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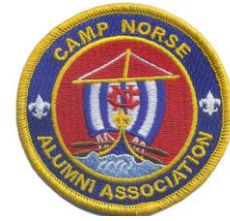
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Scouting Museum @ Camp Norse

It's been a lot of work by many people but construction of the Scouting Museum @ Camp Norse is almost done. The outside of the building was completed in June with Jeff getting it painted. The inside construction is just about done. Now it's where, and how, do we display the 200+ mugs that have been donated. Or the +1,000 books we now have. What about the patches, neckerchiefs,

uniforms, newspaper articles, Jamboree paraphernalia, OA items, pictures, slides and the list goes on.

We're designing, and soon will be building display cases. A display stand donated which will hold posters and items that need to be protected from touch.

We're moving forward and I hope we do a grand

opening in the spring.

The final part of construction is insulating the ceiling. If you have contacts in that field please contact Bob or Steve O.

If you Scouting memorabilia that you would like to donate to the Scouting Museum @ Camp Norse please contact Bob or Steve to arrange pickup.

Mission of the Scouting Museum @ Camp Norse is to preserve the history and traditions of Camp Norse, Annawon Council and Boy Scouting in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Campmaster Corp

Would you like to serve scouting by spending the weekend at Camp Norse?

The Campmaster corps is a group of trained Scouters who serve at council camps whenever troops, teams, Webelos dens, or posts are using any part of the camp property. Campmasters select their own time and frequency of service, but they usually serve two to four times a year. The group is organized under the leadership of the council camping committee. The corps generally meets twice a year to evaluate its program, schedule ahead, and arrange for the training of any new members.

The purpose of the Campmaster Corps is to assist units and youth in having a more purposeful, enjoyable program in short term camping. A Campmaster serves the units in camp by assisting the leaders in coordinating their program and by sharing with the units his/her particular outdoor skills to give the youth a natural experience. Depending on the individual he/she may also supervise the operation of a variety of program resources available.

If this is something you'd be interested in service contact Bob Howard at r.howard@campnorse.org

Annawon Council Trivia:

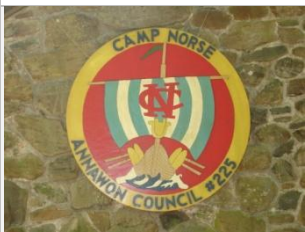
1 - How many Scout Executives served Annawon Council?
2 - Who were they?
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Summer Camp Staff Scholarship

Dick Paulson, Chairman Scholarship Committee

Alumni Association Scholarship. This award is renewable if the youth camp staffer returns the following summer to work at Camp Norse and has earned good grades in school. Derek earned a high GPA. He also enrolled in an extra course in which he passed both the national and Vermont tests and was then certified as an EMT. He is an on-call volunteer with the Middlebury (VT) Fire Department. Derek returned to Camp Norse as the Health Officer for this year's Cub Scout Camp. Congratulations to Derek for receiving the 2018 Camp Norse Alumni Association Scholarship.

Donations to support the Camp Norse Alumni Assoc. scholarship fund can be sent to Narragansett Council. Please note for Camp Norse Alumni Scholarship Fund.



Camp Norse Projects

Our first Camp Norse project was refurbishing the Lighthouse/Tower at the water front. The structure was in poor condition due to the weather and vandalism. The Texture 1-11 was removed from the lower portion of the building. Some of the framing needed to be repaired then new siding, corner borders, a door, and paint was applied. The top had some bad T 11, trim boards and windows were replaced and railings painted.

When we started building the museum we eliminated a storage room that was used for summer camp staff to store sports equipment. One of our projects this summer was to build a new storage shed. This project completed by alumni at no cost to the council or camp. Actually no cost to anyone. We used material that was left over from previous projects.

Our next project is to address the drainage situation in the ball field. For years the field has drained towards the craft cabin which now houses the Scouting Museum @ Camp Norse. The current plan is to dig a 350' ditch from in front of the building going behind the ball field back stop. With the support of the T L Edwards Corp we're hoping this will be completed before winter.

At the November 1, 2018 Alumni Exec board meeting it was voted to purchase a CNC machine. A computer numerical control (CNC) router is a computer-controlled cutting machine related to the hand-held router used for cutting various hard materials, such as wood, composites, aluminum, steel, plastics, glass, and foams. This will be used by Ranger Karrie to make signs for camp and we'll use it for signs, labels, etc for the museum.

