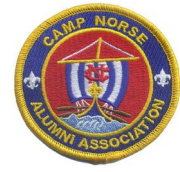


Camp Norse Alumni News



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Camp Norse vs Mother Nature March 2018

Camp Norse was ravaged by the March 2 Northeaster and that damage was added by the next 3 storms. By the middle of March more than 100 trees had fallen, many were hung up in other trees known as widow makers. Many electric wires were also down. For the safety of all our Scouts and volunteers Tom Sission, Director of Camping Narragansett Council, closed Camp Norse. After the first storm damage was posted on Facebook within 24 hours Bryan Boyajian camp ranger at New Hampshire's Griswold Scout Reservation Daniel Webster Council contacted his former Scoutmaster and now chairman of the Camp Norse Alumni Association Bob Howard that he had a crew and were prepared to start the clean up. Bryan's brother David who is the ranger at Camp Sequassen Connettecot Yankee Council also volunteered.

The work was postponed by Northeaster 2, then 3 then 4. On Sunday March 18 David and Bryan along with Bryan's assistant Ranger John Rolfson and volunteers Tim Hayes, Corey Stevens and Drew Rydiewski arrived at Camp Norse. After meeting with Camp Norse Ranger Karrie Dumais a plan was

formulated. With the right equipment, logging and safety skills this team did amazing work in the 3 days they were at Camp Norse. Trees were cut into 12 foot pieces and moved to the parking lot. The widow makers were brought down and many more trees that were still standing but damaged and posing safety concerns were removed.

By Tuesday afternoon hundreds of logs were piled in the parking lot and dozens of cut down trees are still to be moved. Camp Norse is used by Scouts on weekends in the fall, winter and spring and is home the Narragansett Councils Family Camping and Cub Scout Day Camp in the summer. We still have a lot to get done but the work that these Scouters did this week put us a much better position to have camp ready for the Scouts.

Bryan and David are both Eagle Scouts formerly of Troop 79 sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Raynham. This was the first time they had met with their former Scoutmaster Bob Howard in many years. But as Bryan says "A Scout is Helpful, when I saw Bob's post I knew I was going back to Camp Norse to help in the clean up." Bryan is working with his Scout Executive Jay Garee, Daniel Webster Council, to



establish a mutual aid program among all the scout camps in New England. When a disaster hits most councils don't have the man power or resources to recover in a timely and cost efficient manor.

Bob Howard states, "As we get older we're more apt to see the influence that Scouting has had on the youth we have served. Whether it's around town you see them, or bump into a friend or family member and hear the stories of where they are now or when a Scout in your troop now has a son earning his Eagle. Where does the time go? All our Scouts have a place in our hearts but for me there are two that stand out. The Boyajian boys. Bryan and David are two of my Eagles. The work they did along with John Rolfson, Tim Hayes, Corey Stevens and Drew Rydiewski at Camp Norse this week is insurmountable. They truly represent Scouting at its best."

Who is the Camp Norse Alumni Assoc?

The Camp Norse Alumni Association is currently made up of 71 members. I don't have people's birthdays but I believe our youngest member is in his twenties and oldest well into being a senior citizen. We have a membership that was purchased in memory of a fellow Scouter, and one of our members passed away just after the organization was formed. I believe all members are former Scouters and many still active in the organization. We have Cub Scouters, Boy Scouters, Venturers, Explorers, former and current executive board members, and former Camp Norse staff members. Most are/were volunteers; we have a couple former DE's, a current Scout Executive, and a number of Eagle Scouts. Most are local to the Northeast Service Area aka the former Annawon Council, a few from other MA and RI communities, one from Maine, Vermont, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland, two from NH, three from CT, and two from Florida.

Most members are still in the working world representing all walks of life and a few are retired. The one common thread that we all have in common is our belief in the values of Scouting and how important Camp Norse was to us and will continue to be for generations to come.

The Camp Norse Alumni Association has an executive board of 13 people including 1 member of the council staff. Chairman Bob Howard, Vice-Chairman Steve O'Brien, Secretary Tim Hawes, Treasurer John Kane, and 8 others. We will be forming a nomination committee soon to prepare for the September elections. If you would like to serve on the board please contact us.



"Nothing worthwhile was ever accomplished without the will to start, the enthusiasm to continue and, regardless of temporary obstacles, the persistence to complete"
Waite Phillips

Projects at Norse

Since our last news letter what have we done at Camp Norse?

The tower at the water front was rebuilt last summer, we just need to repair the railing around the top and give the top a coat of paint.

The Camp Norse weather station was installed but with the power problems it wasn't always up during the winter. Our tech guys think it's fixed. A 30 inch monitor will be installed in the dining hall so it can be viewed by all. You can download the Underground Weather app from the app store or itunes. A neighbor has a weather station which is labeled Camp Norse also. Our Camp Norse code is KMAKINGS13.

