

Camp Norse Alumni News



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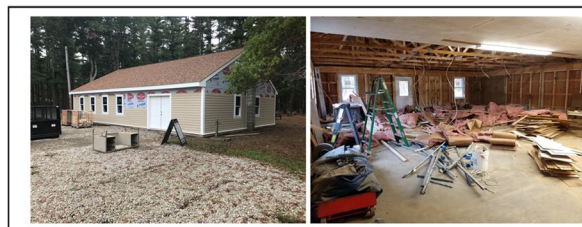
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Camp Norse Scouting Museum

Thanks to the generosity of the George W. Magee Foundation and the Hefron Fund the Scouting Museum at Camp Norse is well into what we call Phase 3.

Phase 1 a new roof and fascia was completed before summer camp. Phase 2, new windows, doors and siding was completed in October. This work was completed by Middleboro Eagle Scout Anders Martenson, AMartensoncontracting.com. Phase 3 is interior work. Insulation, electrical work, move and rebuild the dividing wall, new texture 1-11 on the craft side, and drywall the museum side.

So far Phase 3 work is being done by volunteers. We will bring in a drywall pro for the



museum..

Some supplies have been donated and some we'll shop for the best deal available. The wall insulation was installed before 12/1, most electrical is done, HVAC and Texture 1-11 will be installed by the end of December. That leaves 1,600 sq feet of ceiling insulation for the entire building and about 700 sq feet of flooring for the museum. In the spring the outside will be painted and crushed stone & grading the land around the building.

Phase 4 will be furnishing the museum with display cases and lighting.

If you have any Scouting paraphernalia, or would like to make a donation to support the museum please contact Bob Howard at r.howard@campnorse.org or our museum curator John Gisetto at jgisetto@comcast.net.

Camp Norse Alumni Assoc Announces the 2017 Alumni Scholarship Recipient Submitted by Dick Paulson

The Camp Norse Alumni Association announced that Derek Cronin of Troop 4, Lakeville is this years recipient of the \$500 Scholarship. Derek is an Eagle Scout and has earned the Bronze Palm Eagle Scout Award and the Arrow of Light.

Derek has served as a

summer camp staffer at Camp Norse for three consecutive summers. In 2015 Derek joined as a Den Chief/Counselor. In 2016 Derek returned to the position of Den Chief/Counselor. Dereks dedication to service to the Cub Scouts made him highly respected by the Camp Director, as well as fellow

counselors. Derek returned in 2017 to the position of Den Chief Director.

Derek is 1 2017 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and will be attending Middlebury College in Vermont.



"A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens."

Lord Robert Baden-Powell

Summer Camp 2017

Joe Livingston, Sr. Service Area Director, Narragansett Council BSA



Camps thrive when they are utilized. Whether its weekend use or a robust summer camp program we want our camp to be full of life and excited Scouts. This summer Camp Norse was full of excited Scouts. From our day camp program that saw an increase in attendance by 10% to our Family Camp programs that continued to serve families from Boston to Rhode Island. While the programs we offer have

continued to grow and adapt to the changing needs and wants of the families we serve, the outcome is still the same. By the end of the week of Day camp, or the end of a camping weekend, scouts don't want to leave- but when they do they often fall asleep in the car before the car has left the camp. These smiling faces are what makes it all worth it. I encourage you all as the dust settles and we start to look towards the summer of 2018 to make a plan to stop by and see the summer camp program in action. See those smiling faces

as they hit the archery target for the first time, or complete a lap on our BMX track. That's not to say summer camp is the only opportunity to see Scouts having fun, throughout the year from Fall Cranboree, to Klondike Derbies, and OA weekends there are chances to see the camp full of life and Scouting in action. I hope to see you all around camp sometime soon as we look to continue to grow and expand not only Camp Norse but the Scouting mission around it that can make the camp come to life throughout the year.

Camp Norse Campmasters

Awhile back we were asked if through the Camp Norse Alumni Association if we could get the Campmaster program back.

The Campmaster Corps is a group of experienced Scouters who support weekend camp activities at Camp Norse. Members of the Campmaster Corps have a working knowledge of the BSA Outdoor Programs, the Patrol method, Troop and Unit operations and general knowledge of the aims and objectives of the Scouting Outdoor Program.

Campmasters spend the weekend at the Magee Lodge (kitchen, cooking utensils, private bathrooms, and beds) while providing service to Units camping during the weekend. Typically, weekend duties begin when the Campmaster arrives on Friday and end on Sunday after the units have left.

During the weekend, Campmasters are a visible presence at the camp property, visiting the Units at campsites and program facilities to provide assistance,

ensuring the safety and security of the Units and camp property by inspecting facilities and campsites.

The Campmaster is the host and Commissioner for the weekend.

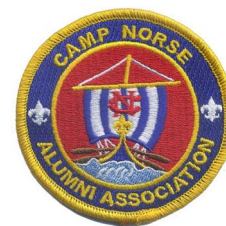
What a wonderful way to get back to Camp Norse. If you're interested in serving as a Campmaster please contact Bob Howard at r.howard@campnorse.org

Camp Norse Projects



Left: Almost completed Water Front Tower

Right: Weather Station Installation by volunteers Steve O'Brien and Steve Hawes



Thanks to the generosity of the Hefron Fund and support of Alumni members Matt Bedard, Steve O'Brien and Steve Hawes the Camp Norse weather station is online. It can be found at <https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/ma/camp-norse/KMAKINGS13> or download the Underground Weather app which is available for both Android and Apple phone and tablets. Soon a 30" monitor will be installed in the dining hall so the information will be available to campers and used in the program.

The water front tower is complete but for a coat of paint which will be done in the spring. Thanks to members Jeff Allie, Kevin Dropps, Steve O'Brien and Bob Howard for donations and time.

Camp Norse Alumni Belt Buckles, Pins & Coins



Thanks to Bob Hefron

"The most worthwhile thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others."
Lord Robert Baden-Powell

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Update from the Chairman

When the Camp Norse Alumni Association was approved by the Narragansett Council Executive board in September 2016 the organizing committee had been meeting for more than a year. Our goal at that time was to have 50 members within one year. Well, we missed that goal. But only by 6 weeks. As of November 15th we have 54 members. 42 of those are Lifetime memberships.

At the November 29, 2017 Camp Norse Alumni Assoc. executive committee meeting the board voted to extend the \$300 Lifetime membership discount to the first 100 Lifetime members. That means the next 46 Lifetime members will be at the discount of \$300. After that time Lifetime membership will be \$500. The committee did vote in a new level of support. That will be 20 year membership for \$300.

Through the generous support of the Hefron Fund the first 50 Lifetime members of the Camp Norse Alumni Association will be receiving an antiques gold belt buckle, gold coin and lapel/hat pin.

It's been a successful 2017 for the Camp Norse Alumni Association. But we're still trying to make this a formidable organization which will support our Camp Norse long after we're gone.

For our organization to flourish we need to build our endowment. This, along with financial and material donations we will continue our goal of supporting our Camp Norse program and facilities.

Please share this update with your family and friends. Do you have contact information for former Scouts and Scouters? Please forward their info and we'll reach out.

Thank you for your continued support.

Happy Holidays and see you at Camp Norse

Bob

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