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Alumni & OA join forces to help maintain Tahosa as a scouting resource

Unless you have nothing else to do, you probably haven't ever read the bylaws of The Tahosa Alumni Association. So it's probably safe to assume that lots of you may not know that part of the title of this story is actually part of our bylaws—it is in the description of the purpose of our Association. It is a huge part of why we exist—to help maintain Tahosa as a scouting resource!

On Saturday May 21st we will be joining the OA who will bring 50 to 100 or more people to perform cheerful service around the camp. The alums will want to do their part and make this a powerful day to get many projects finished before the busy season starts at camp.

Lunch will be provided for everyone who attends the work day including the Alums. Together, the OA and the Tahosa Alums have a great working partnership that directly benefits the camp. Let's do our part to make this a successful partnership and a great day of service. Let Frank Lindsey know that you will be joining us at 303-986-1064.

CAMP TAHOSA SERVICE AWARD

The Camp Tahosa Service Award is a joint project of Tahosa Lodge 383, Order of the Arrow, and the Tahosa Alumni Association. By supporting service to Camp Tahosa, the Association and Lodge are acting

in direct support of the BSA mission to deliver program, in camp.

The award is a four segment patch, a 3" diameter Tahosa Gateway patch surrounded by three rockers. It takes 8 hours of service to earn each segment. Qualifying service to Camp will be determined by the Camp Ranger. The award may be earned by both Association and Lodge members.

The awards earned during the year will be presented at the respective organizations annual banquet.

Informational flyers are available at the Denver Area Council Office.

Flyers and pocket cards used to keep track of individual service are available in the Camp Tahosa Trading Post.

For further information contact Phil Gilliam at scoutphil@msn.com.



Bruce's Lure President's Message



Greetings Fellow Tahosa Alumni Members-

The winter programs have concluded and all eyes are looking to the summer camps and programs at Camp Tahosa. Preparations are being made for yet another great summer of good times and memories. If you haven't been up to camp for a while, I urge you to do so. The past improvements are really too numerous to mention here, but we are looking forward to some of the Tahosa Alumni Association sponsored projects this year, to include the refinishing of all three Lodges, adding yet another retaining wall the length of the north side of the road in front of the Welcome Center and Trading post and last but not least, the stocking of Rainbow Trout in Tumblesom Lake.

Due to the issue of loosing much of our fabulous Brook Trout population the spring after the reconstruction of the dam gate, the Tahosa Alumni Association has pledged to add a population of Rainbow Trout, in order to enhance and revitalize our fishing experience at camp. Without divulging numbers, we plan on stocking the lake during the TAA/OA Service Weekend/Cony Party on May 21st. A time of delivery has not been confirmed as of yet, but if anyone has an interest in coming up to see our healthy batch of new residents, please feel free to call me at my home or my cell, the later of which is (303) 981-1243. My home number is listed with the other officers in this newsletter. The plan is to introduce the Rainbow Trout this spring, to allow them the chance to acclimate and grow, prior to the Brook Trout spawning which occurs in the fall. We currently have a Catch-n-Release policy on the lake and I anticipate this policy being in place through the remainder of this year. There will be a time period after the stocking of the Rainbows where the lake will be closed to fishing, as hatchery fish are used to being fed by pellets, therefore, can be caught and harvested easily. The new policies will be well published and I anticipate some other restrictions through the summer, but with a little help from Mother Nature, some good scouting

stewardship, I am hopeful this fall will begin the comeback of a healthy population of trout to be caught, released and enjoyed and for the first time in many years, we will have two kinds of trout to enjoy. We have been fortunate enough to have already funded, and more, this stocking, so the plan will be for another stocking of trout, (particular strain to be announced) next spring.

For those of you who haven't obtained a copy of John Meeker's new book "Camp Tahosa – A History Unfolding" you are missing a treat! Not only the history of Camp Tahosa but of all camps that preceded it. The book will be made available at scouting functions and is also available by sending a check for \$25 to the TAA Post Office Box. Included with the book, is a CD of the original "Dwellers of the Mountain Tops", shipping is also included. This book has caught the attention and is currently being reviewed by local authors.

Lastly, the Board of Directors of the Tahosa Alumni Association are consistently looking for ways to be more efficient and cost-effective in our business in an attempt to strive to put the most of our monies into Camp Tahosa. As of late, we have restructured our meeting schedule, to reduce the number of general Board Meetings and recently, changed the format of the production and delivery of our Tahosa Totem, which comprises the largest single annual expense. Our goal is to be fiscally responsible while continuing to provide service to Camp Tahosa and inform our Association membership of the latest news and events, so please, stay tuned for further changes in the near future.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Picnic at Camp Tahosa on June 11th.

Yours in Scouting and anything Camp Tahosa,
Bruce Brown
President,
Tahosa Alumni Association

Committee Classifieds



Campmasters Needed

Just a reminder: several choice weekends are still available for campmasters at Tahosa during the coming fall and winter months. Alumni members are always welcome to sign up to be campmaster. Register via the www.Tahosa.org web site; click on calendar, select a weekend and sign up. If a weekend is already spoken for, it will indicate the event is full; select another weekend. As this issue went to press, weekends were still available in October, November, and December. In return for assisting units coming to camp at Tahosa, campmasters enjoy a weekend at our beautiful camp. Plan to camp in style in Cabin #1 (photo right). Please contact Dick Beach at 303-986-7977 if you have any questions.



