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TAHOSA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



The View From the Top—

Jim Fellet, President, Tahosa Alumni Association

Hope this finds everyone well. I must say I'm very sorry for the late report from me.

Since our last Totem, it's been a long, cold winter, with a fair amount of snow at camp, but not much needed moisture or snow down here. Oh well, that's Colorado for you – wait a couple of hours or days and things have a tendency to change. We have several repair items planned for camp this spring and summer. Obviously – re-doing the chapel roof, painting, and ongoing maintenance projects on the cabins, the lake front and grounds. As the camp gets older, more and more things come up that need to be addressed.

I'd like to take a moment to address a couple of items. Unfortunately, our membership is getting older and smaller, some folks have moved away from the area, and sadly, some members have moved on to a new camp site in heaven. Needless to say, we continue to need the involvement of all current members to help in bringing new younger members into the association. It's really the only way we can continue to benefit the camp we all so love.

We have new items on the agenda to spruce up camp and give the new scouts a High Adventure Camp to build their scouting experience and memories for the future.

Another item—hopefully you all have had the pleasure to visit our 'Heritage Room' (or for us old folks, the greatest scouting museum of all councils). Please take some time and stop by. We can even schedule a special event time for your troop, pack, crew, or group. Our museum group has done a fantastic job along with all the many benefactors we have had. You can always call John Meeker, our newest Silver Beaver recipient, for additional information.

And again, we need your continuing help to fund the many new displays and accessories for our second greatest achievement, the museum (the first being all the many hours and money spent up at Camp).

Watch the schedule for the upcoming work days at camp as weather permits. Contact Frank Lindsey at 303-986-7918 if you can help out. It's also a great way just to spend some relaxing time at Camp.

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.

Looking forward to a continuous Great Tahosa Year ahead!

Yours in Scouting,

Jim Fellet

Jim Fellet
President TAA

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Jim Scott Memorial

Jack Schooley, Jim Scott Memorial

Hear ye.....hear ye!!!!!! Y'all come now.....Submit a nomination or two for the Jim Scott Memorial.....If you were at the Reunion Picnic in 2016, you realize that NO names were added to the wall. You know of some individuals that have not been recognized and the committee needs your assistance to identify them and provide proper acknowledgements of their efforts. Get some names to the committee so we won't be "naked" this year.

Thank you! *Jack* jlschooley@comcast.net

The primary requirement is that the individual being nominated has been registered with the Boy Scouts of America in the past and has made contributions to Scouting at Tahosa. Please check out the list of past recipients on our website and access the nomination form.

Here is the direct link to the form for your convenience.

<http://www.tahosa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Jim-Scott-Nomination.pdf>

Note: We have extended the submission date to May 5, 2017. Please get your nomination turned in now!

Jim Scott
Memorial—We
need your
nominations!

Alumni Members Needed—Work Days

Frank Lindsey, Director of Facilities

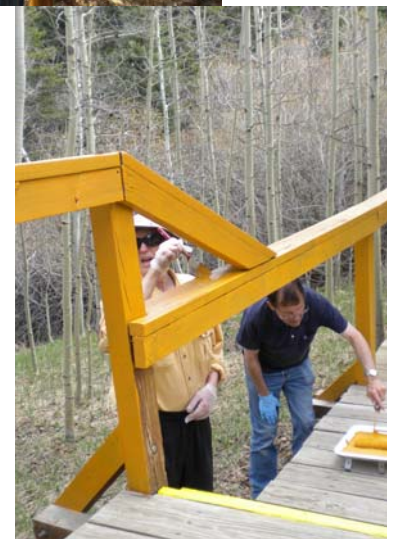
Mark your calendar with these scheduled **Work Days**:

May 20, 2017 / August 12, 2017 / October 7, 2017

The Project and Repair Days are listed above. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Lunch will be provided by your Association. We have come a long way. We have a lot to continue. We have many maintenance issues. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!
For Information and Details -Frank Lindsey 303-986-1064 Saturday-Sunday by 7pm



-- -We Need You!!



