

AURORA

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Melby Receives Alumni Achievement Award

Congratulations to Mike Melby of Grand Forks, ND on his receiving the Alumni Achievement Award. Mike has been helping Camp Wilderness for many years in projects which have included: Chairman of the Wilderness ROMP, Chairman of many Spring Work Weekends, ramrod for the new Rifle Range Shelter and many other projects to numerous to mention. Mike joins four others who have previously received the Award. They are: Bev Segerholm, Ron Jackson, Ernie Harlow and Phil Schorn. The Alumni Achievement Award is given annually to a deserving Scouter who has given of his time, talent and treasure for the betterment of Camp Wilderness. Nomination forms will continue to appear in future editions of the "AURORA" and can be picked up in any of the Scout offices or at Camp Wilderness.

It is not too early to start the nomination process for someone you think is deserving of this award. Do it now!



Phil Schorn presented the Alumni Achievement Award to Mike Melby (left).

AURORA DEADLINES

November 1 - Articles Due
November 15 - Aurora Mailed

Next issue in March and June.

If possible, e-mail your articles to Ron, otherwise send us a hard copy.

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or

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Mark your calendar!

October 12-14, 2001
Fall Fellowship Weekend

Wilderness ROMP
February 8-10, 2002

Summer 2002 Staff Reunion
June 30 to July 6

Dining Hall Construction Begins

Actually it should say dining hall demolition has begun. The contractor started the demolition process late August and as of this writing, the vast majority of the old food preparation and storage area (including the walk-in cooler) have been gutted. The old food prep area will become the new serving area and the new kitchen area will be enclosed before the snow flies. The construction and installation of the new equipment will be complete in the early spring.

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CAMP WILDERNESS

3rd Annual

Fellowship Weekend

Oct 12 – 14

**JOIN YOUR FELLOW SCOUTERS WHEN THEY ENJOY THE
SERENITY OF CAMP WILDERNESS DURING THE PEAK OF THE
FALL COLORS.**

CAMPMASTER TRAINING

Ranger Andy will be conducting Camp Master training for those who will be a camp master during the winter camping season.

CAMP WILDERNESS UPDATE

Come and see all the updates throughout the camp. Learn about the projected updates.

WOOD CUTTING

Our original fall project. Fill the wood shed for the winter camping season.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Rifle Range work and building the handicap ramp entrance on the Nature Lodge and available for those who would like to pitch in.

LODGING and MEALS PROVIDED

**SIGN UP THROUGH THE FARGO SCOUT OFFICE
OR**

MIKE MELBY<mbarnes@nlcbsa.org>

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PASS THIS ON TO A FRIEND!
Northern Lights Camps' Alumni Association
Membership Application

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Please complete the information requested below and mail to:

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

Name _____ Home phone _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Year(s) at camp: Camper _____
Leader _____
Staff position(s) and year(s) _____

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.)

Enclosed are my membership dues and/or contribution: \$15 ___ \$25 ___ other ___
Lifetime Membership \$150 ___ Lifetime paid in full ___ or 3 annual payments of \$50 ___

Make checks payable to the Northern Lights Camps' Alumni Association

Alumni Meeting Big Success

A kickoff meeting was held on July 6th for the Northern Lights Camps' Alumni Association to take a few large steps towards formalizing our organization. Approximately thirty people gathered in the winter trading post at Camp Wilderness and hashed out officer and committee positions. Alumni were nominated and people were selected for positions. The positions and officers are listed below:

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I am excited to have been elected as president of this organization and have set a few aggressive goals for myself for this year. My goals are as follows:

1. Produce a rough draft of by-laws for the Alumni Association to be reviewed / approved by the Annual meeting held during reunion week 2002 at Wilderness.
2. To record each activity that I do in relation to the association such that the incoming president for 2002-2003 will have a smooth transition.
3. To maintain contact with the Alumni Association officers on a regular basis as to complete the development of the administrative positions and responsibilities.

Other items discussed during the meeting include the activities in which the association will participate. It was decided that three major events would be hosted by the NLCAA. A Fall fellowship held each fall to provide a service project, an open house to be held each week of the fourth of July to invite the families of staff members, local business people and the community, and alumni staff back to gather in fellowship and enjoy Wilderness.

Another outcome of the meeting was that the annual meeting will be held during the open house held each year during fourth of July week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. Again, I am excited to be a part of this great organization and look forward to watching the association develop over the years.

Yours in Wilderness,

Chris

So where is ole what's his/her name now?

Chad Swenson's address
is:
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If you see **Matt Saari**, ask
him if he has a big day
coming up this Spring.

Mike Szczyz's e-mail
address has changed to:
szczys@hotmail.com
Also congrats to Mike-he
graduated from Univ. of
Northern Colorado and is
heading to graduate school
at the U of M. Call him at
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We need news and
information about our
members. Drop us a note and
let us know what's going on in
your life.