*"The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond."
Lord Robert Paden-Powell*



BSA Youth Protection Updated

Annawon Council Trivia Answers:

Number of scout Execs = 7
William Lee Abbott 1930-1935
William Collins 1935 - 1961
Fred Govain 1961 – 1991
David Parry 1991 – 1997
Steve Gray 1997 –
Allen Endicott
Mark Nelson 20xx - 2015

The Boy Scouts of America’s updated youth protection training doesn’t just talk about the dangers of child predators – it shows how they work to gain access to their victims.

In early February, the BSA introduced newly updated youth protection training that is required for **all** volunteers **before October 1, 2018**. Even if they took the previous training prior to the February rollout, it will need to be taken it again.

The updated mandatory training, includes three modules and a test that take a little over an hour to complete. The *Mandatory* and *Recommended* training modules draw on research from experts and survivors in the field of child abuse and maltreatment to identify the contributing factors and threats across the spectrum of child abuse, including: bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical and emotional abuse, and child sexual abuse. Once completed, volunteers will not have to retake the training for two years.

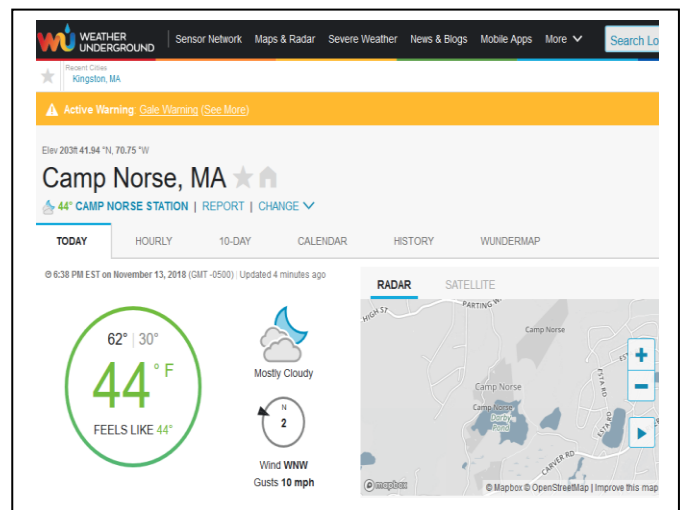
New to this version of the training program are video interviews with psychologists and law enforcement professionals who discuss the known causes of abuse, and how to prevent, recognize, and respond to it.

“There is no substitute for hearing directly from experts who have spent their careers studying child predators and abusers, or the survivors of these forms abuse sharing their experiences. This is life-changing information” said Michael Johnson, the BSA’s director of youth protection. “They shine a new light on the challenges we all face in protecting kids and how parents and volunteers can put barriers in place to keep them away.”

Camp Norse Weather

Want to keep track of the weather at Camp Norse? Download Weather Underground on your android or Apple device. Search for Kingston MA or go to <https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/ma/kingston/KMAKINGS13>

The Camp Norse weather station was donated to the alumni. It was installed at the pool house by Camp Norse Alumni members Steve O’Brien and Steve Hawes with technical support from Matt Bedard.





By David Paulson

In order to understand where we are going, it is good to reflect on where we came from. This article will explore our origins within the Annawon Council and now the Northeast Service Area of the Narragansett Council. Further, we will discuss ways to reengage with the Order of the Arrow and how you can help with our legacy project.

The first time the Order of the Arrow was officially considered in the Annawon Council was March 7, 1941 in Middleboro, Massachusetts at a council executive board meeting. That night, the board voted to consider "the camping honor society-order of the arrow to become a program of the camping program of the council and to be referred to the camping committee for investigation". Later that year, on Friday, June 13, 1941 at the Taunton Inn, the executive board voted the "approval of the Order of the Arrow". On August 2, 1943, the council president Elmer B. Noyes, camping activities chairman Howard N. Fowler, and scout executive Williams A. Collins received a charter from the national council and Lodge #245 became an official part of the Annawon Council. The first Ordeal occurred in August of 1943 and Bruce Collins served as Chief. The name selected for Lodge #245 was "Tulpe" which means "Turtle" in the language of the Delaware Indians, and the turtle was chosen as the totem for the lodge. Tulpe lodge is the only "turtle lodge", despite other lodges designating a turtle as their totem.

In the Fall of 2015, the Annawon and Narragansett Councils entered into conversations regarding their merger. By January of 2016, the two councils came together and are now known as the Narragansett Council. During this time, both Order of the Arrow lodges came together to decide the course for a new, unified lodge. The merger joined together the strengths of Abnaki Lodge 102 and Tulpe Lodge 245, forming our lodge, Tulpe Lodge 102. The dedication of the new lodge took place at the annual banquet on February 6, 2016 at Francis Farm in Rehoboth, MA.

