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**T.M.R. ALUMNI/REUNION
DAY JULY 21, 2012**

Celebrating 85 Years of Ten Mile River

Save the date on your calendar now for the T.M.R. Alumni/Reunion Day, Sat., July 21, 2012.



Come anytime after 10:00 am and stay as long as you like (within reason!). At 11:00 am there will be a welcome orientation and ceremony, followed by lunch at Headquarters. The Museum will be open for a visit and video viewing of Ten Mile River History. You can also visit the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin historical display and the Kunatah Trading Post at the Museum. After lunch you can visit the camps of yesterday and today and visit Camp Keowa, where an "Open House" of Scouting and Ten Mile River will be taking place. Many activities for the family

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**MUSEUM ISSUES 15TH
ANNIVERSARY PATCH**

The Ten Mile River Scout Museum is 15 years old in 2012! To commemorate both our anniversary and T.M.R.'s 85th we have issued a special series of three patches, patterned after the T.M.R. 85th anniversary patch. Each 15-color 2.25" x 3.5" patch includes the Museum, the Kernochan Blockhouse and the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin.



White-border, limited edition metallic-gold and metallic-silver border versions are for sale. Only 60 of the gold-metallic border patches and 75 of the silver-metallic border patches were made.

White border patches cost \$3.00 each, silver-metallic border patches cost \$10.00 each and gold-metallic border patches cost \$15.00 each. You can also purchase all three patches in a set for \$25 and save \$3.00. SEE THE FLYER ON PAGE 12.

**AN INTERVIEW WITH
NICK DALE**

By: Ed Winters

Editor's Note: This is the second article based on interviews Museum Trustee Ed Winters made in 1975 with key individuals in T.M.R. history. Here, T.M.R. legend Nick Dale starts off by talking about the Brooklyn Scout Camps during the late 1920s and early 1930s.

NICK DALE: In those days, it was \$8.00 for the first week, \$15 for a two week period, and \$10 each week after the second week of the Scout's stay. So you see, it was fairly reasonable. The majority of the boys in those days would come up and be here for the summer. I was the backbone of the camp, and well, it was



Nick Dale, 1954

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**JERRY REIMER/KUNATAH
TRADING POST MOVE**

The Museum received a major addition on Wednesday, April 11th, when the Jerry Reimer/Kunatah Trading Post was moved from Camp Kunatah to Headquarters Camp on the back of a trailer. A few days later, the building made the trip from the Health Lodge up the widened jeep trail to its new home behind the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin.

Congratulations to John Romanovich and Mike Herbert for spearheading this major effort and to Senior T.M.R. Ranger Jim Loeffel and the entire T.M.R. Ranger Staff for their support.

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Arriving at Headquarters Camp

**Spotlight on T.M.R.:
Anthony Zalak**

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Bruce DeSandre was by far, the longest serving camp director for Camp Aquehonga serving almost twenty years between 1975 and 1993. Since then, there have been a number of great scouters succeeding him to name a few. Father Tony Marchitelli, Les McGuire, Joe Amachicola, Anthony Allison and Sal Poidomani. To this list of camp directors, we can now add ANTHONY ZALAK, the 2012 camp director. Anthony brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the job as he has been the camp's program director for the last six years. Smoke Signals interviewed Anthony for its Fall 2007 edition. Five years later we are doing it again—as Aquehonga's newest director. We caught up with Anthony and asked him about his background and plans for this summer.



Anthony Zalak

SS: What challenges do you see as a camp director?

AZ: One of the challenges that I see as a camp director is to build a cohesive team with the staff, where everyone is working together. Another

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from the chairman's desk



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2012 so far has been a mixed up year. March was like May with temperatures in the high 60's and April was like March so it's only fitting May would have April showers. After virtually no rain in March it's been raining every day in May as I write this article. So with the poles reversing according to the Mayans or whomever, plan for six inches of snow on July 21, 2012. That is the day for Alumni Day 2012 celebrating the 85th anniversary of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and the 15th anniversary of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum.

Since last year our Museum compound has grown, with the addition of a new electric service and a new building. Thanks to the great efforts of John Romanovich, Mike Herbert, Bob Chiusano, the great T.M.R. Ranger crew and a host of others, the Jerry Reimer/Kunatah Trading Post is now a part of our Museum Compound at Main Headquarters. This building began its life in the 1930s as part of Camp Nianque (Unit C - Bronx). Nianque was closed in 1969 and in 1971 this building was moved to what had been the old D-3 Kunatah parking lot.

