

TAHOSA TOTEM

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ANNUAL BANQUET 2023



We are happy to be able to extend this invitation to join us, once again, to enjoy good fellowship, relive old memories, and attend to important business at our Annual Banquet and renewal of the Tahosa Alumni Association.

Our “No Foolin’” banquet was held in April 2023 and your diligent and dedicated Alumni board is pleased to be able to hold this in person event again. We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us. The event will be on Saturday, November 4,

2023, at the Greater Colorado Council (formerly Denver Area Council) service center on the east side. (Address is 10455 W 6th Avenue, Denver, CO 80215.) We’ll start gathering to socialize at 6pm, with the possibility of a tour of the current version of our fabulous Scouting Heritage Museum. At 6:30pm we’ll enjoy dinner together. The cost will be \$20 per person, payable by credit card on the TAA website.

(Alternatively, you may mail a check payable to Tahosa Alumni Association to Ellen Paul, 10263 Spotted Owl Avenue, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129) so we can provide a correct number of attendees to our caterer.

Register now to attend!

We are taking credit card payments via our website. Please go to www.tahosa.org. Click on the “Store” tab at the top menu. On the store screen, the upper left item is the selection to make for the Annual Banquet Meeting November 4, 2023 registration. Click on “Add to Cart” and then “Checkout Now” to complete your registration. (Note – the quantity may be adjusted in the “cart”.) If you have any dietary restrictions or any other questions, please email ellenkpaul@gmail.com. Please enter through the east doors (near the Scout Shop).

This is not a uniformed event

Please dress comfortably

TAA proposed slate of directors

We will be ratifying our new slate of directors at this annual meeting (shown below). If you are not a current member of Tahosa Alumni Association, we strongly encourage you to join us. Our current members who may not be able to attend this annual meeting in person have the opportunity to provide their proxy to our current president via email ellenkpaul@gmail.com by 10/30/23.

Your proxy will confirm that you are in favor of the new slate of directors continuing their service to TAA.

OFFICERS

Gary Schrenk, President
Steve Yexley, Vice President
Keith Kennedy, Treasurer/Membership
Ellen Paul, Secretary and Immediate Past President

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Kenneth Lane
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Frank Lindsey

Does Camp Tahosa Still Exist?

The demise of Camp Tahosa has been greatly exaggerated

In the seemingly never ending waiting game, the death of Camp Tahosa has been reported on, talked about, debated, and mourned. Scouters have talked on social media about their "last trip to Camp Tahosa", and agonized over how sorry they were to see it go. It's true: going forward, the camp will take on a very different look, and will not be the same place that we have all come to know and love. But it's possible that in another eighty years, generations of Scouters will come to regard the camp with the same kind of reverence and affection as we in the TAA have.

While we wait to see what will become of the portion of the camp that is for sale, the TAA (and the Greater Colorado Council) is hard at work to determine how we can move forward to create the best version of Camp Tahosa's future. A committee has been formed that is exploring how we can take the best of what we have available to create great experiences for our youth. By necessity, some aspects of the camp will be very different. It is unlikely that, for the near future at least, there will no longer be a live-in ranger at camp. Since Tahosa will be limited in its offerings, the main use of Tahosa would be for weekend troop camping, troop led summer camp, Klondikes, Camporees, and backpacking adventures into the wilderness. The CampMaster program will continue to provide a ranger-like resource for troops that are camping. The committee is also exploring ways to utilize the TAA in providing resources to maintain and upgrade the camp, as it has done in the past.

None of us can predict what Camp Tahosa will look like, in the generations to come, but the Tahosa Alumni Association will continue to adapt to the situation at hand and encourage all Scouters to "Be Prepared".

