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The View From the Top—

Jim Fellet, President, Tahosa Alumni Association

Greetings Alumni!

I'm told that summer is over and that a hard snowy winter is on the way. But again weather in Colorado can fool us, it sure has been hot and dry lately. As the saying goes, 'in Colorado wait 5 minutes and the weather will change'.

It's been a beautiful summer, even with the continuous rainy days in April / May, it seemed like we had moved to Oregon! But with all that, everyone stayed busy, Especially at our museum, the crew works every Tuesday sorting, filing and building the most beautiful Scout Museum in the country. And I have been told by some of the Council Board that have seen the national museum, ours is as fine on a smaller scale.

We have had numerous improvements at camp and more are on the way. If you get a chance and want to take a short trip to watch the leaves turn, stop by your camp and take a look around.

I was unable to attend the Camporee down at Peaceful Valley this past weekend, but I was told it was a great event and everyone had a super time.

We have already had one work day at Camp with the help of numerous OA members, Frank Lindsey and his crew (mainly his wonderful wife Dorothea) got a lot done. Our next work day is October 10th at camp and we need help from the Alumni Members so please put it on your calendar, contact Frank or myself and sign-up.

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! Please get involved and help your Alumni Association.

Our next big event is the Winter Banquet, Saturday November 7th at the Lakewood Elks Club starting at 6:00pm located at 1455 Newland Street, Lakewood. Reservation information will be coming shortly, we need you all to attend.

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

Looking forward to a continuing Great Tahosa Year ahead!

Yours in Scouting,

Jim

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Ranger's Roost

Marc Lyman, Ranger, Camp Tahosa

Summer camp 2015 is officially over! Camp Tahosa hosted over 1450 campers (including Big Horn, NYLT) over a six week period. The camp was estimated to be at 75% of its capacity for the season. The fun part of this is that Tahosa housed troops representing 8 different Councils outside of the Denver Area Council. Word is getting out.

The staffers at Tahosa, this year, made every troop want to come back for a future visit. The flexibility and service that these young people showed for our campers was outstanding. We had never before taught the kayaking merit badge but, when a request was made, the waterfront director created an obstacle course with pool noodles and proceeded to teach the merit badge. The dedication that staff showed while helping with setup and prep at each meal, cleaning up after each meal, getting to their activity areas to teach and then organizing an evening entertainment venue was amazing. The success of 2015 is a credit to the Tahosa staff.

There were some projects completed by campers and staff that improved the appearance of Tahosa as well. Many piles of brush and logs were centralized for disposal. Most of this material is clean up from the bad winds of 4 years ago. Yes, it is still ongoing. Some groups repaired fences while other worked on small landscaping projects and still others gathered and split firewood for the coming winter. A big effort was put into trying to revitalize the old shower house. Once it was all cleaned, it became apparent that tearing it down was the only option. The wood along the base of the walls was completely rotted and not safe. Our ultimate goal is to obtain more shower space for Tahosa but the question now is how best to go about it.

The Denver Area Council is bringing in water engineers to evaluate the problem and make recommendations. There is also some funding set aside to rebuild the deck on the Ranger's house. With the wet summer, many contractors are running behind but we are looking for a crew to take on this project.

**Work Day is
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Speaking of water, the lake was in great shape this summer. Boating and swimming were a popular free-time choice. The fishing was nothing short of outstanding. Yours truly did not get a chance to wet a line during summer camp but shortly after camp ended... let's just say it was a lot of fun. Most of the brookies are running 12" to 14" with a few larger than that. Plans are in the works to stock some rainbow trout in the spring of 2016

The summer was not without its challenges which are too tedious for details, but everyone stepped up and made the most of every opportunity. Because Tahosa is such an intimate camp, there were many times when the campers would be asking if they could pitch in and help. These were the best times ever as boys, adults and staff all worked as a single unit toward a single goal. Isn't that what SCOUTING is? We had it all during the summer of 2015.

Winter is coming and reports are saying it will be a good one. I'll let you know...

Alumni Members Needed—Work Day—October 10th

Frank Lindsey, Director of Facilities



The next work day at camp is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th. Please plan to join us for a day of fellowship and fun work at camp. We will be helping Marc to finish up any projects that need to be done before winter hits. Please contact Frank Lindsey at 303-986-1064 to let him know you will be joining us.

--We Need You!!

A Bit of Fun from the Heritage Room

Nancy Nibling, Librarian

A group of papers that were donated to the museum associated with George W. Arnold (who according to Frank Lindsey is an old alumni member) were about 20 pieces that have to do with faith and scouting. Here is a sampling:

February 1965

From The Bulletin—Congregation Ahavath Israel

A Legend

One night in ancient times, three horsemen were riding across a desert. As they crossed the dry bed of a river, out of the darkness a voice called, "Halt!"