The Rangers in 1971 built an addition to this building and it became the Kunatah Nature Lodge. The Nature directors planted trees to eliminate traces of what had been the parking lot. At some point later, the Trading Post moved into this building as the Nature Lodge moved to the old Kunatah Office. A donation to Camp Kunatah made in the name of the late Jerry Reimer, a long time Queens Scoutmaster, by one of his former Scouts, created the conditions that allowed the Trading Post to be named in his honor.

This building will not be open to the public but will serve as a workshop to prepare exhibits and build needed projects on the Museum Compound. However, those with a nostalgic heart who want to see a part of Camp Kunatah can certainly visit and view the building from the outside.

I am also pleased to announce that Reverend Paul Lumpkin who has been at Ten Mile River for many years and has served in such diverse roles as Protestant Chaplain and Camp Keowa Commissioner, among other things, has agreed to serve most of the summer as our Outdoor Curator. With our Indoor Curator, Bernie Sussman returning for his 13th season, they should be a dynamic team. Dave Malatzky will be creating a Daniel Carter Beard Exhibit for the 85th anniversary. We hope to have our first interactive exhibit of 2012 as well, possibly a Jeopardy game. With Paul on the team, we expect the Geocaching program to take off. In addition, we will have a solar energy exhibit,

and exhibits at the Kernochan Blockhouse on early American settlers in the 1700s that used Blockhouses such as this one. The Old-style camping exhibits in the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin, rescued last year from Indian Cliffs and Kotohke will be greatly enhanced. We will have a new historic walk which recreates the original 1930s C.C.C. camp and the old TMR Headquarters as superimposed on today's modern layout. We look forward to units taking advantage of our Matinee Museum, which allows for units to visit the Museum, barbecue lunch and then go geocaching or take the historic walk. So in our 15th season its getting exciting.

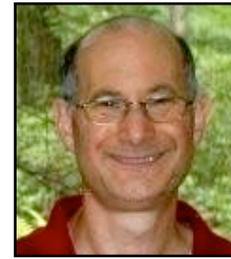
We have a special set of patches as well for the 85th anniversary. Visitors can earn the Historian patch and all can purchase our anniversary patches.

So come visit the Museum this summer. We are open every day except Mondays. And be sure to consider a visit on Alumni Weekend. You can arrive Saturday morning and sleep at no charge Saturday night in a tent at Camp Keowa. There will be program going on all Saturday and Sunday morning. Assembly is at the Museum at HQ. After opening ceremonies and some dedications lunch can be purchased right at HQ. The action then shifts to Keowa in the afternoon where ALL activity areas will be open with things to do for very young children right on up to senior citizens who are young at heart. I look forward to seeing many of

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from the editor



By: Michael Drillinger
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This is my first issue and I have thus far observed that creating Smoke Signals is a collaborative effort. Smoke Signals would not have its appeal to readers if you the readers did not contribute, as you do, your stories and memories of camp. I thank you all for your contributions and ask that you keep them coming so we all can keep those memories alive.

I also collaborate with David Malatzky who serves as reporter/composer/publisher. This first issue for me has been a learning experience and I am enjoying working with David and appreciating his knowledge and expertise.

I asked for personal stories of camp and several of you answered the call. In particular, I wanted to share stories about first times at camp from a camper's perspective. I hope you enjoy the memories of one scout's first day at TMR, a scout's experiences because he dresses OBS, and a scout's homage to a beloved latrine.

We are blessed with a rich history of people and place at TMR. This issue of Smoke Signals continues recounting that rich history and current events through articles contributed by Ed Winters, David Malatzky and John Pritchard.

Enjoy the memories and I hope you also learn some things you may not have known. If the spirit moves you, send us your thoughts, remembrances and visions for the future.



Wanted: Your Old Scout Memorabilia

Readers. . .We want you to donate ANY type of Scout Memorabilia for the Museum store...uniforms, mugs, patches, neckerchiefs, books, "anything Scouting" that you have laying around the attic or basement. Money raised from sales will go towards the upkeep of the Museum. We have had considerable success over the past three years selling memorabilia, from our humble tables to the Museum store at T.M.R. and patch sales at West Point. Anything and everything Scouting can be used to help us raise money to help offset our expenses.

Items that can be mailed should be sent to Frank Mullane, Memorabilia Chairman, at his address, below:

Mr. Frank Mullane

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If you have something "bulky" that you would like picked up, we can arrange one of our members to visit. Call Frank at 718-698-2315 to arrange a pickup or send an email to TheTrader112@aol.com.

