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the future to flourish."**

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Tahosa Alumni Association Winter Banquet 2014 —



Mark those calendars for Saturday, November 8, 2014, for our annual get-together for fellowship, food, and fundraising for the Association. There will be the usual Silent Auction, so please consider donating something to entice others, and the major donations auction. Please come financially prepared! We're partying again at the Lakewood Elks Lodge, 1455 Newland Street (one block south off West

Colfax). Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00, followed by the evening's program.

Look for your official banquet invitation via email for some and U.S. Mail for others.

If you have any questions, please contact Stan Paprocki (vicepresident@tahosa.org), Ellen Paul (admin@tahosa.org), or Barb Fellet (webmaster@tahosa.org).

The View From the Top —

Jim Fellet, President, Tahosa Alumni
Association

Greeting's Alumni!

Well summer came, it lasted — was hot — and now I can't believe it's already the middle of September and we have had a couple days of fall weather. I hope everyone had a great summer and were able to see many friends and family. Your Alumni Board has



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been very busy; we have completed one work day at camp with some more projects yet to come. By the time the *Totem* is out, another project will be underway at camp; mounting the gates and repairing the backside of the dining hall drainage problems. Our intent is to build a channel for the excessive *snow melt* and *rainwater* to drain “around both ends of the building,” instead of draining through the building!

We are also going to install a matching cap on the existing cement walls along the spillway sides of the water front; this will tie in with the current design of the new walls. Lastly, we will deliver additional “road base” for Marc to use at his discretion to fill some of the many wash-outs in the roads at camp.

As I hope you have all heard by now, we had a “soft” opening of our new Scout Heritage Room museum, sponsored by the Tahosa Alumni Association, and the finishing touches are being applied as we speak, with only a few items left, such as mannequins. It’s really a sight to see and enjoy. Many of your members have volunteered *many, many* hours of time to get it to this point. Please contact John Meeker (*see John’s article on Page 3*) or myself if you have some extra time to donate. The grand opening is scheduled around the same time as the new Scouting Center addition is complete. I’ve talked with John Cabeza (Scout Executive) about coordinating both openings. And if you’re going to the Scout Office, be sure and call us, so we can show you the new Heritage Room.

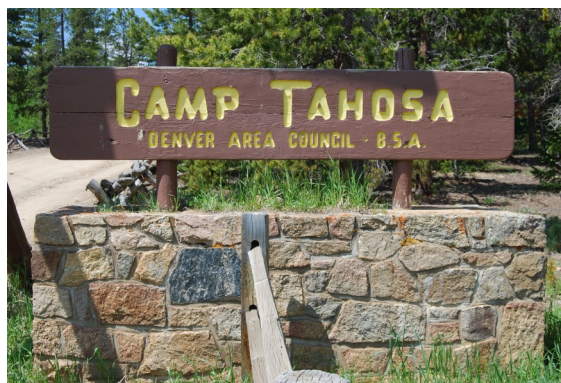
Hope to see you all at the Winter Banquet on November 8th starting around 6:00 p.m., as in the past, at the Lakewood Elk’s Lodge.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I welcome your input.

Looking forward to a Great Tahosa Year ahead!



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Thanks to all members who contribute to the *Tahosa Totem*. The next articles and photos for the Winter 2015 issue **deadline is Friday, December 12, 2014**, because of the holidays. All members are encouraged to contribute. Please send all material to Libby Schultz at **Totem@tahosa.org**.

News on the Scout Heritage Room —

John Meeker, Museum Director of History/Museum, Tahosa Alumni Association

If you haven't heard by now, the Tahosa Alumni Association is getting ready to open its new Scout Heritage Room located at the Denver Area Council office at 10455 West 6th Avenue, just west of Kipling Street.

We will have on display many, many Scouting related photos, patches, neckerchiefs, uniforms, books, camping gear, and signs, plus other relics that will bring back memories of the wonderful past that the Scouting movement has enjoyed in and around Denver. Recalling the histories of Camp deRiçqles and Camp Lemon, the predecessors of Camp Tahosa and Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, they are made alive again through the memorabilia that has been acquired through the generosity of many Scouters, especially Robert and Aileen Munger, Robert Harris, Marty Zinn, and many, many others.

Along with this new and exciting resource, we have need of volunteers who can help us by being docents, to guide visitors through our Scout Heritage Room, and to help us sort, identify, catalog, and manage the hundreds of historic items we have. Please contact John Meeker (museumcoordinator@tahosa.org), if you have an interest and would like to help us on this new adventure for the Tahosa Alumni Association.



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By Keith Kennedy, Membership

Do you shop at Amazon.com? You can easily make those purchases support Tahosa Alumni Association! Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases.

