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The View From the Top —

Jim Fellet, President, Tahosa Alumni Association

Greeting's Alumni!

Winter is upon us and though looking out today (*the end of February*), you would think its Springtime in the Rockies; we all know that summer is still a ways off. Talking with Marc Lyman last night at our board meeting he reports that he has areas of camp with several feet of snow and some sections with nothing, but the wind is a constant factor.



I'm very pleased and proud of our board of directors; they have been working very hard and are constantly finding new things to improve the camp. In our last *Totem*, I mentioned that we had acquired a large room at Scout headquarters for our new museum. Under the leadership of John Meeker, Dana Seymour, and Stan Paprocki, with the continued support of numerous volunteers, much headway has been accomplished. Our benefactors Robert (Bob) and Alliene Munger (pictured left)



have been busy packing their collection, so we can bring it down to its new home at the Council office. We hope to have completed the move by the publication of this *Totem*.

CubeSmart self-storage has been very helpful in the initial storage of a lot of the memorabilia. And a very grateful thank you to Graebell Worldwide, and especially

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C.E.O., Mr. Bill Graebelland and Mr. Dave Kordonowy, senior vice president, who have agreed to store all the overflow museum inventory once we open up for business.

I also need to thank our financial benefactors who have been very gracious in their gifts. We look at June 1st of as our target grand opening of the museum, if not before.

Council Executive John Cabeza and Council President Doug Jones have graciously given us nine new display cases for the museum — *because this will be a prize facility for all to enjoy.*

On behalf of the entire board of directors I'd like to extend a heartfelt *Thank You* to all for the help we are receiving.

It's an honor to announce that one of our valued members, Mr. Tom Millensifer, received his "Outstanding Eagle Scout Award" at the annual Eagle Scout Banquet in February. At the same time over 500 new Eagle Scouts were recognized.

As I mentioned earlier we have some projects scheduled for this year at Camp: repairing the drainage problems behind the dining hall, installing new entrance gates, and general maintenance. All will be accomplished when the weather permits, and I hope with the help of many of our members. Please watch for work day information.

As always, all our board meetings are open to any Alumni member, and we welcome your interest, participation, thoughts, and concerns. Feel free to contact me with anything either by phone or email. Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Finally the quote of the day: *Elsewhere the sky is the roof of the world, but here the earth is the floor of the sky.*

P.S. Hope to see many of our members at the Scout Show, April 26th, (details on the council website). If you are planning to attend, please consider helping out at our booth, just an hour or so will help. The booth location will be in the Camp Tahosa area, along with camp programs. When: Saturday April 26th. Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Where: National Western Events Center.

— Stan Paprocki, Vice President



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Thanks to all members who contribute to the *Tahosa Totem*. The next articles and photos deadline is Friday, June 20, 2014. All members are encouraged to contribute. Please send all material to Libby Schultz at ***dr gwandsp@msn.com***.

While Delivering Newsletters to Camp Tahosa —

By Libby Schultz

Went up to camp in December to deliver the winter edition of the *Tahosa Totem*. Had the chance to take a few photos of camp upgrades and wind damage for this issue.



New walkway (left) between Campaster's cabin and the Trading Post.



Replaced spillway (left) and receiving pools (right). Much more attractive than the old cement trough



Up by the Kiwanis Lodge, a couple remnants. Left is just one of many trees blown down in another micro-burst at camp. Right is what's left of some Scouts' snow cave for a campout.



Becoming a Member of Tahosa Alumni Association —

Any adult or youth interested in the history, programs and welfare of Camp Tahosa is welcome to show that interest by becoming a member of the Tahosa Alumni Association.



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Ranger's Roost —

Marc Lyman, Camp Tahosa Ranger



What a wild winter for Camp Tahosa! From mid-February to Mid-March we have maintained an average of 2 feet of snow on the ground and an average wind speed of probably 40 mph. That's the average! We've had some peak winds approaching 100 mph.