Here's a link to the article in Boy's Life about Tahosa:

<http://boyslife.org/video-audio/151705/8-amazing-scout-camps-to-try-this-summer/>

8 Amazing Scout Camps to Try This Summer

By Bryan Wendell

Swim, climb, paddle, fish and earn lots of merit badges. At summer camp, you don't have to pick just one awesome activity. But you do have to pick a summer camp — and with hundreds of incredible options, that isn't easy. Here are just a few that stand out.

TAHOSA HIGH ADVENTURE BASE

*Denver Area Council
Ward, Colorado*



PEOPLE PUZZLE: Tahosa's ropes courses are some of the nation's best. Use your hands, feet and brains to conquer high-flying challenges — and your fears.

NICE CATCH: Fly fishing at 9,000 feet? Yes. Lessons in tying your own flies and making the perfect cast? You bet. Fishing licenses or experience needed? No, sir!

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE: They call it "summer camp at your own pace." Go all-inclusive, where the staff prepares meals and runs the program, or take the reins and plan your perfect week. The choice is yours.

Find out more: denverboyscouts.org

Ranger's Roost

Marc Lyman, Ranger, Camp Tahosa

April 24, 2017

Welcome home, Alumni!! Winter has released its brutal grip on Camp Tahosa for a while and there is a lot of clean-up going on. On five separate occasions we had winds that exceeded 100 miles per hour. The aftermath left nearly 100 trees on the ground. Half of those trees were pulled up by the roots and the rest just snapped off. With snow melting away, lots of trash flowers and other treasures are also revealed. Yes, there is definitely a clean-up in order.

Okpik ended without a moment to spare. There was just enough snow along the trail to the meadow to haul gear out and back. The very next day, that same trail was bare. Within a week after Okpik, the ice was coming off the lake. The Okpik staff tent was taken down for possibly the last time. No, we are still hosting the program, but the DAC has agreed to buy a Tuff Shed and use it as a staff housing facility in the upper meadow. It will be solar powered and propane heated when necessary. Any chilled scouts can be warmed and sent back to their quinzee instead of being escorted back to the main camp. It will be an awesome addition.

The Spring Hooked on Tahosa program has been cancelled this year due to lack of participation. This is a real shame. For the past several years, Spring fishing has been outstanding and the course has had great reviews. I don't understand the trend going on. Even our weekend camping at Tahosa has been a little slower than normal. Hopefully, with enough promotion, we can turn this tide around. Please push camping any chance you get!

The promotion efforts for summer camp have been more successful. Tahosa is 20 campers ahead of the final count for last year and still registering more. The really good news is the Alpine Adventure (5-day back country) experience has nearly tripled in attendance from last summer season. Another shining star for this season is the addition of a 6th week of summer camp dedicated to girls only. So many young ladies out there do not get the summer camp experience that allows them to test their abilities and appreciate the mountains of Colorado. This program will top off their week with a half-day rafting adventure in Clear Creek. We have opted to name the program – Angel Fire. If you know any young ladies (age 11 – 17) who might be interested, have them contact the DAC or Camp Tahosa.

We are looking forward to a great summer and we are beginning to advertise for Camp Tahosa's 80th birthday, coming in 2018. We are going to make the stay of our 2018 visitors as memorable as possible. If you have any ideas to help us accomplish this, we would love to hear about it. Make sure to schedule a camp-out, or, better yet, week of summer camp at Tahosa in 2018.



On Sunday April 9, 2017, several Tahosa Alumni members and board were very pleased to be invited to the presentation of the OA Centurion Award to Bob Harris. Bob has been a member of the Tahosa Alumni for many years. The Centurion award recognized his contributions to the Order of the Arrow Tahosa Lodge since his involvement in Scouting as a youth. Bob was the very first Tahosa Lodge Chief and served a few years later as Lodge chief again. His many contributions to OA, Scouting and to Camp Tahosa are many and SO very appreciated. He impacted many Scouts and Scouters over the years, myself included, and I will be forever grateful for his generous gifts of time and talent to Scouting. Congratulations to Bob! Thank you for letting us celebrate with you. (Submitted by Barb Fellet)

NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FIX UP THE LAKE FRONT WALL

Your Tahosa Alumni Association has been around for many years and during that time we have rarely come to our members to seek their help. Mostly, the Alumni Association has been an opportunity to connect with friends who care about Tahosa and for many of us, it has been a chance to get together with those whom we served with on the Tahosa Camp Staff 20, 30, or even 50+ years ago! How is that even possible?

