



A LETTER FROM THE CWAA BOARD

It's an exciting time to become a member of the Alumni Association! With the latest campaign for the Centennial Dinner, we've heard from former members who are excited to re-join and get involved with camp.

We're currently working on making registering and renewing your membership more streamlined online (or at events) and making sure we have up-to-date member information, especially correct (and not hand-written!) e-mail addresses. **Even if you're already a member or think we already have your info, it would be really appreciated if you would take a second to update your information at this link:**

<https://forms.gle/Uqmxn4n8JbC7cTtN9>.

Once we get our non-profit status fully set up, we'll be setting up Paypal payments, so if you prefer to register and pay online, please select that option and we'll send links once it's up and running! If you know anyone from camp staff, your troop, or your community that may want to get involved, please send them the form! We're looking forward to seeing you at camp!

WHAT'S NEW AT CAMP?

At Camp Wakpominee, we are fortunate to have a long history of dedicated volunteers, units and businesses supporting our effort of Keeping the Promise to the Scouts we serve. A great example of this is the watch tower at the Aquatics area that was originally constructed by volunteers in 1981. Unfortunately, 40 years took its toll and the tower, was in rough shape and rotting away.

Given the other significant enhancements completed at Waterfront by the CWAA between 2009 and 2012, it was fitting that the Alumni stepped up to fund and rebuild the tower. Using the same base as the previous structure, the new framing was made entirely from pressure-treated lumber and clad in plywood then the traditional log siding. A window was installed to let in natural light for the lower storage area and a custom bench up top. Ranger Dan Krueger refurbished the WWII torpedo bell to finish it off.

The \$2,000 project was entirely constructed by Dan and Alumni volunteers including our own President Bryan Lasher. He keeps it a secret, but he's a pretty good carpenter! We even used an old Handicraft chisel to make the new door jam. Does that count toward Woodcarving or Woodworking merit badge?

128 hours of labor were given to the project. **This is just another great example of what the Alumni Association can do with your support and donations!**





CAMP WAKPOMINEE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

CWAA CENTENNIAL DINNER: AUGUST 14, 2021

The CWAA is excited to invite you all to a party for Camp Wakpominee! Come join the celebration of the legacy of Camp Wakpominee as we share our vision for the future and raise funds for strategic capital projects to continue Keeping the Promise. **Did we mention party?** The semi-formal event will offer pre-dinner tours of camp, a historical collection, social hour, fancy dinner with cake and followed by **an after-glow celebration down by the Nature docks** where you can reconnect with old friends and meet new friends. The after party will include a campfire, snacks, games, relaxation, and plenty of Jimmy Buffet music.

Activities begin at 3:00 PM, social hour at 5:00 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM with after-glow to follow. Meal choices are Beef, Chicken, Salmon or Vegetarian. Each participant will get a backpatch, our new CWAA booklet and a traditional 'Thank You' mug. *Have you really lived if you haven't been "mugged" at Camp Wakpominee?* Cost is \$50 and registration closes Aug 5th or when the event sells out. **Don't delay in registering; seats are going fast!** You can register here: <https://ne3b.regfox.com/cwaa-centennial-dinner>

Sponsorship opportunities are available at \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 levels. We are also in need of 8-10 more staff members to help execute the event, specifically with setup, parking, and shuttling people from the parking lots to main camp. **Email cwaa100th@gmail.com for additional information.**



Ranger's Corner

It's been several busy months with many scouts and troops coming to Wakpominee to camp throughout the winter and spring since we were able to open in September, 2020. Although we were unable to rent out winter buildings this year, the camp was busy nearly every weekend with units camping in the cold!

A new pumphouse was constructed and is now up and running with the 1,000 gallon tank and switching valves all above ground in an insulated building.

An individual stepped up to fund two new lean-to's in the Algonquin site in memory of Frank Kramer. The two new lean-to's have been built, and a few weeks ago a dedication ceremony was held with 50 people attending to honor Frank's memory.

A new camp/trail map has been published with hiking distances indicated. As for this summer, the Scouts are happy to be back! Although there is no resident camp, we have been offering weekend programs to give Scouts a chance to shoot, swim, ride ATVs, and hit the mountain bike trails. The trading post is open and everyone has a smile on their face!

It's certainly great to smell the pine wood smoke again coming from the campsites. We hope to see you soon!

- Ranger Dan Krueger

RANGER'S TRIVIA:

Do you know how Dempsey Point was named?

ANSWER: It was named after Mohican Council's treasurer from the 1950's- Mr. William Dempsey