They obeyed. Their voice then told them to dismount, pick up a handful of pebbles, put the pebbles in their pockets and remount.

The voice then said, "You have done as I commanded. Tomorrow at sun-up you will be both glad and sorry." Mystified, the horsemen rode on.

When the sun rose, they reached into their pockets and found that a miracle had happened. The pebbles had been transformed into diamonds, rubies, and other precious stones. They remembered the warning. They were both glad and sorry—glad they had taken some, and sorry they had not taken more...

The Alumni
Needs You... see
how you can
help

Members Welcome

John Meeker, Director of History/Museum

If you are interested in history and have a couple of hours a week to spend with the Museum staff we would love to have you help us with the sorting, cataloging, setting up and changing up of the Tahosa Heritage Museum located at the Denver Council Office at about Kipling and 6th Avenue.

We are also developing a Docent program under Dorothea Lindsey and Dana Seymour to be our tour guides, so if that would be something that might interest you, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact me at 303-237-1952 if you would like to join us...we have lots of fun!



Tahosa Summer Camp

Tonia Lyman, Camp Director

Summer camp at Tahosa was very successful. Camp attendance was at 75% capacity. Compliments to the Staff, Scouters and Scouts they were all flexible with the schedule and willing to change to help the entire camp especially during the weeks we had around a 150 participants. Scoutmasters and other adults that attended were complimentary of the staff. This staff was willing to meet the scouts on their off time to make sure that scouts had every opportunity to complete the merit badges they were working on at the time.

Some of the Troop Led merit badges included; cooking, photography, bird study, Mammal Study and also work on rank advancements especially for 2nd & 1st Class. Staff-Led merit badges were Canoeing, Rowing, Kayaking (for the first time), Climbing, Archery, Wilderness Survival, Environmental Science, Orienteering, First Aid and Music. COPE was up and running. Many troops were hesitant at first to sign up but once they did, well, several troops made arrangements to go back down and play on the ropes. There was about a 98% completion rate on merit badges. Not bad for a small staff that worked from 6:45 am-10:00pm almost every day.

Tahosa was a host to 28 troops coming from 7 different councils this summer. The councils represented were; Circle Ten-TX, Longhorn-TX, Heart of America-MO, Longs Peak-CO, Pikes Peak-CO, Rocky Mountain-CO, and Denver Area Council. Tahosa also hosted a couple of outside groups during the summer. These included Synergy, Cal-Wood and Knights of Heroes.

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The two trekking programs were not filled like we had hoped. So a decision was made to close both trekking programs and only honor those groups that had signed up. After closing the Tahosa Trek program I received several phone calls about booking treks. We were able to have a Tahosa Trek each week of camp was awesome. Tahosa Treks are a 3-day introduction to backpacking. We had 4 Alpine Treks that hiked 5 days into the Indian Peak and James Peak Wilderness Areas.

While all this was going on in the upper part of camp Big Horn-National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) was in the lower meadow. They hosted another 425 Scouts and Scouter during their 5-week program.



Left to Right 3rd Row: Goobz (cook), Mike A., Julian, Matt, Vanessa, Jared M., Stephen, Beth, B.J. Greg
2nd Row: B.J., Jared L., Stephanie, Dalton, Thomas, Andy (International Scout Ireland), Marc
Front Row: Ana, Hunter, Tonia, Sarah, Mike S.

November Winter Banquet

Stan Paprocki, Vice President

The November Winter Banquet will be held Saturday, November 7th at the Lakewood Elks Club 1455 Newland Street.

This is one of our most important fund raising events Alumni, so we welcome all members and guests. We will have a program and we always try to have silent and/or live auction items and maybe even some other fun ways to join in the fun and fund raising. Of course there is always lots of fellowship and food.

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I would welcome any all assistance, so if you like planning a party and would like to help, give me a call. Also if you have access to nice items that might work for silent or live auction please contact me at 303-241-8279.

All the details of the event will be in your invitation which will be mailed to you, so watch your mail for your invitation which will be coming soon.

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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:



Board Meeting	4/22/2015	Board Meeting	8/23/2015
Scout Show	4/25/2015	Council Camporee	9/18-20/2015
Board Meeting	5/27/2015	Board Meeting	9/23/2015
Reunion	6/6/2015	Work Day	10/10/2015
Board Meeting	7/22/2015	Board Meeting	10/28/2015
Work Day	8/15/2015	Banquet	11/7/2015



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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.