Today, I am coming to you to ask for you to help us put together a fund to convert the concrete lake front wall into something more attractive and functional. While refacing the wall with a stone finish, we will also be repairing cracks and breaks that have developed over the years. This is a project of your Alumni Association. Just as we fixed the rock fireplace in the dining hall, added the handicap accessible trail to the chapel, and are now replacing the chapel roof, these projects have been conceived and funded by the Association. And there have been hundreds of others, from fixing up each of the stone buildings behind the dining hall to repairing the barn in the lower meadow. And the camp has never looked better than it does today!

Again, this project will be funded and completed by members of the Tahosa Alumni Association. But this is where you come in. I know you have sat on that wall and looked up at the Indian Peaks, Mount Audubon, and watched the trout jumping in the lake at twilight. Maybe it was when you were a Scout, or maybe it was with your kids while they were fishing. Or maybe it was a time of thoughtful meditation about how life was treating you at the time. I know I have been at that spot for all those things over the years. Now the Tahosa Alumni Association is going to take that concrete wall and make it look better than ever and be more functional than ever.

Please help us out now with a gift to the "Rebuild the Wall Fund." It is going to take around \$5,500 to get the job done and that is because the labor will be given by your friends in the Alumni Association. If each of us would pitch in what we can afford, this job will get done and you will be proud to have been a part of making this happen. And remember, the Tahosa Alumni Association is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, so your gift is totally tax deductible! Please send what you can - \$20, \$50, \$100 or more to the Tahosa Alumni Association, c/o Lake Front Wall Project, P.O. Box 102938, Denver, CO., 80250-2938.

Thanks for your help. See you at Tahosa!

Gary Schrenk

Past President



June 10, 2017—Annual Reunion Picnic

Ellen Paul, Director Administration

The Annual Reunion Picnic will be held Saturday, June 10, 2017, at Camp Tahosa. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm.

This is one of our most important meet and greet Alumni events, so we welcome all members and guests. There is always lots of fellowship and food and it's a great opportunity to check out Camp Tahosa! We'll have some new items for sale and some "surprises". Please remember the Scout motto: BE PREPARED!

Please mark your calendar to save the date and plan to attend. **Please register at Scout Show, or by communicating with Barb Fellet by June 1st.**



Annual
Banquet and
meeting
Saturday,
November 4,
2017



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

Bob Munger is seated, retelling one of his many Scouting recollections.
John Meeker is listening while holding up the wall.

Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar with these important Alumni events:



Scout Show	4/29/2017	Work Day	5/20/2017
Board Meeting	5/24/2017	Reunion Picnic	6/10/2017
Board Meeting	7/26/2017	Work Day	8/12/2017
Board Meeting	8/23/2017	Board Meeting	9/27/2017
Work Day	10/7/2017	Board Meeting	10/25/2017
Banquet	11/4/2017	Budget Meeting	12/13/2017

What is the Scouting Heritage Museum all about, anyway?

Behind the colorful face of the Scouting Heritage Museum, with its numerous displays of all manner of Scouting memorabilia, the silent background flow is like a strong, deep river current...the surface looks calm and smooth, but underneath is a flurry of focused activity. Most visitors see just the artifacts and photos and uniforms. Yet a lot of the real action is quietly going on behind the scenes and in the shadows.

The Museum, located at the DAC, receives various donations that are received and sorted by the Tahosa Alumni Association (TAA) museum staff. The items received are for future display or for storage until more items are received or for some event that is celebrated with a combination of displays. A condition that the TAA attaches to the receipt of any material donation includes a requirement that the Museum can determine how the items are to be used, stored, and on some occasions, can be traded or sold or given to another group.

While there have been virtually no items traded to gain a desired rare item, yet, only a very few items have been sold for the benefit of the museum, and some items have been given to another Scouting group. The Museum staff, in the case of Scout uniforms that are received as donations, first reviews them for their interest depending upon the patches that adorn the piece of clothing and its particular personal history. The second aspect is the time in which that uniform was worn; the older uniforms from 1950 and earlier, especially the teens, 20's, 30's and 40's, are most sought after. Newer uniforms present the museum with a challenge, as many uniforms are donated that are duplicates of ones already on display or in storage.

