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TOTEM

The View From the Top—

Jim Fellet, President, Tahosa Alumni Association

Greetings Alumni!

Does anyone really know if winter is finally over and spring is here, living in Colorado is always a weather surprise? We can always use the moisture but it would be nice if came in with less vigor!

Since our last Totem the big things at camp have been SNOW, I'm told they had over 3' of standing and drifts from this last storm.

One of our large projects this summer will be replacing the "old" roof over our chapel. We have secured a contractor who will install a new steel roof to match the rest of camp, and been very fortunate to have two very generous donations from two of our life members; The Seymour Family and a member who wants to remain anonymous, the remainder of the costs still need to be acquired.

We are still on track to re-finish the lake side wall along the flagpoles to blend with the dining hall. We always have ongoing maintenance projects on the cabins and grounds. As the camp gets older more and more things come up that need to be addressed.

The invitation is always there to come up to camp and lend a hand with service – keeping in mind "*many hands make light work*". Watch for the schedule of work days at camp as weather permits. Contact Frank Lindsey if you can help out.

On a personal note I haven't been able to get up to camp for a few months, in December I went in for a scheduled complete knee replacement, and then in March I thought I had a chest cold and ended up having a double bypass, the good news no heart attack. So much for my medical diagnoses, everything is going extremely well for me and I thank you all for the many good wishes. Remember to listen to what your body tells you, and don't just pass it off as a cold see your doctor regularly.

Scout Show is just around the corner all the board will be there hoping to talk with as many members as possible, and hopefully bringing in new members.

Besides the items I've listed above, you all need to stop by our 'Heritage Room' (museum) sponsored by the Tahosa Alumni Association at the council offices. John, Stan, Dorothea, Keith, Nancy and many more have been doing a fantastic job on bringing *memories to life and telling our history of scouting* .

As before, I've asked for someone to step-up and help with the Totem editorship, my fantastic wife Barb has been doing it but she has had some eye problems and really needs help NOW its really more than one person can handle! Please get involved and help your Alumni Association with this and other tasks.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me, I welcome your input. I'm looking forward to a continued Great Tahosa Year ahead!

Yours in Scouting,

Jim

TAHOSA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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Ranger's Roost

Marc Lyman, Ranger, Camp Tahosa

April 20, 2016

It's been another crazy winter at Camp Tahosa. Temperatures and snow amounts were up and down in extremes. We probably are responsible for 40 to 50 Polar Bear awards this season and probably 600 Frost Points if you are from the Longs Peak Council. Warm days would arrive and nearly decimate the snow and when things looked like winter was coming to an end, it would snow again. The most important result is that campers all had fun and Okpik built quinzees every weekend during the 10 week program. There was sufficient ice covering the lake to allow sledders to build an awesome half-pipe run down through the trees and then shoot out onto the ice-covered lake. Ice fisherman had their fun also as almost everyone who went after fish returned with success in their smiles. Many of the Brook Trout (Brookies) are running 15" to 17" now and most of those were returned to the lake to get bigger!

Now that Spring has arrived, things get even crazier. Tahosa is still cleaning up from a wet snowfall that dumped 50" on the camp. With construction of a new deck for the Ranger's house scheduled to start May 10 and the new metal roof planned for the Chapel, this snow could make things interesting.

Camp Director Toni has been really busy hiring a top-notch summer staff, designing some new products for the Trading Post, and helping out with the logistical stuff that goes into making camp ready. She is packing up the Trading Post to bring items down to the Scout Show. We are looking forward to seeing thousands of familiar faces at Scout Show and hopefully see those same faces during the year at Tahosa.

I wanted to give a recognition shout-out to the Kiwanis Clubs in the Denver Area. Rick Baldessari is an officer with one of the Kiwanis Clubs and saw some of the freshly built wooden bunks going into Devitt Lodge at camp. He asked if the Kiwanis Lodge was scheduled for new bunks also. Of course, it is. He took it upon himself to write to each of the area Kiwanis Clubs and ask for their support to purchase lumber for these new bunks for the lodge. The clubs responded and raised a total of \$1200.00 to meet the goal. Another fundraising success occurred when the Alumni Association thought a new roof for the Chapel at Tahosa would go far to help preserve that structure. The word went out and money was raised in a very short time to fund that project as well. This camp would be in much worse condition if it weren't for people with ideas and the drive to 'get it done'.

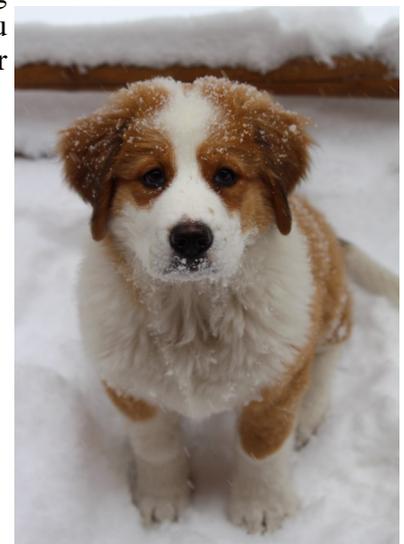
Lastly, I wanted the Alumni to know that Camp Tahosa has a mascot once again, or, at least, a camp dog. His name is Kuma (Japanese for 'bear'). He is 50% Great Pyrenees (like Samson) and 50% Burnese Mountain Dog. He arrived at camp on March 21, at 8 weeks old and 23 pounds. He loves the snow and meeting new people. I have included pictures of him so that when you visit camp, you can be sure it's Kuma. We are looking forward to summer and a great season for camping at Tahosa. Take care.