If you plan on visiting camp this summer, items may be dropped off at the Museum as well.



15 Years of Growth! This composite photo shows the four Museum buildings (from left to right): The Jerry Reimer/Camp Kunatah Trading Post, the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin, the T.M.R. Scout Museum and the Camp Kernochan Blockhouse.

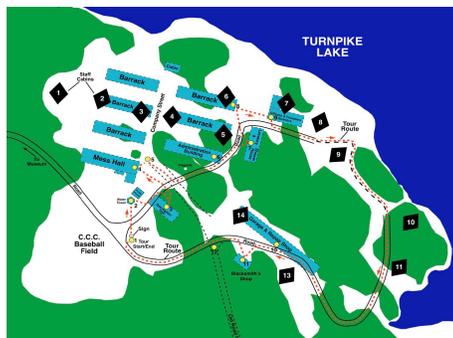
C.C.C. CAMP TEN MILE RIVER WALKING TOUR

By: David M. Malatzky
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This summer, look for a marked walking tour of the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) Camp Ten Mile River, just a short walk from the Ten Mile River Scout Museum in Headquarters Camp, T.M.R.



Operating from 1933-1936, Camp Ten Mile River made major improvements on T.M.R. property, mainly building firebreaks, opening old logging roads and reducing the threat of forest fires. Its buildings were reused as the T.M.R. Headquarters Camp from 1938-1962 and were replaced by fourteen 4-person staff cabins about 1962 when



Camp Ten Mile River Walking Tour Map

the current T.M.R. Headquarters Camp was constructed.

The tour has thirteen stops and visits the sites of all the major camp buildings and structures, including the Recreation Hall, the Water Tower & Pump House, the Mess Hall, Company Street, the Administration Building, the Lavatory & Shower House, a Barrack, the Officers and Foresters Quarters, the Garage & Repair Shop, the Blacksmith's Shop and the Camp Road to Blind Pond Rd.

A walking tour guidebook can be checked out of the Museum upon request during our normal operating hours. The guidebook explains the history of the C.C.C. and Camp Ten Mile River and how the various camp buildings were used. It also includes historical photos of the various camp buildings and how Headquarters Camp would look today if the C.C.C. camp buildings still stood.

JERRY REIMER/KUNATAH TRADING POST MOVE

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Preparatory work took about a year and included reinforcing the building for the trip and clearing trees on the jeep trail between the Health Lodge and the Museum. The Jerry Reimer/Kunatah Trading Post will be used as a workshop and storage facility, freeing up space in the Museum building for additional exhibits and other purposes.

2012 WEST POINT CAMPOREE

By: David M. Malatzky
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The Museum participated for the third straight year at the West Point Camporee, on Saturday April 28, 2012. We had a display on T.M.R. history and showed the new Museum promotional video.

As in previous West Point Camporees, we mostly sold old-stock Museum-issued patches and T.M.R. patches for \$1 each. We also sold a large number of neckerchiefs that were cleaned, ironed, bagged and priced by Frank Mullane. Rich Miller and Karl Bernstein served as our sales staff.

G.N.Y.C. Director of Camping Sean Quinn was there for the day and talked to a number of Scoutmasters about attending summer camp at T.M.R. Hopefully, this will result in additional camp reservations in the future.

A lot of people worked hard and are to be thanked for a very successful day at the West Point Camporee:

Bernie Sussman - for getting West Point approval for Museum participation, transporting the patches and neckerchiefs, and otherwise putting the whole event together.

Sean Quinn - for helping Bernie transport equipment from his house on Friday and setting up the display. Also, transporting the blue Velcro display boards from Alpine Scout Camp and back.

Hal Rosenfeld - for transporting Karl, Rich and me to the West Point Camporee and back on Saturday. Also for set-up and break-down.

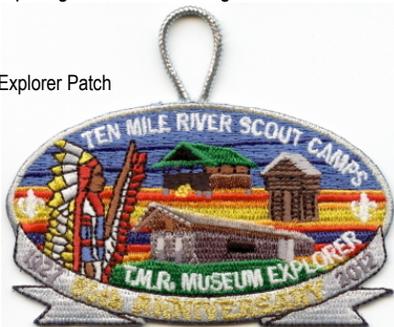
Rich Miller - for purchasing the snack foods and selling them all out on Saturday.

