

# TAHOSA TOTEM

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## ANNUAL REUNION PICNIC PLANNED!

It's been too long since many of us have had this view. The good news is that we don't have to wait much longer. Mark your calendars, set aside the date: July 24 is the day we've all been looking for. Further details are under way, and you don't want to miss this one. Additionally, look for more information in this issue about an important event happening the very same weekend.



Lady Liberty overlooks Camp Tahosa



## Museum News

### 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 Denver Area Council Headquarters, 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 or individual outside of the Museum.

There have been few items that have been traded by the Museum to gain a desired or rare Scout relic for its collection. There have been some donated items that have been repurposed and given to various active Scout groups and DAC Scout camps. 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.

# Museum, continued...

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 and are being worn today.

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!

John Meeker  
Director, Scouting Heritage Museum  
Tahosa Alumni Association

## Upcoming Event!!

Look familiar? Tired of the same old food every time your unit goes camping? Looking for new ways to teach cooking to your youth and to spice up your meals? Curious what all you can cook on a campout? Ever thought about using a Dutch oven?

We have the opportunity for you. Join Mario Suarez, Eric Smith and their cooking team at Camp Tahosa for a weekend of new cooking ideas, recipes, tips and tricks. You'll have the opportunity to learn from the best and take home a couple of cookbooks as well as the skills to be a master outdoor cook. Besides improving your diet on a campout you'll have a great opportunity to have your Scouts learn to love cooking outdoors.

No more burnt food or pine needles floating on the top of the meal!

Please join us **Friday - Sunday, July 23 - 25, 2021** from 6:00 pm on Friday to 1:00 pm on Sunday for some good food and comradery as we learn do to some outdoor cooking with Mario Suarez.

Price for the weekend is \$75 and includes all meals and tent camping.

We'll all be better as we head home after a wonderful weekend of feeding our bodies and souls.

This event will be held rain or shine so please prepare accordingly. At the time of this writing, masks are required and all must practice social distancing.

Please bring a signed BSA Health Form part A & B with you on Friday.

CONTACT E-MAIL: Mario Suarez [suarauco@aol.com](mailto:suarauco@aol.com)

COST: \$75.00 per participant which covers all food, camping and a great weekend

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

Please plan ahead accordingly as there will be no refunds.

Register here for this great opportunity:

<https://denverboyscouts.doubleknot.com/event/tahosa-outdoor-cooking-class/2820417>