Marc

Meet the new
Camp mascot
Kuma (Japanese
for "bear").



This editor loves Burnese Mountain Dogs and thinks Kuma is a fantastic addition to the Tahosa family—cutest little guy ever!



Scout Heritage Room

John Meeker, Director of History/Museum

If you haven't stopped by the always changing Scout Heritage Room and foyer display at the Denver Area Council you are missing out on a great Scouting adventure that travels through time.

Come and experience the old Camp Lemon, now hidden partially by Interstate 70 near the twin tunnels bored under Loveland Pass! See Camp Tahosa as it was in 1936 when the Denver BSA first acquired the old Stoney Point Lodge and find out what Scout uniforms were worn "back in the day...". Relive some of the fantastic National Jamboree's, including the 1960 Jamboree held in nearby Colorado Springs, just south of Denver. Marvel at some of the official Scout books, neckerchiefs, and merit badges earned in years gone by.

The Scout Heritage Room at the DAC, sponsored and crewed by the Tahosa Alumni Association, is open on Tuesdays from 10am to 2pm. Appointments for Units to visit can be arranged. In the coming months the TAA History Crew will be seeking additional docents to help visitors explore Denver Scouting's vivid history...stay tuned for training announcements!

Enjoy History,
Become a
Heritage Room
Guide/Docent...

Alumni Members Needed—Work Days

Frank Lindsey, Director of Facilities

Mark your calendar with these scheduled Work Days:

Work Day 5/21/2016

Work Day 8/13/16

Work Day 10/8/2016

Please plan to join us for one or all of the work days. They are days of fellowship and fun work at camp.



We will be helping Marc to start/finish up any projects that need to be done before camp opens, after camp closes and before winter comes. It's always an enjoyable time of service. Please contact Frank Lindsey at 303-986-1064 to let him know you will be joining us.

--We Need You!!



Father Kenny Lane, Founding Father & Barbara Fellet, Past President having a nice visit at the last work day...it's not all work and no play!!



Beautifully painted Dining Hall doors.



Frank Lindsey, Director of Maintenance measuring the Chapel roof



Scott Elzas, board member nominee and a bit sprier member, jumping up to measure the Chapel roof

Challenges are Fun at Camp Tahosa

Brian Payne, Director of Promotions

The Monkey Bridge, part of the COPE course at Camp Tahosa, a challenge even to the staff! Stephanie and Andrew give the Monkey Bridge a go during some off time at Camp this past year. This is something EVERY Scout in a Troop or Crew wants to try.

Stephanie Steele, Camp Tahosa Office Manager for 2015 Summer Camp and Ranger Marc's Neice

The Cope Course is a big attraction for Scouts and Souters

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Andrew Kent, International Staffer for 2015 Summer Camp from Northern Ireland, Great Britain.

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June Reunion Picnic

Stan Paprocki, Vice President

The Reunion Picnic will be held Saturday, June 11, 2016, at Camp Tahosa. Lunch will be served at Noon. As always we will have a picnic prepared by our volunteer staff headed by Frank Lindsey.

This is one of our most important meet and greet Alumni events, so we welcome all members and guests. There is ample opportunity for you to hike around Camp, enjoy some fishing and admire the handiwork of the members who have participated in the workday events. Of course there is always lots of fellowship and food.

**Reunion Picnic
Saturday, June
11, 2016**

I would welcome any all assistance, so if you like planning a party and would like to help, give me a call at 303-241-8279.

Cost will be \$8.00/ per person, \$9.00, if you don't make a reservation and wait to pay at the door. Kids under 18 years \$5.00, \$6.00, if no reservation.

Be sure to get your reservations in to Barbara Fellet by June 3rd you can mail the reservation from the insert or email barbfellet@comcast.net or call 303-986-7918.



Please note: If you make a reservation to pay at the door and do not come, you will be billed. (we buy food for the reservations made!)

Mother's Day is Coming up... Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon? If you are like a lot of us, you do. Well, while you are doing your shopping, check out "Amazon Smile." You can select the charity of your choice and a donation from your applicable purchases will be donated to your selected charity. Now for the GREAT NEWS—the Tahosa Alumni Association is listed on Amazon Smile as a charity to choose from—you can even search for us and you will find us. We receive a check quarterly from them. It did not cost anything to sign up, we are just the happy beneficiaries of their generosity and your shopping. So next time you are online shopping, remember the Alumni Association. Our link is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2229011>.



Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar with these important Alumni events:

Scout Show	4/23/2016	Board Meeting	8/24/2016
Board Meeting	4/27/2016	Board Meeting	9/28/2016
Work Day	5/21/2016	Work Day	10/8/2016
Board Meeting	5/25/2016	Board Meeting	10/26/2016
Reunion Picnic	6/11/2016	Banquet	11/5/2016
Board Meeting	7/27/2016	Budget Meeting	12/14/2016
Work Day	8/13/2016		





Alumni Association

SIGN US UP

Reunion Picnic 6-11-2016



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

_____ (number attending) @ \$8.00 each

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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past for the future
to flourish”*

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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 or December.

