions or if our information is not correct, please contact Shawn Johnston at 1410 9th St N, Fargo, ND 58102, 701-200-1121, [shawn.johnston@gmail.com](mailto:shawn.johnston@gmail.com).

The code is as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
L	Lifetime Member Paid in Full
L-50	Lifetime Member with \$50 Remaining to Pay
L-100	Lifetime Member with \$100 Remaining to Pay
A-07/XX	Annual Member Expires in July of XX
CS-07/XX	Camp Staff Member Expires in July of XX
??	Status unknown



## **"A Good Ole Fashion Cabin Building"**

This year the Alumni Association has chosen to raise money for a new cabin at Camp Wilderness. We will be rebuilding Cabin Three that burnt down a number of years ago. This project will help bring in extra revenue to the council and will also allow the Alumni Association to have a noticeable project at camp. The goal is to raise the money that is needed this year and to have the cabin built by the summer of 2007. We will be placing a goal sign near were the cabin will be built, that will be updated every week during the summer. If you feel more comfortable in just helping out in the cabin building then feel free to get a hold of me or one of the other board members.

If you are interested in help supporting this year's project please fill out the enclosed form and send it into the Fargo Scout Office (address enclosed) C/O Brad Olson Alumni Project. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at either my phone (218)686-1597 or email me at [Dexterminn@aol.com](mailto:Dexterminn@aol.com).

Yours in the Northern Lights Council Camps,

Steve Lyman  
Past-President



**Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Council**  
**2006 Alumni Project**

The Association takes on projects such as these that need to be done, but no other group will accept. The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps has chosen a Cabin Building for this year's project.

Count me in for the following amount:

\$25.00      \_\_\_\_\_

\$50.00      \_\_\_\_\_

\$75.00      \_\_\_\_\_

\$100.00     \_\_\_\_\_

Other        \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and your check to:

Northern Lights Council, Boy Scouts of America  
C/O Brad Olson  
Alumni Association Fundraiser  
301 S 7th St  
Fargo, ND 58103

If you have questions regarding the project, please contact Steve Lyman at [Dexterminn@aol.com](mailto:Dexterminn@aol.com), or 218-686-1597.

## 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.

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 your 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.

Insert Your Idea Here: The sky is the limit; we welcome all ideas, projects and services. Contact any of The Association officers for information. Articles for upcoming publications can be sent to:

Scott Ralston  
5478 Hwy 20  
Devils Lake, ND 58301  
Scott@SKRalston.com

Electronic submissions are preferred.

**By-Laws**  
**Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps**

Section I: Name, Affiliation and Purpose

- (1) The name of the organization shall be The Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps, abbreviated as AANLC, here after referred to as The Association.
- (2) The Association shall be affiliated with Northern Lights Council Camps (past and present) and the Northern Lights Council.
- (3) The purpose of The Association is as follows
  - i) To maintain the Memories, Spirit and Traditions of the Northern Lights Council Camps (past and present).
  - ii) To provide a means for alumni of the NLC Camps to maintain affiliation with each other and with the Camps.
  - iii) To contribute to the continued maintenance and development of the Camps' physical and human resources.
- (4) The Association recognizes the prior existence of the "Friends of Wilderness" association and welcomes members of that group to join The Association.
- (5) The Association will operate under Roberts Rules of Order.

Section II: Requirements and Procedure for Membership

- (1) Membership in The Association is open to all past camp staff members, campers, or anyone who has interest in the Northern Lights Council Camps (past or present).
- (2) To be a member in good standing, dues must be paid on a yearly basis (annual or sustaining) or a Life Membership can be paid in annual installments as indicated by the Board of Directors.
- (3) Membership is attained by completing a membership application and paying appropriate dues.
- (4) Paid camp staff members will receive a one year gratis membership to The Association beginning the summer they are employed.

Section III: Officers and Board of Directors

- (1) The Officers of The Association shall consist of a Past President, President, Executive Secretary/President Elect, and Northern Lights Council Liaison.
- (2) Election to the office of Executive Secretary/President Elect shall be open to all members in Good Standing on an annual basis. The term of office shall be from the annual meeting to the annual meeting for a one year term.
- (3) All elected officers shall change position in progression. The Executive Secretary/President Elect shall be elected to this/her position during the annual meeting. After serving his/her term, the Executive Secretary/President Elect will assume the position of President and the President will assume the position of Past President.
- (4) Officers shall be installed during the annual meeting and may only hold one elected office at a time.
- (5) The Board of Directors shall consist of the Past President, President, Executive Secretary/President Elect, Northern Lights Council Liaison, and three members at large. The Past President shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- (6) Election of the three members at large to the Board of Directors shall be open to all members in Good Standing on an annual basis. The term of office shall be from the annual meeting to the annual meeting for a three year term. One member at large will be elected each year during the annual meeting.
- (7) Members at large shall be installed during the annual business meeting and may only hold one elected office at a time.
- (8) Petitions for nominations to the office of Executive Secretary/President Elect or member at large of the Board of Directors of The Association must be made at the beginning of the annual meeting.