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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.

- One year basic membership is \$15.00.
- Life Membership is \$150.00 (Note: Life Members pay a \$5 annual maintenance fee).
- Youth Membership is \$15.00.

Send a check with name, address & phone number to:

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Ranger's Roost —

Marc Lyman, Camp Tahosa Ranger



I can't believe how quickly Fall has arrived. The temperatures at Camp Tahosa are dipping just below 40 degrees in the early mornings. Many of the Aspens around the lake are phasing into their golden stage. The "turnover" in the lake this year has been heavy and lengthy. The lake algae are finally calming down and the water is clearing up as it cools. Fishing is still good. Youth are having good success with our 8" to 14" brook trout population, with an occasional 17" to 19" rainbow trout. This should be a good year for ice fishing as well.

Summer Camp 2014 went quite well. We had an awesome staff of 23 motivated and creative young adults and youth. Our attendance topped out at about 68% of our capacity (1050 per summer). The Denver Area Council is hoping to add or modify the summer camp program to make it even more exciting in the coming years. No details yet, so stay tuned. Our core activities, at this point, remain (1) at the Waterfront for swimming, boating, and fishing; (2) Archery for skills and merit badge work; (3) Climbing for skills and merit badge on property and off; (4) COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) for team-building skills and to test your fortitude in performing tasks, while your feet aren't touching the ground. This is a brand new course and needs some worthy folks to break it in; (5) Tahosa Trek for learning and testing newly acquired backpacking skills.

The two primary week-long summer programs at Tahosa are Alpine Adventure and Eagle Point. Alpine Adventure will put your backpacking skills to the ultimate test. Routes are chosen based on your group's level of abilities. This program rivals the Philmont experience in some ways and exceeds it in others. You can't cross glaciers and go "glissading" (glacier sliding) just outside of your campsite in July at Philmont! It is a verifiable wilderness experience.

Tahosa's in-camp summer program is called Eagle Point. Eagle Point is available to provide troops an opportunity to design and build a week-long summer campout to accomplish merit badge skills or general activities that the troop wishes to plan. The main support for this program comes from within the troop (older youth and adults). Tahosa staff will still be available for any assistance. In between the merit badge work is where the camp-offered activities work the best. For example, a troop could spend the morning working on Nature Study (troop led) and the afternoon could be spent rock climbing with our Tahosa staff. Scheduling for these camp activities is usually very flexible. You can truly get the most out of your summer at Tahosa with a little planning and understanding of how the program works. Start planning now for next summer.

In August 2014, Tahosa hosted Cony Party #3 for the Order of the Arrow. There were 95 Ordeal candidates willing to do service quietly for the day and they did just that. The projects they were given included trail work, staining buildings, fence building and fence line

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clearing, thinning trees and limbing downed trees, painting cabins (along with some of the Tahosa Alumni members), splitting and stacking wood for winter heat, and digging a huge trench to accommodate the new water system at Tahosa. All were worthy projects and all were well done. The result was 665 man-hours of toil. There were also a few auxiliary efforts made by non-Ordeal attendees. Lumber for some new bunk beds was sanded by hand and thistles were cut and bagged in some problem areas of camp. Thank you to all who helped and to those who supported the event for the OA. The help of the Tahosa Alumni Association is always appreciated, because of their willingness to take the lead role for individual projects. This is *so* important for controlling the quality of any of the projects.

My sincere thanks go out to the Order of the Arrow and the Tahosa Alumni Association. Camp Tahosa is now ready for winter and continues to look better every year.

Good camping.

TAA-OA Cony Party Time!! —

By Frank Lindsey, Facilities/Maintenance Coordinator

At the August Order of the Arrow (OA) Cony Party, Clan 9 OA Ordeal candidates and Tahosa Alumni Association members repainted all eight of the lake front cabins a beautiful honey-yellow, which darkens as it dries (see photos below).

During the TAA-OA work day, Stan Paprocki, Frank Lindsey, and Dorothea Lindsey repaired warped wooden exterior boards on the west end of the Training Lodge, painted the east side of the Training Lodge, and returned the last week of September to paint the west end of the Training Lodge and the Oar House by the lake. Next year the rest of the major buildings will be painted, and then they all shouldn't have to be painted again for 10 years.

This is what your dues and donations do; so please pay your dues and we will keep on doing.



Members of OA Clan 9 providing cheerful service.

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(Editor's note: We regret that these fine Arrowmen are not identified in the photos.)



But we recognize Frank Lindsey (left) and Stan Paprocki.





Jim Scott Memorial Nomination Form
Tahosa Alumni Association
P.O. Box 102938, Denver, CO 80250-2938

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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