Three districts held their Klondereee at Tahosa. Thirty-six troops have made a weekend home of our camp so far in 2014. Campers continue to visit each weekend and withstand (adapt to) the natural elements. I am amazed at their constitution and resilience.

The snow and wind are what create the fun winter things to do at Tahosa. There are great sledding opportunities on the slopes, roads, and drifts. Burrowing in snow tunnels and sleeping in Quinzees (snow mounds) are common troop activities, especially in snowy years such as 2014. A more casual activity is snowshoeing the trails and tracking the wildlife that frequents the camp.

One of my favorite activities to watch is "ice boating" on the lake. During windy seasons, the lake is swept free of snow and the ice is bare. It's not very smooth, but that doesn't stop these guys. Brave youth armed with tarps, sleds, and helmets head for the far side of the lake, and either sled or body-surf back across the lake, using their tarp as a sail. This is usually good for several hours of entertainment. Sadly, all of this type of fun is starting to wind down with the approach of Spring.

On the other hand, Spring IS almost here! Plants begin growing and ice starts melting. It is also a time for cleaning up from Winter's ravages and making ready for all the summer activities. If you are still looking for a summer camp location, please consider a week at Tahosa for 2014. Between the Troop-run EaglePoint experience for all ages and the back-country Alpine High Adventure program for the older boys, we can adapt to suit your needs. We hosted over 6,000 campers during 2013 and I would love to see that number continue to grow. We are never too busy for a visit from a troop looking to create some great memories of Good Ol' Camp Tahosa. Mary Ann at the Denver Area Council office schedules all of our reservations. Come and visit Camp Tahosa any time of the year. It's always fun.

All Things Tahosa! —***Schedule of Major 2014 Tahosa Events and Closures:***

COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience): August 1-3, August 8-10, August 22-24 (*Camp Closed*), September 5-7 (*Camp Closed*), September 19-21 (*Camp Closed*), September 26-28.

"Hooked on Tahosa": May 2-4, May 10.

Gateway District Webelos Weekend: May 30-June 1.

Beginning of Camp Staff Week: June 6-8.

Tahosa Alumni Association Annual Picnic: June 7.

Big Horn Training: June 8-14, June 15-21, June 22-28, July 13-19.

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All Things Tahosa! — (continued from Page 4)

Scout Camp Sessions: June 13 to July 27.

OA Cony Party #3: August 15-17.

Powder Horn: August 22-24.

Conservation: August 22-24.

Wood Badge: September 5-7,
September 19-21.

OA Fall Fellowship: September 12-14.

Camp Tahosa 2014 Work Days:

Saturday, August 16; With Order of the Arrow Cony party (to be determined).

Saturday, October; Day to be determined.

Be sure to check the Tahosa.org calendar for Campmaster weekend availabilities.



Camp Tahosa Campmaster Cabin. Photo by Libby Schultz © 2011

Communications —

Barbara Fellet, Director of Communications

I hope that everyone enjoyed the last *Totem* — it was outstanding. Our new editor Libby Schultz is doing a bang-up job. Not only is she an excellent writer and editor, but she keeps the board on time getting articles and photos in on time.

If you have been to camp and have photos to share or a camp story, please be a contributor to our newsletter.

The board of directors put aside some money in this year's budget to upgrade our website. If you have tried to access it from any Apple product, you have had difficulty. That will soon be a thing of the past. The upgrades will also allow you to access the website from any mobile device. The other upgrade we are working on is a better signup process for the Campmaster program. We will be sure to announce our launch date, so watch your email and the *Totem* for information.

All the Officers and Directors and some of the Committee Chairs of the Tahosa Alumni Association do or will have email address in the near future (*see back page*). Please feel free to contact any of them with any questions or suggestions you may have. As soon as the website is launched *all* the emails will be working.

Did you know that the Tahosa Alumni Association is on Facebook? If you are on Facebook, go online and become a TAA friend — you can share your camp stories there too! "Like" us on Facebook!!