What is done with used Scout uniforms of all sizes that fall into this last group? The museum has connected with a Denver Scouting group that replenishes the uniforms and repurposes them by supplying them to inner city and distressed Denver area youth and leaders in many Scout units. The uniforms begin a second life in Denver's Scouting population, helping local youth feel more a part of Scouting simply because they wear the BSA uniform. During the past two years, many, many uniforms have gone back into use in our local communities.

There is much going on behind the scenes in the Museum...*Stop in to see us on Tuesdays from 10am to 2pm!* And don't forget to sign up with the Tahosa Alumni Association so you can help with our maintenance program at Camp Tahosa, support the Tahosa High Adventure Programs, and become one of our museum Guides! Do something constructive and fun this summer...Join the TAA and see the world through fresh eyes!

You Get So Many Good Things By Being A Guide At The Scouting Heritage Museum! Sign Up Now!

Being a Tahosa Alumni Guide, also called a Docent, at the Scouting museum, gives you the unique opportunity to inform and influence people about Scouting at Tahosa and in Denver! Your Tahosa Alumni Association, the TAA, is wanting more people with your background to be Docents so we can expand the hours that the museum is open and so we can serve not only Scouts and Scouters, but also the greater general public.

By signing up to be a TAA Docent, you will receive two hours of insightful education about the wonderful history of Camp Tahosa, and other camps like Camp Lemen, Camp deRicqles, Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch and even the first sparks of Scouting in the Denver area in the early 1900's. Working with those who lived part of the Tahosa history will help you become acquainted with Scout camping and hiking methods of the early part of the 20th century, as well as the fantastic amount of literature written in the 1920's and 30's about Scout fictional adventures. Every day you help people at the Museum is living a snapshot of a grand history.

The TAA will have its Scouting Heritage Museum staff train you and prepare you for your next great indoor Scouting Adventure at the Museum! Contact Dana Seymour, TAA Museum Trainer, at trainer@tahosa.org for available seats in the coming training sessions. The Museum is looking for interested Guides that can volunteer three hours during some weekdays or on Saturdays at least once a month. More frequent shifts can be easily accommodated.

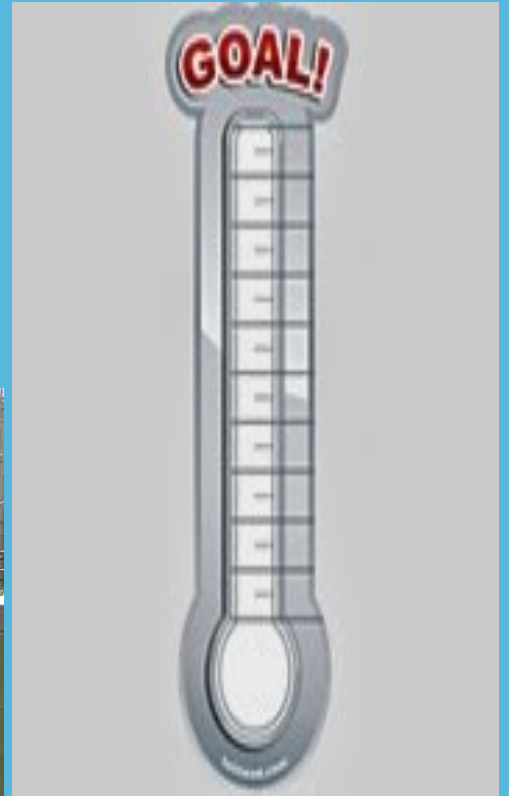
Get trained now so you can wear the vest of a Tahosa Alumni Museum docent! Call today!

John Meeker

Director, Scouting Heritage Museum
Tahosa Alumni Association

Fund Raising Reface the Lake Front Wall

\$5,500.00



The Lake front wall is one of our projects for 2017. It will be refaced with a permanent block/brick product to match the surrounding walls.



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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.