- (9) Elections shall be conducted during the annual meeting. Only members in good standing who are present for the meeting may vote.
- (10) Should the President of The Association step down or be removed, the Executive Secretary/President Elect will fill the position. A new Executive Secretary/President Elect will be appointed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall take office immediately. The appointment will then be subject to ratification by a vote of the general membership at the next annual meeting.
- (11) Should any other officer of The Association or member at large of the Board of Directors step down or be removed, a direct replacement shall be appointed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall take office immediately. The appointment will then be subject to ratification by a vote of the general membership at the next annual meeting.
- (12) The Board of Directors will have power to remove any officer or member at large of The Association on the basis of misconduct. Removal will be accomplished via a unanimous vote excluding the officer or member at large in question.
- (13) The Council Liaison shall be the current Northern Lights Council Director of Camping.

Section IV: Elected Officers' Duties:

- (1) President
  - A) Presides over The Association with the sole purpose of representing The Association and maintaining proper organizational functioning.
  - B) Appoints committee chairmen with approval of the Board of Directors during the annual meeting.
  - C) Prepares an agenda for each meeting of The Association.
- (2) Executive Secretary/President Elect
  - A) Assumes the duties of the President in his/her absence.
  - B) Performs duties of Secretary and Treasurer of The Association.
    - i) Takes minutes of all general meetings of The Association and the Board of Directors. Provides to the Board of Directors within 10 days of such meetings a written copy of the Minutes.
    - ii) Maintains necessary correspondence between The Association and the general membership.
    - iii) Maintains all financial records of The Association and presents a written financial report at all meetings of the Board of Directors. Collects annual dues and deposits them in The Association's operating account. Provides an itemized ledger balance report to the Board of Directors prior to all meetings of the Board.
- (3) Past President/Chairman of Board of Directors.
  - A) Acts as Parliamentarian.
  - B) Acts as Chairman of the Board of Directors.
  - C) Responsible for assigning members of the Board of Directors to serve on each Association Committee.
- (4) Board of Directors Member at Large
  - A) Serves on Association Committee(s) upon the request of the Chairman of the Board of Directors.
  - B) Serves to provide The Association with continuity, heritage, tradition, and spirit fostered by the Northern Lights Council Camps (past and present).

Section V: Northern Lights Council Liaison

- (1) Serves as the primary liaison between The Association and the Northern Lights Council.
- (2) Aids in identifying and selecting projects for The Association.

Section VI: Committee Positions

- (1) Publications Committee
  - A) Shall consist of a committee chair appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.
  - B) Provides an avenue of communication for The Association membership.
  - C) Publishes, at a minimum, three newsletters to be distributed to all members in good standing.
- (2) Alumni Achievement Award Committee
  - A) Shall consist of a committee chair appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors, and a minimum of five committee members.
  - B) Shall solicit annual nominations for the Alumni Achievement Award and select the nominee to present to the Board of Directors for approval.
  - C) Shall follow established guidelines for selection and recognition approved by the Board of Directors.
- (3) Fall Fellowship Committee
  - A) Shall consist of a committee chair appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.
  - B) The focus of the committee shall be to provide an event for members of The Association to re-unite in friendship and to provide service to the facilities and/or personnel of Northern Lights Council Camps.
- (4) Staff Week Committee
  - A) Shall consist of a committee chair appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.
  - B) The focus of the committee shall be to provide an event for members of The Association to re-unite in friendship and provide mentoring and support to the current year staff in cooperation with the Camp Director and his/her staff.
- (5) Open House Committee
  - A) Shall consist of a committee chair appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.
  - B) The focus of the committee shall be to provide an event for members of The Association to re-unite in friendship and provide promotion and understanding of camp operations to parents of staff members, the local community, and other supporters of the Northern Lights Council camps.
- (6) Membership Committee
  - A) Shall consist of a committee chair appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.
  - B) Recruits and maintains membership.
  - C) Maintains a roster of members in good standing
  - D) Maintains a historical record of yearly membership of The Association.
- (7) Ad-Hoc Committee
  - A) Shall consist of a committee chair appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors
  - B) Shall have a defined purpose and fixed duration as set by the Board of Directors.

Section VII Events of The Association

- (1) The Association shall schedule at a minimum the following events within the calendar year:
  - A) Annual Open House
  - B) Fall Fellowship
  - C) Staff week
- (2) Additional events can be organized upon the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section VIII: Meetings of The Association

- (1) The Association will conduct an annual meeting to be held during the Annual Open House.
- (2) The Board of Directors will meet as needed to review and act on the business of The Association. These meetings may take place in person, or via other communication venues.

- (3) A special meeting of The Association may be called by the President, the Past President/Chairman of the Board of Directors or at the request of the majority of the Board of Directors.
- (4) A quorum for Association meetings will consist of those members present. A quorum for meetings of the Board of Directors shall be a minimum of four Directors.

Section IX: Dues of The Association/Finance

- (1) Dues shall be collected annually before the Annual Meeting.
- (2) The annual dues shall be set by vote of the membership during the annual meeting.
- (3) The annual dues will be used to offset the cost of operating The Association.
- (4) In the event The Association is dissolved, all remaining funds after expenses are paid, will be given to the Northern Lights Council and designated for use in the Council Camps, or shall be spent on an in-kind gift to be given to the Northern Lights Council Camps.