New Scout Museum Being Set Up —

Photos by Brian Payne, Director of Promotions
Captions by John Meeker

On March 12, took these quick snapshots of organizing some of the massive collection for the new Boy Scout Museum at the Denver Area Council Headquarters. John Meeker, TAA Director of History/Museum, was in charge.



John Meeker (left) and Mike Fellett sort boxes.



Stan Paprocki selects items for the National Jamboree display case.



Dana Seymour adjusts the "Aluminum Scout" display.



David Burgesser and Dorothea Lindsay sort uniforms.



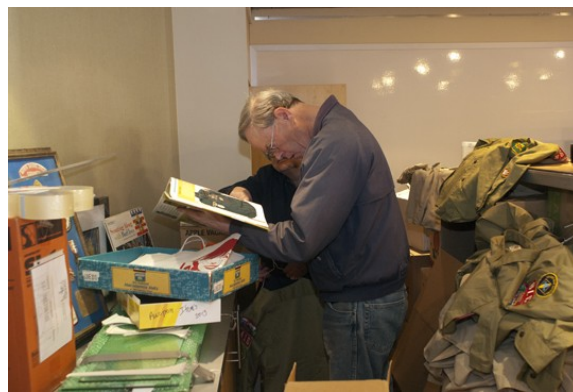
John Meeker sorts and opens boxes.

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New Scout Museum Being Set Up — (continued from Page 6)



Stan Paprocki (front) works on the Jamboree display case, as Dana Seymour adjusts an Eagle display cage for the Eagle Awards display, while an Explorer mannequin gives his advice.



David Burgess and Dorothea Lindsay study uniform insignias during uniform sorting.

Hooked on Tahosa Fly Fishing Merit Badge Programs Are Filling Up —

Bruce Brown, Co-Program Director, Hooked on Tahosa Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program



It is rumored the May 2 weekend program has, or will, reach capacity of participants in the near future. The day-only program on May 10 has some availability. We are encouraged as to the interest this year and look forward to a great Springtime experience at Camp Tahosa. Winter fishing (catching) is inconsistent, but some fish are being caught, including large rainbows.

In an attempt at a more proactive role with habitat management, the Hooked on Tahosa Program Directors, working with assistance from Ranger Marc, will place some artificial trout structures on the ice at Lake Tumblesom as an experiment to see if we can attract smaller fish to other areas of the lake. The structures will be constructed and placed on the ice in late March, to sink as the ice melts. The structures will be monitored with electronic fish finders to see if smaller trout will congregate in and around the structures. Our hope is to

introduce areas where younger trout can find protection and thereby increase survivability rates. Other ideas and plans are being considered to enhance the fishing experience at Lake Tumblesom. With the cooperation and approval of the Denver Area Council and the Conservation Committee, we are striving to return the sustainable brook trout fishery to the lake it was before the reconstruction of the dam gate. Stay tuned for more details as plans come together.

Yours in Scouting and anything Camp Tahosa.

An Open Letter to the Tahosa Alumni Association —

From Brett Chaponot, 2014 Camp Co-Director, Tahosa High Adventure Base



I'm glad to be serving for the summer of 2014 as the Camp Tahosa Co-Director, along side my Co-Director, Carla Johnson (pictured right), the Learning for Life Team Leader at the Denver Area Council. Since I am also District Executive in Centennial District, and both Centennial District staff serve as Camp Directors during the summer, I'll serve half my time at camp and two to three days in the office. I absolutely love this camp and my time spent there last year. I look forward to developing and improving on my work from last year and building up the staff as a team.



We survived last year with around 15 staff, so we have increased staff for this year to between 20 and 25 — which will lead to more merit badges, more kids in program areas, more open archery, open aquatics time, and MORE FUN!!. We have several staff members returning from last year. Retention of our staff is a big focus of mine, because the institutional knowledge and camp culture derives from our frontline staff. I feel like a proud father when I'm working with my team at Tahosa.

