

“Anchored in the past for the future to flourish.”

Keepers of the flame for Camp Tahosa, BSA, High Adventure & Training Base; Ward, Colorado

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The View From the Top —

Jim Fellet, President, Tahosa Alumni Association

Greetings, TAA Members!

The weather has turned cold and the holidays are upon us. It is hard to believe that a year has gone by already. I am very happy to report that we have accomplished quite a lot this year. A few of these things were on my personal “bucket list” for the Alumni, and it makes me very proud to be able to say that we can check them off.

We received notification from the IRS that **our 501 c 3 status has been approved** and is retroactive to the date we filed for the status in June. (See article on Page 3.) This is a HUGE step for the Tahosa Alumni Association. I have to give a great “Thank you” to Keith Kennedy for doing all the research, filling out all the paperwork, and his tenacious effort for us in getting this accomplished. Fund raising will be much easier in the future because of this.

For all of you who have worked on, done fund raising for, dreamed of, wished and prayed for a Tahosa Alumni Museum, you can now rest a little easier. Recently, on behalf of the Tahosa Alumni Association, I signed an agreement with the Denver Area Council for a secure large room within the Council Office for a museum. I also signed an agreement with a VERY generous benefactor, who is donating his entire museum to the Tahosa Alumni Association. While I cannot go into all the details in this printing, suffice it to say that in January 2014 we should be able to move into the room at the Council office and start the process of setting up what should be a long and prolific union between TAA and DAC for the education of Scouts and Scouters. (See article on Page 9.)

In light of the acquisition we are making in the museum, we will need display cabinets and a storage location that is not too far from the Council Office. If you know of either, or a benefactor, please contact me (president@tahosa.org) or John Meeker (johnmeeker@comcast.net).



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The View From the Top (continued from Front Page) —

I would like to announce our newly elected Officers and Directors, and thank the Nominating Committee for all their hard work:

Officers:

President	Jim Fellet
Vice President	Stan Paprocki
Treasurer	Dorothea Lindsey
Secretary	Dick Beach
Past President	Frank Lindsey

Directors:

Administration	Ellen Paul
Communication	Barbara Fellet
Council Liaison	Don Paul
Fund Raising	Gary Schrenk
History/Museum	John Meeker
Membership	Keith Kennedy
Promotion	Brian Payne

Emeritus Members (non-voting):

Chaplain	Kenneth Lane
Historian	Don Seymour

The Nominating Committee was Don Paul, Ellen Paul, and Brian Payne. They spent considerable time and effort reviewing the bylaws, the operation of the Board, and the responsibilities of the Officers and Board members. Their proposal included that every Director have an assigned responsibility and that committees and committee chairs then fall under those Directors, making a much more manageable situation. We encourage ANYONE who is interested in helping — to serve as a committee chair or even help with just one event — to contact any of us. We WELCOME all new ideas and we know that many hands make light work.

I want to publicly thank all the past Officers and Directors for their willingness to serve and for all the work they have done on behalf of the Tahosa Alumni Association and Camp Tahosa. We all have a love for the Camp and an interest to see that it continues to thrive for future generations of Scouts and Scouters. At our annual November banquet the past 2013 Officers and Directors, who were present, were presented with a certificate of appreciation.

I hope you and yours all have a wonderful holiday season, that you stay safe, and that you will continue to support the Alumni in whatever ways you are able.



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Thanks to all members who contribute to the *Tahosa Totem*. The next articles and photos deadline is Friday, March 14, 2014. All members are encouraged to contribute. Please send all material to Libby Schultz at drgwandsp@msn.com.

Tahosa Totem Has a New Editor —

Our friend Eisen Gross is off to college and had to relinquish his position as Editor. Therefore, Libby Schultz has volunteered to take over the position. Luckily, Libby is a trained journalist, with an extensive background in editing and publishing, professionally and as a volunteer.

Libby has been a member of the TAA off and on since 1985, but more regularly since 2009. She's served as a Tahosa Campmaster since 1987.

Her Scouting background started in Girl Scouts as a Brownie through Cadette Scouts back in the late 1950s through the 1960s. Her adult Scouting background has been primarily in Unit and Assistant District Commissioner service from 1984 to 2001, including several Commissioner and Scout leader training staffs, plus occasional odd jobs for Gateway District. She is Wood Badge trained and a proud Buffalo. Currently she serves as the Dean of Merit Badge Counselors for the Gateway District Advancement Committee (since 2008), the Merit Badge Counselor Trainer for the former Chautauqua and now Denver Area Council University of Scouting (since 2009). She's also trained Commissioner College PhD candidates in "How to Write a Thesis" (since 2010).