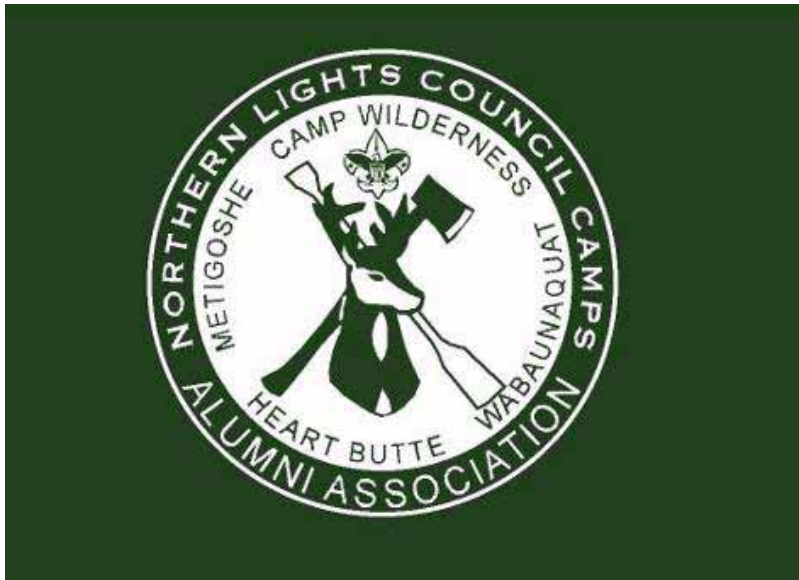
Section X: Amendments:

- (1) These By-Laws shall be subject to amendment at any regular or special meeting of The Association provided such amendment has been submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at least one month prior to such meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required to amend these By-Laws.

Date of By-Law Approval: July 5, 2002

Date of Revision: July 4, 2003

OPEN for Revision



**Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps**  
**Membership Application**

The purpose of The Association: to preserve and promote the camping opportunities at our council camps; to inform the membership of the camps current progress; to provide support for the current operations with our time; talents and assets; and to organize gatherings of the association. Membership is open to all past camp staff members, campers or anyone with an interest in the camps.

Association dues are \$ 15.00 per year for Annual Membership, \$ 25.00 or more annually for Sustaining memberships or \$ 150.00 (one time) Life Memberships (payable in three installments). The Association's annual dues begin July 4 and expire July 4 of the following year. Annual memberships starting after January 4 will not expire on July 4 of that year, but the following year on July 4.

Please complete the information requested below and mail to:

Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps  
301 South 7th Street  
Fargo, ND 58103  
PLEASE PRINT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s) at camp: Camper \_\_\_\_\_

Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Staff position(s) and year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Count on me to help with the association.

I'll help with: Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Whatever \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us something about yourself (this may get printed in a future issue of the newsletter.)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Enclosed are my membership dues and/or contribution: \$15 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ other \_\_\_

Lifetime Membership: Lifetime payment of \$150: Paid in full \_\_\_  
Three payments of \$50: First \_\_\_ Second \_\_\_ Third \_\_\_

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## Staff Scholarship Fund Endowment Accepting Donations

With the successful formation of the staff scholarship endowment and the first scholarships awarded, a tremendous benefit for the staff and the camp has been established. If you are interested in helping to build the endowment, please complete the following form and mail it to the Fargo Scout office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I want to contribute the following amount to the camp staff scholarship endowment fund:

\$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$125 \_\_\_\_\_ \$150 \_\_\_\_\_ \$175 \_\_\_\_\_

\$200 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Checks and Money orders are welcome. Please do not send cash.

Payable to: Northern Lights Council BSA

301 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Fargo, ND 58103

Thank you for your support!

**Alumni Association of the Northern Lights Camps**  
**Note Card Order**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity		Item	Price	Sub-Total
Dining Hall	Black Building			
		Postcards	\$0.50	
		5 Note Cards	\$5.00	
		12 Note Cards	\$10.00	
		Shipping & Handling	\$2.00	\$2.00
<b>Grand Total =</b>				

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Camp Wilderness  
Long Range Planning Process  
Alumni Association Survey

The Northern Lights Council Properties Committee is currently involved in redefining the long range plans for Camp Wilderness. At this time, we are asking for your input in this process. Please complete this questionnaire and return it to Ron Schneider, 817 South 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Moorhead, MN 56560, by February 20, 2006.

**Program: Please comment on one or all of the following programs- Boy Scout Summer Camp, Webelos Camp, Venture Camp, Fall, Winter, Spring Camps or any other programs.**

What activities should we continue to offer? (What are your favorites?)

What activities should we discontinue? (What don't you like?)

What activities should we start to develop? (Any new ideas?)

What activities would you like to see during the non-summer camping season?

**Facilities:**

What facility/trail/etc. improvements would you like to see at Camp Wilderness?

What new facilities should be added to the camp?

Identify any environmental concerns you have at the camp.

Please use the backside for any additional comments! Thank you!

## The Aurora

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