Two of our camp staff are candidates for the coveted \$5,000 John Madden Scholarship; official announcements to follow. It was a competitive year for the scholarship, with 30 applicants and only 10 available scholarships.

In an effort to promote the Alpine Adventure program, we will be taking the staff on a three-day, two-night trek during our training week. I am hoping this will build staff camaraderie, as well as allow everyone the opportunity to understand one of the key programs that makes us a "High Adventure Base".

The biggest change to this year's program will be in the EaglePoint Program. I am pushing for more merit badge opportunities. We will have three to four dedicated EaglePoint staff to assist with Troop needs and Scout achievements while at camp. We will also offer more open program times.

Another reason for more staff is to provide small breaks throughout the day to some program directors, so that we may hold more specialty open times in the evening. With our great late-night sun, I really want kids to have the opportunity to use the lake or to shoot archery after dinner.

This is also an LDS Encampment year. We have two dedicated weeks to special programming by the LDS Church. I haven't heard much, but there are some exciting things brewing. I've been asked about helicopter access and landing logistics; 50-mile hike logistics for a reenactment of the Mormon Battalion. With some of the activities I'm hearing about, I think these kids will be in for a really great summer.

Thank you again, Tahosa Alumni Association, for all your help and support to this beautiful camp property of the Denver Area Council. We wouldn't be able to operate this facility without you!

Gourmet Coffee Fundraiser for Camp Tahosa

Gary Shrenk, Director of Fundraising

The Tahosa Alumni Association is selling fresh roasted gourmet coffee to help us raise funds to cover projects at camp that we can't do with donated time and materials alone. The coffee is especially hand-prepared by Executive Chef Tom Morris of the Briarwood Inn in Golden. This is an opportunity for all members of the Alumni Association to get on board and help out.

Choices, which can be purchased as whole beans or ground. All are 12-ounce bags:

- Mountain Blend — Full-bodied and rich, this smooth blend of African and South American beans is a house favorite.
- Mountain Blend Decaf
- Sumatra — Bold and earthy, with wine-like notes, this 100% Sumatra is roasted to perfection.
- Vanilla — The Mountain Blend with a finishing touch of French Vanilla.
- Espresso Roast — Our darkest roast, blended with Brazilian, Nicaraguan, and Fors Bajawa is perfect for espresso, cappuccino, or specialty drinks.

To Order your coffee:

- Send your order below, indicating ground coffee or beans, and the type of coffee preferred, along with your check for your coffee purchase and \$6 for postage and handling (for up to two bags; no charge if picked up at Scout Show), made payable to Tahosa Alumni Association. Mail to: Gary Schrenk, 13380 Red Deer Trail, Broomfield, CO, 80020. We will get your fresh roasted coffee to you in 30 days, **OR**
- Talk with any member of the Tahosa Alumni Association Board of Directors who will take your order. **OR**
- You can also stop by the Tahosa Alumni Association booth at the Scout Show to place your order. We will have samples available, so stop by for a cup of coffee. Limited quantities of Mountain Blend can be purchased and picked up at the show itself.