TAA Receives Tax Exempt Status —

By Keith Kennedy, Director of Membership

Effective June 24, 2013, Tahosa Alumni Association received exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In short, this means that your dues and donations to the Association are now deductible on your tax return as charitable contributions. As required by IRS regulations, we will provide a receipt for any donation of \$250 or more. For smaller amounts, the IRS accepts "a bank record (such as a cancelled check)" as adequate documentation. Some people may feel more confident having a receipt in hand, even for donations of less than \$250, and we will provide such receipts upon request.

We think this may be a significant event for TAA, as we have identified a few sources inclined to make significant donations now that we have the exempt status. This will enable us to do even more toward ensuring the future of Camp Tahosa.

"Hooked on Tahosa" Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program Moves to May 2014

by Bruce Brown, Co-Program Director



Due to the past few years' lack of fish catching and continued program pressure at camp in September, the "Hooked on Tahosa" Fly Fishing merit badge program will move to May 2014. We will offer one weekend program May 2-4 and a day-only program on Saturday, May 10.

Fred Nibling and I continue to run this program, facilitated by the expert support of those from the High Plains Drifters Fly Fishing Club, affiliated with the International Federation of Fly Fishers, and the Cherry Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

In an attempt to increase participation, we will market to other BSA Councils, as well as Girl Scout units. So, for any interested units or individuals, make your reservations early. Due to the limited availability, only fully paid reservations will be considered. Questions? Contact me via hookedontahosa@comcast.net.

Have a great winter and hope to see you in May!

Camp Tahosa in a Word (or more) —

Photos by Brian Payne

Collected during the June 2013 annual Tahosa Alumni picnic.



**"Great to be at
Tahosa."**
(Stan Paprocki, TAA
Vice President)



"Home."
(Bill McMahon, former
Tahosa Camp Ranger)



"Pretty place."
(Jim Smith, former
resident of Tahosa)



"Gorgeous."
(Jack Schooley,
TAA member)



"Incredible."
(Father Kenney Lane, TAA Chaplain)



"Salvation."
(Frank Lindsey,
TAA Past
President)



"Beautiful."
(Gary Elder, TAA
member)



"Inspirational."
Liz Robertson, TAA
member)



"Life."
(Don Seymour,
TAA Historian)

Ranger's Roost —

Marc Lyman, Camp Tahosa Ranger



For those of you who missed the November Alumni Banquet, I thought I should go over a few important milestones that happened at Camp Tahosa during 2013.

⇒ Almost 1,200 individuals attended summer camp at Tahosa on our 75th Anniversary, which is 75% of our capacity as a camp. This is a new record since summer camp re-opened in 2003. An awesome staff created a lot of good memories for a lot of Scouts and Scouters. Making memories is a long-standing tradition at Tahosa.

⇒ Two of the camp staffers this summer were interns, whose salaries were sponsored by certain Alumni members. The salary for the Assistant Ranger position was also Alumni-sponsored. The savings generated by these sponsored salaries, allowed the Denver Area Council to use these monies for program improvement and supplies for a better summer camp experience. Well done!

⇒ A new COPE course was started in March and completed in June, before the start of summer camp. The new course is built on seven Xcel-donated telephone poles and offers 15 separate elements of challenge to participants. The new course was a big hit with summer campers who were allowed to get just a "taste" of the entire course. There were four groups after summer camp who signed up for the full weekend course and all were quite impressed. As word gets out, this program will really take off.

⇒ I have started tracking numbers of campers closely and announced at the Banquet my results from October 2012 to October 2013. Tahosa hosted 5,206 individual campers, which resulted in 13,350 camping nights and 18,578 camping days. This proves that Tahosa is becoming a busy place!!

⇒ The week after the official close of summer camp, we hosted 180 Knights of Heroes. This is a group of Big Brother/Big Sister types who sponsor young men and women who have lost a parent to the war. Their goal is to afford these young people an opportunity to experience the good things in life that often can't happen in a single parent environment. This is the fourth year that KOH has used Tahosa as part of the experience. God bless them!

⇒ We had a pretty full year of camping and programs as well. Tahosa hosted Okpik Winter Program, Gateway District's Webelos Weekend, Fall Wood Badge, Order of the Arrow Cony Party #3, and campers from all districts and surrounding Councils on any available weekends.

⇒ The Alumni Association sponsored a funded work project, which took out the old waterfall at the end of the spillway and replaced it with two rock-lined ponds that allows the water to spill from one pond to the second and then continue under the chapel walkway and on to the South St. Vrain.