Since that time, the lodge proudly serves over 1000 members across Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. The lodge is organized into 4 chapters that align with the service areas of the council. The local chapter for the northeast service area is the Annawon Chapter. Each year at Camp Norse we conduct 3 major events: April Ordeal, Fall Fellowship/Lodge Leadership Weekend (October 26-28, 2018), and a Day of Service (November 10, 2018). Many of you make these events possible and we always look forward to partnering with the Alumni Association.

Whether you are an active member or if time has lapsed, we welcome you! Renewal is easy, simply visit www.tulpelodge.org. Each year you will receive a commemorative lodge flap and membership card with your renewal. Finally, Tulpe Lodge 102 is seeking help with our legacy project. We have been engaged for over a decade in documenting and preserving the history of the OA in our council and predecessor councils. We have assembled an exceptional repository of lodge history and are looking for our help.

If any of you have photographs, paperwork, patches, neckerchiefs or other memorabilia related to Tulpe Lodge or other local OA lodges we would love to hear from you. In particular, the lodge is looking for old copies of lodge newsletters, photos, and any other items related to the lodge.

If you can be of assistance please contact Lodge Adviser, David Paulson at 508-813-8725 or david.paulson.245@gmail.com. Thank you.

Camp Norse Alumni Winter, almost spring, Gathering

Our first ever Winter gathering will be Sunday March 3, 2019 at the new Crue Brew Brewery, Ryan Dr Raynham. We're looking at 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm for meeting with old and new scouting friends over a pizza and a beer. (or soda for those that don't care for beer!)

Details will be forwarded after the new year.



Camp Norse Ranger

Yes, Ranger. For the past number of years (I measure time by pre/post merger and by who was the council exec) Camp Norse has not had a Ranger. Mary and Chris Blase have been at camp quite awhile but their title is Caretaker. What's the difference? A Caretaker looks after the property. A Ranger maintains the property. Mary and Chris have worked to oversee Camp Norse doing some maintenance and most weekends welcoming units that are visiting camp.

We now have a Ranger. Karrie Dumais has served as the ranger at Camp Cachalot since 2000. Karrie will now be dividing her time between Cachalot and Camp Norse. Karrie reports to Tom Sisson, Narragansett Council Director of Camping. Together a plan will be developed to make sure our camp is user friendly and safe. The buildings, program areas, and infrastructure will be inspected. From that a list will be developed by need and, of course, by cost. Once Karrie has that list the work will begin. But Karrie won't be able to do it all on her own. This is where the alumni association and other volunteers come in. Through the alumni news letter, web page and Face Book we'll try to keep everyone informed and maybe you'll be able to pitch in.

Camp Norse Alumni Assoc. Future

It's been 2 years since the Narragansett Council Executive Board approved the Camp Norse Alumni Association. What has happened since? We now have 83 members of which 56 are Lifetime members. That puts \$17,669 in the endowment from which we will receive interest to do upkeep and make improvements at Camp Norse. We've also received \$5,175 towards our projects. This is a separate account which is used for Camp Norse projects as directed by the alumni or the person/group making the donation.

Our second annual summer gathering in August was attended by 35 members and family including Dave Parry, former Annawon Council Exec. We awarded our second Staff scholarship at the gathering. We'll try for a winter gathering this March. Watch for details.

The construction of the Scouting Museum @ Camp Norse continues. And we assist Ranger Karrie when possible. Repairing the roofs on the pump house and the water front cabin, the water front tower rebuild, hosting a Wilderness First Aid course, promoting the alumni at council events. And hopefully by this winter the drainage issue where the ball field drains into the craft cabin/museum will be fixed.

So this is good, the things we've accomplished. Now let's think about the future. More work on the interior of the museum to get it ready for a grand opening, working with Bob Hebron the parade field is going to be redeveloped with new flag poles and acknowledging many great people that have supported Scouting and Camp Norse. These are physical things that we can see and touch. But there's more to be done. We have to get the people to Camp Norse. The council does a great job promoting the 7 weeks of summer camp. What about the other 45 weeks of the year? I propose we develop a Camp Norse Promotion Team. Let's design, and print, flyers that can be shared at all roundtables, at the Scout shops, with units not just in our district and council but let's reach beyond our borders. If we succeed Camp Norse succeeds, If we fail? Let's not even think about that.

Thank you to all that have made this project a success. Please spread the word. If you would like more info please contact us. If you know of someone that Camp Norse and the Annawon Council has had a positive effect on their life please inform them of the Camp Norse Alumni Association or forward their contact information and we'll reach out.

Yours in Scouting, and Happy Holidays to all

Bob

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