Storm cleanup, see story page 1, and many alumni members attended the Tulpe Lodge spring ordeal.

We'll be working with the summer camp staff to help support this summer's programs and hopefully present another staff scholarship. Donations for the scholarship(s) can be made by mail or at <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/546/appeal/50>. Please note for scholarship.

And, of course, our main focus has been the yet to be named Scouting Museum @ Camp Norse. See story on page 6.



"The most worthwhile thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others."

Lord Robert Baden-Powell

The Value of Camp Norse

Mark J. Nelson | Team Lead, Leadership Development **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Scouting University**

Picture this:

- Youth splashing into the swimming pool or lake on a hot day
- An archery bow stretched tight by a small hand and aimed at a colorful bull's-eye 20 feet away
- Hikers on a brush-laden trail stopping to admire a spider forming its web in a tree
- Teams of two paddling wildly in a canoe or peddling a paddle boat on Darby Pond.

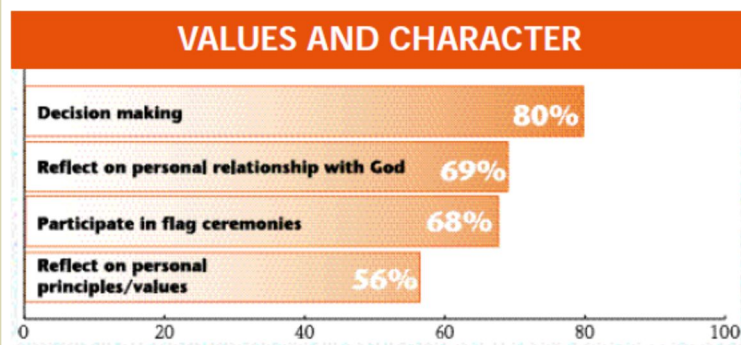
These are a few of the images and memories I have of Camp Norse.

Hidden within the camp adventure that hundreds of youth have at Camp Norse, lies the true benefits of attending camp.

Harris Interactive designed a study on the impact of summer camp in the lives of Scouts, Scout Leaders and parents of Scouts. The researchers concluded that by attending a camp activity, youth are in an environment that comprehensively provides them with critical elements in healthy youth development.

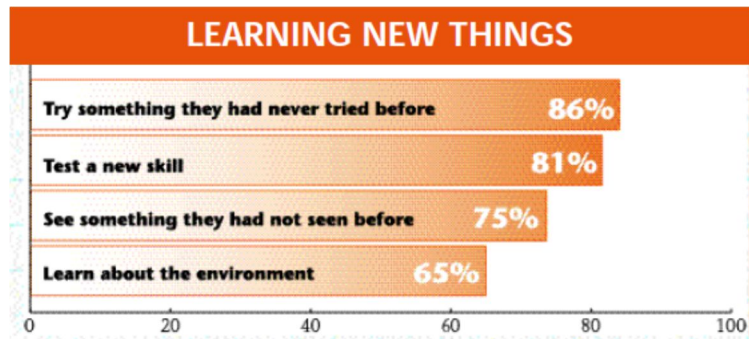
Camps are removed from the hustle and bustle world of mass information, media, and technology. This type of "protected environment" provides a significant opportunity for growth among young people.

At camp, boys have time to consider and reflect on their place in life. **Strong personal values and character** are shaped as youth are encouraged to take a part in decisions that impact others, contemplate their relationship with God, reflect on personal values, and participate in patriotic activities regarding American citizenship.

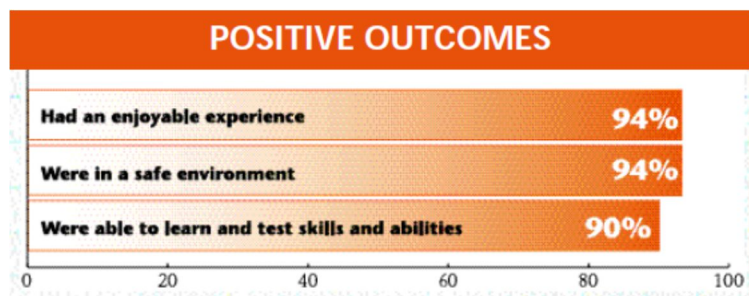


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Youth seldom consider “school learning” to be exciting. Learning at Camp Norse is a different story! Camp is an outdoor classroom in which youth test themselves. They test their skills, as well as their courage to try new things.



Parents see the difference Scout camp makes. A clear majority (81 percent) of parents of Scouts who attend camp say the camp experience resulted in a positive change in their sons. They agree their youth have fun, are safe, and learn and test new skills. Moreover, a clear majority of parents (84 percent) say their child learned personal responsibility while at camp. For these reasons, almost all parents (96 percent) would recommend camp to others.