⇒ Flooding was a hot topic for a while in September. Tahosa was not significantly impacted physically by the flood waters, but road travel to and from Tahosa was a problem for a month or so. A new relationship was formed because of the flooding near Jamestown. A privately operated outdoor education school known as Cal-Wood had their access road washed away and needed a place to run their classes during the week. A quick transformation of the buildings at Tahosa made room for 80 Fifth Graders on weekdays

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Ranger's Roost (continued from Page 5) —

and then transformed back for Scout camping on weekends. It's a perfect fit. After December 15th, Cal-Wood was able to move back to their own facility.

The most recent news at Camp involves the 70–80 mph winds that have plagued the area during November. Nearly 100 additional trees have been blown over, mostly in the areas where thinning for fire mitigation has taken place. The thinning is an important part of maintaining the health of the forest, as well as safety from potential fire. However, the wind can, and does, cause additional loss of trees.

As I write this message, Tahosa is getting its first good supply of snow. The lake has four inches of ice and is bound to get much thicker with the impending cold snap. The entire "look" of the camp has once again transformed into a white wilderness.

The Denver Area Council welcomes all Alumni members to visit Camp Tahosa and reminisce about the good old days of summer or winter. Make certain your troops know about all Tahosa has to offer and get them up here, so they can start making memories of their own.

All Things Tahosa! —**Schedule of Major 2014 Tahosa Events and Closures:**

Okpik: January 3-5, January 10-12, January 17-19, January 24-26, January 31-February 2, February 7-9, February 14-16, February 21-23, February 28-March 2, 7-9.

COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience): August 1-3, August 8-10, August 22-24 (Camp Closed), September 5-7 (Camp Closed), September 19-21 (Camp Closed), September 26-28.

"Hooked on Tahosa": May 2-4, May 10.

Gateway District Webelos Weekend: May 30-June 1.

Beginning of Camp Staff Week: June 6-8.

Tahosa Alumni Association Annual Picnic: June 7.

Big Horn Training: June 8-14, June 15-21, June 22-28, July 13-19.

Scout Camp Sessions: June 13 to July 27.

OA Cony Party #3: August 15-17.

Powder Horn: August 22-24.



Conservation: August 22-24.

Wood Badge: September 5-7, September 19-21.

OA Fall Fellowship: September 12-14.

Camp Tahosa 2014 Work Days:

Saturday, August 16; With Order of the Arrow Cony party (to be determined).

Saturday, October; Day to be determined.

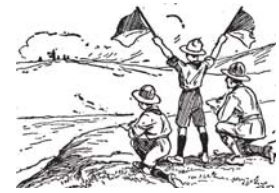
Be sure to check the Tahosa.org calendar for Campmaster weekend availabilities.



Communications —

Barbara Fellet, Director of Communications

As the new Director of Communications I just wanted to give everyone a quick update. I have given up a few of the “hats” I used to wear and now concentrate my efforts on overseeing just a few things for the Alumni: The *Totem*, the Website, Facebook, and any other communications to the membership we or you may think of.



I have to give a HUGE shout out to Libby Schultz for volunteering to be the editor of the *Totem*. As soon as we mentioned the need at the winter banquet, Libby passed me a note and volunteered. I am very excited to work with Libby. She is such a go-getter and I can't wait to see the new layout of the *Totem*. It will be available on the website, as well as arriving in your email. But for those “more experienced” members, who do not have email, it will arrive via U.S. Postal Service. We will also provide copies at the Council office and at the Camp Trading Post for potential members.

I also must give another BIG thank you to Dana Seymour, who has been getting more involved in the workings of the Association. But when I said, “I am old, I have a Facebook account, but I don't really know how to do it very well, and we need someone to take over as administrator,” he volunteered to help figure out how to change the account. I am hoping that all of you out there, who do Facebook, will post pictures and info when you go to Tahosa, so that all who are interested will see what a jewel of a camp we have here. If you didn't know that Tahosa Alumni has a Facebook account, please go look for us and friend us.

With the help of Libby and Dana I can now work on upgrading our website, which is in desperate need. A note to all if you are having trouble getting tabs to open on the site. Check at the top of your browser for an icon that looks like a torn piece of paper. It is a compatibility icon — sometimes using that will help.

I cannot tell you what these volunteers mean to the Board and to me personally. When one person steps up to take over one job, it frees members of the Board (and me) to work on other items for the Association, to better the Association for all, and ultimately for the Camp. The saying is true, “Many hands make light work!”

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me — webmaster@tahosa.org or 303-986-7918.

Becoming a Member of Tahosa Alumni Association —



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Preserving the Past...
Building for the Future!

Any adult or youth interested in the history, programs and welfare of Camp Tahosa is welcome to show that interest by becoming a member of the Tahosa Alumni Association.