Karl Bernstein - for selling the patches and neckerchiefs on Saturday.

2012 T.M.R. Museum Historian and Explorer Awards

The Museum has a new award for Scouts participating in our Outdoor Program. It is the T.M.R. Museum Explorer patch and will be given free of charge to all Scouts this summer that satisfy our Outdoor Program requirements. It joins the T.M.R. Museum Historian patch, which will still be given free of charge to Scouts participating in our Indoor Program.

The Explorer Patch



The Historian Patch



Karl Bernstein and our Store

ANTHONY ZALAK

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challenge I see is making sure that everyone who walks through the doors to Aquehonga this summer has the experience of a lifetime. Lastly, the challenge of unit retention. I would like to see 100% of the units re-reserve their site for next year.

SS: How long were you a TMR staff member? What camp(s)? What jobs did you have at camp?

AZ: I have been a staff member since 2003 and have only worked at Camp Aquehonga. From 2003 until 2005 I was a camp commissioner and director of the new camper program. In 2006 I was the program director and was also the new camper program director.

SS: Why did you first become a TMR staffer?

AZ: I became a staff member in 2003, because during the previous two summers, staff members were pressuring me to become a part of staff, namely Anthony Allison. I never would have dreamed of spending my whole summer up at camp, let alone become a staff member.

SS: What was the most interesting/unusual/exciting/etc. experience at TMR?

AZ: Probably the most interesting experience was working on camp staff. Being a camper and leader for almost ten years, you don't realize all that goes into running and working on camp staff.

SS: Were there any other staff members that intrigue you or that you looked up to? Who and why?

AZ: No doubt I would have to say, Anthony Allison. [Interviewed by Smoke Signals in Fall 2009.] He is my mentor and guide. Everything I know I learned from him. He is by far one of the great staffers at TMR.

SS: During your tenure as a staffer, what good and bad changes did you observe?

AZ: Some of the good changes that I observed at TMR are that the council has been investing a lot of money into the camps to improve them and to increase the numbers, which have been going up. I really have observed nothing bad at TMR during my tenure.

SS: What's your background a scout? Were you a Cub Scout? What jobs did you have in your troop?

AZ: I joined Cub Scouts in 1989 in Pack 106, Trinity Lutheran Church, Middle Village, NY. I

earned my Arrow of Light in 1990. In September of 1990 I joined Troop 106 in which I am still registered today. I earned my Eagle Scout in 1997. I was the troop Quartermaster, Librarian, Scribe, Patrol Leader, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

SS: What jobs did you hold in Scouting as an adult?

AZ: As an adult I am an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 106. On the district level I am the Pathfinder District Camping Chair, Unit Commissioner, Member of the District Activities Committee, and a member-at-large. I am also a member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting and serve as their retreat chairman.

SS: What Scouting Awards have you received?

AZ: I am an Eagle scout – 1997. I have also received the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, Bronze Pelican, St. George, Interfaith Leadership Award, Queens Scouter Award of Excellence, Founders Award, and Vigil Honor

SS: Are you in the Order of the Arrow?

AZ: I am a member of Suanhacky Lodge #49. I am a Vigil Honor Member. I have been a chapter chief, associate lodge adviser, and a chapter adviser. Currently I am the chapter adviser for Wandowenock Chapter and the lodge camping promotions adviser.

SS: Away from camp, what is your job in the real world?

AZ: I am a New York City Public School Teacher. I have been doing this for the past 10 years. I work in P.S. 196 in Bushwick, Brooklyn teaching the 5th grade.

SS: Are you involved in any other activities (community, hobby)?

AZ: Outside of scouting I am a member of the Our Lady of Hope Parish Council. I also have been teaching Sunday school for the past 16 years. I am a volunteer with the NYC Parks Department, on the advisory board for the Onderdonk House (Oldest Dutch farm house in the city), and I am a member of the Juniper Park Civic Association.

With talent and energy like that, we are sure that this summer's campers at Aquehonga will have the best summer of their lives. Stop by and visit Anthony and his amazing staff at The Showplace of TMR—Camp Aquehonga this summer. The only patrol cooking camp on the reservation.

WOODLOCH PINES AND THE DAN BEARD OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Museum Trustee Hal Rosenfeld and Associate Curator David Malatzky met with Woodloch Pines Resort owner and CEO John Kiesendahl on June 2nd regarding Woodloch Pines and the Dan Beard Outdoor School for Boys. Woodloch Pines, a 1,200-acre resort community on Lake Teedyuskung in Pike County, PA occupies the site of the Outdoor School and Mr. Kiesendahl has a tremendous personal interest in Dan Beard, the Outdoor School and Scouting.