**TAHOSA COFFEE ORDER FORM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

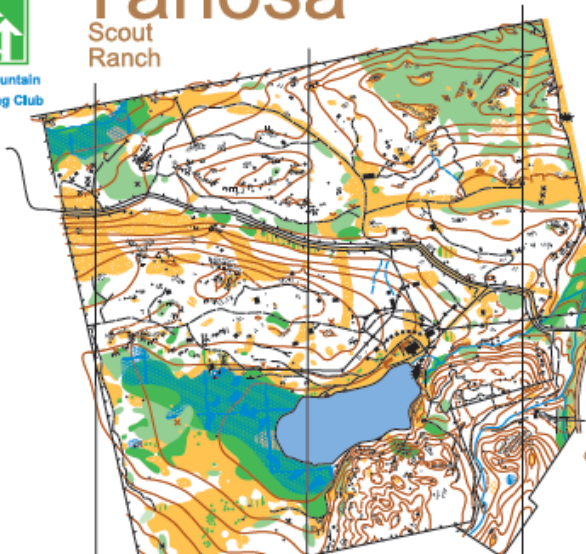
City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Mountain Blend (\$12)		Mountain Blend Decaf (\$14)		Sumatra (\$14)		Vanilla (\$14)		Espresso (\$14)	
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Total Shipping and Handling (\$6 per two bags): \$_____						TOTAL ORDER AMOUNT: \$_____			
DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX. TAA received check #_____ Coffee ship/pickup date: _____									

Tahosa Mapping Program —



Tahosa
Scout
Ranch



by Brian Coleman

With all the great improvements to our gem in the Rockies, Camp Tahosa, there is another improvement that will help tie it all together — an updated map! Many of you are familiar with the extensive map work that has been completed at Peaceful Valley through the work of the Rocky Mountain Orienteering Club and Denver Area Scouter, Brian Coleman. Why not give Tahosa a great map as well?

This spring and summer would be a great opportunity to accomplish that goal. It would be even better if we could work together to build this updated map for Tahosa. To that end, our ranger, Marc Lyman, and Brian Coleman would like to invite interested Scouts and Scouters to help us make OUR map. We need your help to collect trails and other features, confirm map accuracy, set out a permanent orienteering course, and

make this map every bit as good as the Peaceful Valley map. How?

We need a group of volunteers to take their GPS units to collect trails, fence lines, and other features, then provide them to Marc or Brian as collected data. We also need your names, unit information, so that we can add your names to the map, as appropriate, since you contributed to making this map. Brian will show you on a big screen how your data is used, as the data is added, by using GIS and mapping software. So, while building a new map for Tahosa, we also learn about mapping and exposing Scouts and Scouters to a possible career opportunity.

We would like to set a weekend this spring or summer, when the snow melts, to get this project done. Please contact Brian (cell: 720-568-0511; email magneticnorth@comcast.net) or Ranger Marc (Camp phone: 303-440-4040; email: mlyman@bsaemail.org) if you are interested in participating in this worthwhile project.

(Brian is a registered merit badge counselor for Orienteering and Geocaching. He's also an adjunct instructor at Front Range Community College, where he teaches Cartography, which is simply mapmaking, and GPS Field Studies, which is data collection in the field. He is excited about this opportunity to work with local Scouts and Scouters to teach them about GIS (Geographic Information Systems), a great skill set to have as it applies to many different disciplines. Brian has four years experience working with the US Geological Survey (did you know that Denver is the center of mapmaking in the U.S.?) as a business partner and map researcher, and four years with Esri, the number one producer of GIS software in the world.)





Jim Scott Memorial Nomination Form
Tahosa Alumni Association
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The primary requirement is that this individual being nominated has been registered with the Boy Scouts of America in the past and has made contributions to Scouting at Tahosa.

(Please submit this nomination by April 15 to Jack Schooley at the above address or via email at jlschooley@comcast.net.)

The following individual has shown spirit above and beyond in the Scouting program. This individual has repeatedly shown the points of the Scout Oath and Law to be a viable part of their daily life. Therefore, I nominate:

Name: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Approximate years registered in Scouting: _____

Special contributions to Camp Tahosa:

Other pertinent information about this person:

Person making this nomination: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

For a full listing of previous Jim Scott Memorial Recipients, please visit our website at www.tahosa.org.

This year's recipients will be announced during the Tahosa Reunion Picnic in June.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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Annual Picnic: June 7, 2014

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BOARD MEETINGS are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 1455 Newland Street (just off Colfax, east of Wadsworth). All TAA members in good standing are welcome to attend. See the website for more details on dates. No Board meetings in June, November, nor December.