Since 1934, Camp Norse has benefitted thousands of youth for their lifetime. Several of those reading this newsletter can attest to the impact that a few acres of trees and a lake have given us memories and changed our lives.



“The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others

Lord Robert Baden-Powell



Cubs get buzzed!

At Camp Norse Cub World, this past summer, Wednesdays were abuzz with bees. No, this wasn't the movie remake of Killer Bees, it was two beekeepers that wanted to share the magic of honeybees, what they aren't, but more importantly what they are.

The two beekeepers, Jim DeTerra, a healthcare IT consultant from Assonet and Gil Garnett, a Narragansett Council Executive Board member from Bridgewater, both members of the Bristol County Beekeepers Assn. showed a power-point presentation about different kinds of bees; yellow jackets, wasps, bumble bees and honey bees and their different kinds of habitats. The boys and their leaders were instructed about staying away from suspected nests or hives and what to do if they are stung by one of these pesky insects.

Then, was the main event, talking about our favorite girls, the honeybees. They are amazing creatures. The boys learned that they live only about 45 days. They are the only insect that makes food edible for humans. Once they emerge from their cells, all they do is work, 24/7. They start off as 'undertaker' removing the dead bees from the hive. A beehive is clean and sterile. As new along, about 1500/day, because that is the number of eggs that a queen lays, then move on to other jobs, nurse bees, foraging bees, bees that make comb that make honey. Even when the bees are busy, they are on guard all the time intruders like foreign bees, yellow jacket, mice and humans. When they sense they let out a scent that alerts the other bees to be on guard and be in attack That is the reason that bee-keepers use a smoker. A smoker emits a cool calms the bee down so that hives can be checked.



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There was also a full hive set-up showing brood supers, honey supers, bottom boards and frames and the explanation about all of a hive's essential parts. Jim explained to the boys about the "waggle dance" which is the way that bees communicate where food is. They also learned that there are different kinds of bees in a hive; female worker bees, a few drones and, of course, only ONE Queen. The queen can lay up to two thousand eggs a day, which means in 15-16 days there are 2K babies. They were told factoids like it takes one bee's flying for 55 miles just to make one pounds of honey as well as a bee can fly 15 MPH. They can never outrun a bee – at least not for very long.



The next part of each 40 minute presentation was with a demonstration hive. There were live bees in a frame, the bees were busy at work under glass with the boys totally amazed by what they saw, making honey and comb. The frame was backlit so that that everyone had a great view of the black and yellow magical flying insects. There were tiny microphones installed inside the observation so that the boys could hear the buzzing that was made from the 250 wing flaps per second that each bee made.



Once the boys saw the power-point, a YouTube video, a real live full-sized hive, samples of beekeepers equipment and the observation hive, they then had the opportunity to sample some local honey donated by a scouting family that has bees, The Ashley's from Freetown. There were all kinds of expressions from Yum to Yuck emitted from the one-time sticks plunged deep into the honey jars.

Once they were all cleaned up, a big Cub Scout thanks was given and off to their next station. The kids were fun. They had good questions and who knows, we may have some new beekeepers in our midst. And the best part was Jim and Gil had a great time as well talking about bees.

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The Scouting Museum @ Camp Norse



Tom Tran, Troop 22 E. Taunton finishing installation of the flooring at the Scouting Museum @ Camp Norse

The construction on the Scouting Museum @ Camp Norse is almost done. Of course every time I say that Steve O. points out I forgot about something. But we're almost there. Stain the woodwork and Install and stain the baseboard and shutters. The next phase is actually making a museum. We have the building but now we have to fill it. We have a lot of material that's been donated and will start cataloging and building display cases and shelving soon. I may be a little optimistic but maybe we can have it ready for our summer gathering at camp in August. We'll confirm that date soon.

Thanks to all that have contributed both time and material.

A couple items we're in need of to the finish: 10 gallons of exterior paint and a quality flatbed scanner that can scan documents as well as slides.

Update from the Chairman

What a winter it was. Four northeasters to hit Camp Norse in March. I can't begin to explain how proud I am of my Eagle Scout Bryan Boyajian for the work he and his crew did at Camp Norse. We will be ready for summer camp.

Current membership is 71 of which 49 are Lifetime members. The executive board voted to extend the \$300 Lifetime membership to the first 100 members. If you're not a lifetime member your 1, 2 or 3 year membership can be used towards the \$300. We're also offering an Eagle Scout membership if the Scout joins within 90 days of his Eagle Court of Honor this Lifetime membership will be \$250. And for those who don't think they'll last a lifetime we also have a new 20 year membership for \$250.

Annawon Council Presidents. The council is putting together recognition of past Annawon Council presidents. Do you recall who they were and when they served? If yes send me an email and I'll compile the list for Judy at the office.

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.

See you at Camp Norse

Bob

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