

Aurora

A newsletter of the Northern Lights Camps' Alumni Association

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Alumni Achievement Award

The alumni association is growing leaps and bounds. It seems like everyone is telling everyone else and new members are showing up every month. With the increasing membership in the Alumni Association as well as the growth of alumni week, it is time for the next step. It is time for the alumni to form a formal organization and elect officers and develop committees.

The first committee is in its infancy stages and I have been appointed committee chairman of the Alumni Achievement Award committee. In the past, the selection for this award has been an informal process. This year, we have decided to formalize the process by developing a committee and accepting nominations.

The Alumni Achievement Award is a lifetime achievement recognition for outstanding service and contributions to the Northern Lights Council Camps. The nomination and recognition of this award should not be taken lightly. Careful consideration will be made of each nomination.

Enclosed is a formal nomination form for the Northern Lights Council Camps Alumni Achievement Award. Please nominate your candidate by completing the enclosed form and returning it to the following address by June 10th, 2001.

Alumni Achievement Award
C/O Chris Soper
15406 W 88th Terr.
Lenexa, KS 66219

Previous recipients of the award are:

Bev Segerholm
Ernie Harlow
Ron Jackson
Phil Schorn

A note from Jon Hendrickson

Hello fellow Wilderness Alumni,

Think back for a moment on what it was that made you decide to work at Camp Wilderness once upon a time. Some of us

attended camp as scouts before we worked as staff members, and some of us were attracted to camp by the prospects of an interesting summer job. Regardless of what trail led us to camp, I think we can all agree that working at camp was more than just a summer paycheck. The first week of June a new group of people gathers at camp to prepare for a season of Scouts. Some of them know the magic of Wilderness very well, and others have just read the 12 signs on the camp road for the first time. It is during this first week of camp that a tone can be set for the entire summer.

The pride that we all feel towards camp is evident in the time we all spend there. Many of us use precious vacation time to go to the reunion over the fourth of July, and we get jealous when we talk to a friend that was able to spend a weekend at camp. How many times have you told yourself after driving out of camp, "I've got to get back here more." If we are not spending vacation at camp, we are usually making arrangements to go see fellow staff member. Obviously there is something special about camp and the people we share it with that has stayed with us long after our first summer.

We all want to see camp prosper, and we have invested our time in many physical projects around camp. As a result, camp is looking great, with many new facilities and programs. However, there is a more subtle way we all can have a major impact on the success of Wilderness. We as former staff members can invest our time in the people that gather there to work every summer.

With that in mind, I would like to extend an invitation on behalf of Brad Olson, Camp Wilderness Director, to attend an alumni fellowship weekend on June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. This is the time that new staff is arriving at camp, so by design it is a very informal weekend. As former staff our agenda is open to simply enjoying whatever camp has to offer (Personally, I plan on hiking the Blue Trail and canoeing into Little Buck Lake). It is our chance to welcome back old staff and meet new staff members. Most importantly, we can demonstrate our pride in Wilderness to the new staff. Our welcoming attitude will be the first example of how Wilderness will stay with our future alumni forever.

For planning purposes, please contact Brad if you plan on attending. I look forward to sharing camp with many of you in June. Arrive with your best camp stories and traditions to share. Let's demonstrate to the staff this season that they all can take ownership in Camp Wilderness, and that ownership does not expire in August.

Jon Hendrickson

AURORA DEADLINES

June 1 - Articles Due
June 15 - Aurora Mailed

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

Schneids@att.net
or
Ron Schneider
1608 South 17th Street
Moorhead, MN 56560
(218) 236-5072 Home

Mark your calendar!

May 4-6, 2001
Camp Wilderness
Spring Cleaning

Alumni Get Camp Ready Dates
June 1-3, 2001

July 1-7, 2001
Staff Reunion Week

October 12-14, 2001
Fall Fellowship

Cub Camp Capital Campaign Update

The capital campaign for new Cub Camp at Camp Wilderness is underway! If you would like some information about the campaign, please contact Mark Holtz, Council Scout Executive, 301 South 7th Street, Fargo, ND 58103 or call him toll free at (877) 293-5011.

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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

**NLC Camps' Alumni Association
Membership Roster
As of April 25, 2001**

Aaron Edland
Aaron Kringler
Andy Kietzman
Barb Herbranson
Bill Pribula
Brad Olson
Brian Litton
Chad Swenson
Charles Challey
Charles Rose
Chris Soper
Chris Tveitbakk
Chuck and Kristen Votava
Clark N. Eid, Jr.
Dave Fabian
Dean and M. Jane Stewart
Don Schroeder
Doug Rotta
Dwight Kalash
Eric Halverson
Ernie Harlow
Howard Kossover
Jeff Pastir
Jennie Zeitler
JoAnn Moseley
Joel Hektner
John Stern
John Feick
John Mielke
Jon and Sara Hendrickson
Jordon Zeller
Kayo Aslagson
Kent Larson
Lee Cariveau
Lee Christianson
Les Herbranson
Mark Holtz
Matt Saari
Matt Herbranson

Michael Miller
Mike Szczys
Monte Fronk
Neil Litton
Paul Anderson
Phil Schorn
Raymond Shelton
Rick Stern
Robert Dusso
Ron Schneider
Scott Wardzinski
Scott Wheeler
Shawn Murphy
Sheila Remboldt
Steve Shark
Tom Anderson
Will Heglund

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

Charles Challey's mailing address is: 2561 Pacific Dr. in Fargo (58103).

Chris Soper's mailing address is: 15406 W. 88 Terr., Lexana, KS 66219 or e-mail him at sopercj@bv.com

Andy and Dannon Kietzman have a new house, at the same address. 20778 Jewel Drive, Park Rapids, MN 56470
You figure it out! (Hint-See the article below.)

Chad Swenson has moved to the St. Louis area. Address later.

Kristen and Chuck Votava are the proud parents of a baby boy, James Andrew was born September 8. He was 9 pounds and 5 ounces, with blond hair and blue eyes. A little Chuck!!

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. Thanks.

A-Annual membership paid to June 1, 2001

S-Sustaining membership paid to June 1, 2001

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)

Ranger Andy and Dannon move in!!

Do you need to see a smile on someone's face? Stop by camp and check out the smiles of Ranger Andy and his wife, Dannon. After to moving to Minnesota in June and first living in a family cabin and then moving to the Camp Director's home in August, they are finally in the ranger's residence at Camp Wilderness. The existing structure was remodeled and a 24 by 24 addition, with a walkout basement, was added to the home.

Camp Stories/Recipes Wanted

Have you got any camp stories or favorite camping recipes to share. Feel free to send them to the AURORA for possible publication in a future issue. Send them to Ron Schneider, 1608 South 17 Street, Moorhead, MN 56560. Or e-mail them to Schneids@att.net.

✓ **Mark your calendar!**

The annual Camp Wilderness Work Weekend will be held the weekend of May 4-6, 2001. Register by sending an e-mail to: Mike Melby at mbarnes@nlcbsa.org.

Thank you!

Thank you to all that helped out at our council camps this past winter. Whether you were there to help with the ROMP, serve as a campmaster, finish a construction project, cut firewood or just plan pitched in for a few hours, your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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