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF AN ALUMNI @ CAMP WILDERNESS

We (David Solien and I) checked in with the Camp Director (Brad Olson) go to the Fox building to set up our cots and soon after we were on our way to the QM for hammers, nails and a board to replace the rotten one on the front deck. After being harassed by the wasps, the hammer and nails were returned for MORE POWER (a screw gun, screws and wasp spray). The screw gun died but the wasps were dead. The board was replaced and then back to the QM for a wheel barrel and rake to do the annual cleaning around the Black Building. Chris Soper and I waited for Mike Fisher to show up and help us, but we couldn't wait that long. Opening Camp Fire just wasn't the same without Chad Swenson there (when will he move closer to camp?). There was an opportunity for the alumni to check out the current staff's ability to sing some karaoke at our sick friend George's house.

Chris Soper and I must have spent too much time at the QM on Sunday, because on Monday the Camp Director put us in charge of the QM (scary thought). We had Scouts wondering about the QM for the rest of the week.

Tuesday was the "Toy Box" day. It needed cleaning and rearranging. Nice to see Doug Boe out of the Business Managers Office and doing manual labor. Hippie (only Shelia knows his real name) was a workaholic. It was nice to have Damian Lewis for all the fall work. We then needed to do a dump run into PR. Never let Chris Soper drive the Dump Truck! Charles Challey is looking more like his dad everyday, that's not a bad thing Charles. We did play "North to Alaska" for Alex Stig at George's.

Wednesday brought a need for Mike Fischer to pick up some parts for Fischer Electric. The parts were in DL and it just happened to be the 4th of July, thus a brief stop at the beach. Then the annual outing with the Murphy's (Mike and his lovely wife Lynn) for Mexican food in Dorset (Glennie with Beans).

On Thursday there came upon us a request to pick up chips in Perham at Barrel of Fun, of course we could not refuse. Upon returning we found there was a need for more gravel from the pit to the new Health Center. As with Chris Soper and the Dump Truck, so go Camp Director Brad Olson and the Bobcat. Matt Saari is still the Incredible Hulk, he possesses the strength to hold Neil's fat body in the air. Thursday also brought a chance to return to the Brau Hous in Nevis for a Schwein Hac (German for Pig Foot) with the Remboldt's (Shelia, Nutty and the Princess) and the former Camp Ranger/Nature Director Phil (He's the best in the West). New Ranger Andy says he'll join us next year. But we did have a chance to see Ranger Andy getting upset with life. Ask him about the Bobcat posthole digger next time you see him.

Friday was time to get ready for the Open House and dedication of the buildings: Butler Health Center, Lavold Nature Center, Stern Dining Hall and the Art Christopherson Rifle Range. Note: The Lavold Nature Center is named after a Scoutmaster from Moorhead who's donor will remain anonymous, it is nice to see things happen to good people. And a BIG thank you to Ron Schneider for all the work he does. Time for a quick stop at the QM for more power tools and some repairs to the Bogwalk. Then out to the Webelos Camp. We took the truck to put up the signs for the dedication some of the roads where blocked and Ranger Andy turned into Chainsaw Andy. It was nice to see Jim and Dodi Olson return again for the Open House. Closing Campfire and then a meeting to elect officers for the newly formed Camp Wilderness Alumni Association.

Saturday morning and checking out of the Scouts and then the largest group ever of Camp Staff and Alumni to attend breakfast at the Logging Camp, a table for 36. After a hearty round of "Johnny Appleseed", of course a round of applause from the locals, and plenty of eggs, pancakes, and ham. Some of the soon to be wed staff gave kisses to their significant others. Mark Larson and Damian Lewis am I forgetting somebody. Then a round of golf at the par 3.

Submitted by Neil Litton

Check your mailing label.

The mailing label indicates your membership level in the Association. The series of letters and numbers after your name tells us what level of membership you have enrolled at. If for any reason, the label is incorrect, please let us know by sending a note to: NLCCAA, 301 South 7, Fargo, ND, 58103 or e-mailing us at Schneids@att.net. Membership dues were to be renewed in June. Thanks.

A-Annual membership paid to June 1, 2002

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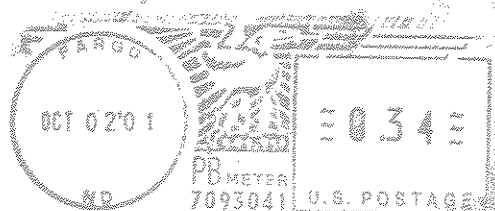
PD-Past due membership

L-Life membership paid in full

L2-Life membership paid up to the \$ 100 level (2 of 3 payments received)

L1-Life membership paid to the \$ 50 level (1 of 3 payments received)

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