- One year basic membership is \$15.00.
- Life Membership is \$150.00 (Note: Life Members pay a \$5 annual maintenance fee).
- Youth Membership is \$15.00.

Send a check with name, address & phone number to:

Tahosa Alumni Association
PO Box 102938
Denver, Colorado
80248-2938

Website: www.Tahosa.org



**Jim Scott Memorial Nomination Form
Tahosa Alumni Association
P.O. Box 102938, Denver, CO 80250-2938**

The primary requirement is that this individual being nominated has been registered with the Boy Scouts of America in the past and has made contributions to Scouting at Tahosa.

(Please submit this nomination by April 15 to Jack Schooley at the above address or via email at jlschooley@comcast.net.)

The following individual has shown spirit above and beyond in the Scouting program. This individual has repeatedly shown the points of the Scout Oath and Law to be a viable part of their daily life. Therefore, I nominate:

Name: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Approximate years registered in Scouting: _____

Special contributions to Camp Tahosa:

Other pertinent information about this person:

Person making this nomination: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

For a full listing of previous Jim Scott Memorial Recipients, please visit our website at www.tahosa.org.

This year's recipients will be announced during the Tahosa Reunion Picnic in June.

A Letter From Your New Editor —

Libby Schultz

My vision for the *Tahosa Totem* is simple and goes beyond being published on time. Though it is the official newsletter of the Tahosa Alumni Association, the Association is all about Camp Tahosa and the people whose lives Tahosa touches. Therefore, I would encourage our membership, not just our Board members, to share news and photos about any activities held at Camp they've been involved in directly or observed. Information to the membership from the Board is always the main thrust, but the Camp vibrantly lives and breathes Scouting and other outdoor activities. We need to capture those activities in print as well. Not everyone does Facebook. I'm talking about those Camp Tahosa activities such as district Klondike Derbies, Big Horn, Powder Horn, Wood Badge, OKPIK, COPE, Hooked on Tahosa, Scout units camping, Gateway Webelos Weekend, conservation projects, orienteering courses, outside groups using the Camp — I trust you get the picture.

You will always be alerted of each deadline date and where to send your articles and/or photos to me. Your contributions will be what makes this newsletter truly the official publication of the membership of the Tahosa Alumni Association.

Local BSA Historical Collection Finds a New Home —

By John Meeker, Director of History/Museum

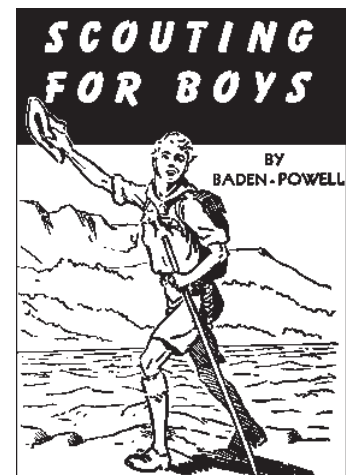
Due to the generosity of a member of the Tahosa Alumni Association, Bob Munger, we now have acquired a huge collection of BSA historical materials, beginning with a few items from the early days of the BSA in 1916, to fill a "Tahosa History of Scouting" room at the Denver Area Council headquarters in Lakewood.

We have a huge task before us as we need to sort, catalog, and prepare many of the items from Bob's "Arapahoe Scout Museum" collection.

Foremost on our list of needs is a storage place for the many boxes and file cabinets that we will need to store these many, many items that will eventually make their way into the museum room at the DAC in the future, both for the initial display and for ongoing rotating themes. Almost any amount of space can benefit us if it is more than 400 square feet up to 1000 square feet. We need to have a secure location over the next year at least, where we can occasionally change out processed boxes and file cabinets for ones we have not yet processed. Please let us know if you have such a space available for us to use. Even if someone has a vacant two-car garage or a couple of one-car garages in the west part of town, this would help us a great deal. Please contact Jim Fellet (president@tahosa.org) or John Meeker (johnmeeker@comcast.net) if you have something for us to consider!

Next is the actual moving of the items into storage and into the display room, followed by sorting and cataloging activities that will require some volunteers as needs arise. We have a lot of sorting and identification activities coming up in 2014, so any assistance would be greatly appreciated!!!

We are looking forward to this challenge and will keep you updated as things unfold.





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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Eagle Scout Banquet: February 21, 2014

Council Dinner: March 19, 2014

Scout Show: April 26, 2014

INFORMATION YOU CAN USE

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BOARD MEETINGS are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 1455 Newland Street (just off Colfax, east of Wadsworth). All TAA members in good standing are welcome to attend. See the website for more details on dates. No Board meetings in June, November, nor December.