Campmaster Corner

Party Animals

If you like to party and like to plan parties then these are the committees for you! **The Annual Reunion** and **Winter Banquet** are June 11th and November 6th. We sure could use your help in planning & executing these events!



Jim Fellet
Chairman
303-986-7918

Maintenance Projects & Work Days

We sponsor several projects and work days at Camp, we need people with many different skills & skill levels to help. Work days will be May 21st, and October 8th. It's a fun day & really helps the Camp!

Frank Lindsey
Chairman
303-986-1064



Museum Musing



The Museum committee puts on a different display in the lobby display case at the Denver Area Council headquarters every 3 months. The current display has memorabilia from the early Explorer programs and features some rare uniforms and literature from the Air Explorer and Sea Scouts programs as well as the "old" Explorer program associated mostly with the 1950's and "60's. Sea Scouts, which began in England, came immediately to the BSA in 1912 and still functions as a separate program. Air Scouts (or Explorers) came into being as a result of World War II, was dropped in 1965 and became one of several career specialty areas of Exploring.

Many of you saw a few of the items from the Alumni and personal collection of our Museum Chairman Jeff Haley at the Scout Show. If you would like to donate any items or are interested in helping with this incredibly interesting committee please give Jeff a call., his number can be found on the Board listing on the back cover.



Alumni Association
Celebrating
50 years of Service

Annual Reunion...

*Tahosa Alumni
Association—
Keepers of the
flame for Camp
Tahosa*

Please join us for The Annual Reunion Celebrating The Alumni's 50 Years Of Service to Camp Tahosa

Saturday, June 11, 2011

Meet & Greet Old & New Friends, Fishing, Canoeing, Camp Tour,
Great Food and a Special Program

Lunch served at Noon
Special program immediately following lunch

Please RSVP no later than June 1, 2008
3373 S. Fellet Ct.
Lakewood, CO 80227

Or contact Jim Fellet at:
303-986-7918
Email: jimfellet@comcast.net

Send the following information to the above address:

Name(s) of those attending; Address; Number of people attending @ \$5.00 each;
The total amount enclosed; and a check payable to Tahosa Alumni Association
CHECKS ONLY — DO NOT SEND CASH

Don't miss the
Annual
Reunion
June 11th

The latest news from
Camp Tahosa.





From the Ranger's View

Welcome to Camp Tahosa

If you didn't make it to Camp this winter you really missed out. We didn't have a ton of snow but everyone seemed to have enough to have fun. The Okpik winter camping program had more than enough snow thanks to the drifts created by the wind. During the 10 weekend-long program they built over 100 quinzees. One of the weekends, led by Mike Barnhill, a freshly shed moose antler was found at the western edge of camp.



Very recently, April 13, Tahosa received, what may be, the last significant snowfall of the winter season. As seen in the second picture, an accumulation of nearly

20 inches of wet snow thoroughly covered everything at Camp. Fortunately, everything is melting quickly to help make preparations for the upcoming work weekend much easier.

On May 21st the Tahosa Alumni will join forces with the Order of the Arrow to take on projects that put another layer of polish on an already awesome Camp Tahosa. If you haven't been up to Camp for a while, you should consider joining us then and spend an adventurous day at Denver Area Council's only High Adventure Base.



Here's to a great summer!

Marc
Ranger

Save these Dates...



These are the upcoming events for the membership. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us. We look forward to seeing lots of you at as many of these as possible.

Remember we need help at the Work days; there's always great food & company at the Reunion; and at the Banquet we always have a wonderful time at the Elks Lodge including a great auction.

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| May 21, 2011 | Work Day at Tahosa |
| June 11, 2011 | Annual Reunion at Tahosa |
| October 8, 2011 | Work Day at Tahosa |
| November 5, 2011 | Annual Banquet |

Say "Thank You!"

A true story submitted by Brian Payne

A few years ago I was invited back to the scout camp I attended as a youth. Camp Parsons, Chief Seattle Council. They were celebrating their 90th anniversary of continuous operation. Camp Parsons is one of a handful of scout camps that have operated continuously over 90 years through two World Wars.

It was quite the occasion. Scouts who attended camp became mayors, governors, congressmen and senators. All walks of life were present representing every decade from the 1920's. When I was a Scout we were allowed one shower a week and had to cut the wood in order to start the fire for hot water. And the 90 year old dining hall was to be finally rebuilt. I asked a couple of the folks at lunch when my old troop 160 would be in camp that summer. Troop 160 when I was a scout was one of the larger troops in the council. Over 60 active members.

They looked at me and said, "Oh Scotty was your scoutmaster." I said yes, indeed. Raymond Scott. Scotty had passed on some years before I was told. And the troop disbanded. I asked how could such a troop just go away? Scotty was the cornerstone, the glue that held the unit intact. And now he was gone as well as the troop. So when you have a chance say thank you to your scoutmaster. He just may be the last memory of your scouting years.

Brian reminds us that this can apply to several situations in scouting, so don't miss any of those opportunities, you don't want to end up regretting having missed the opportunity!