In February 2011, Mr. Kiesendahl donated to Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, B.S.A. a 1926 two-story log cabin from the Outdoor School. It will eventually be reassembled at nearby Goose Pond Scout Reservation and used as a multi-purpose building.

Last June, Hal gave Mr. Kiesendahl some photos and newspaper articles about the Outdoor School. They are now framed and on display at the entrance to the Woodloch Pines dining room. Mr. Kiesendahl said that he received numerous positive comments about the photos from guests and great interest in the Outdoor School and Dan Beard.

During their recent meeting, David gave Mr. Kiesendahl about 300 additional pages of documentation on the Outdoor School and a preview of the Dan Beard Outdoor School Exhibit that will be hosted by the Ten Mile River Scout Museum this summer. Woodloch Pines and the 1926 log cabin are mentioned in the exhibit. Mr. Kiesendahl was very, very pleased to receive the materials.



Hal Rosenfeld and the Dan Beard Outdoor School frame, Woodloch Pines Resort, PA

MY FIRST DAY AT CAMP

By: Chef Keith R. Esbin

My first day as a new scout on Chappegot Hill at TMR did not go the way one would hope. Having spent three previous summers at Camp Alpine as a Cub Scout, I was really looking forward to spending six full weeks in the woods instead of just the week and home on weekends.

Coming from Troop 202 in Brooklyn, we were also very close with our sister Troop 521 so I was

not going to be a total stranger and there were some familiar faces both as Campers, as well as Staff. What I did not realize was that there were a couple of social mistakes I would make that would lead to a tough summer.

First of all is: Don't be a smart-ass! During orientation in the Kunatah Dining Hall, the Steward made reference to the punishment of being "Zapped" (In the 80's this became known as being "Nuked") which could be bestowed for running in the dining hall, coming up when our section was not called, or going in the wrong door of the kitchen. I raised my hand and asked, "if you are Zapped, do you have to freeze?" No smiles or laughter from the hundreds of other scouts in the dining hall. My opportunity to leave my mark as the

funny guy went horribly wrong!

One must also remember that the things your mother thinks other kids at camp would appreciate, does not necessarily always work out that way. While most kids had either felt black light posters, rock posters of Led Zeppelin, The Doors, or The Who, or posters of Farrah, Bo Derek, or any pin-up girl; my mother sent me to camp with a poster of Missy...a collie that looked like Lassie and yes, I put it up in the lean-to! I should not have been a bit surprised when I woke up the next morning to find that my entire bed and me had been carried in the middle of the night and left in the latrine. Oh well, at least I didn't have to walk far to go to the bathroom that morning!

DANIEL CARTER BEARD: NEW YORK CITY SCOUTER

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While "Uncle" Dan Beard is widely recognized as a founder of the Boy Scouts of America, National Scout Commissioner, and Chairman of the B.S.A. National Court of Honor, his association with and impact on New York City Scouting is far less known.

Dan Beard was a New Yorker. From 1888-1928, he lived at 78 Browne Ave., Flushing, Queens. He was a member of many local civic organizations, including the Freemasons, N.Y.C.



His Home in Flushing

Board of Education, and once even ran for Alderman. Dan Beard Square and Dan Beard Junior High School, both in Flushing were named in his honor.

The B.S.A. was first organized in New York City and Mr. Beard was part of it from the beginning. In June 1910 he was on the B.S.A.'s Committee on Organization. He also led the first training course for Scoutmasters, in November 1910, in Manhattan.

In February 1910, Mr. Beard started Troop 1, Flushing, claimed to be the oldest Boy Scout Troop in the United States.

Once Scouting was organized in N.Y.C., Mr. Beard was a frequent presence at rallies and other local Scouting events. He was at Brooklyn-Queens rallies in Brooklyn in December 1912, May 1914, and attended many local Scoutmaster dinners and Troop meetings over the years.

At the September 1913 meeting of the B.S.A. National Executive Board, Mr. Beard reported difficulties raising money in Flushing and suggested subdividing the territory into districts. At this time, both Queens and Brooklyn were organized as "Brooklyn Council." The Board appointed a "committee to survey conditions in New York City and devise a plan to remedy evils existing and promote better scouting in New York." By 1915, this committee proposed a complete reorganization of New York City Scouting, introducing five Borough councils, Districts and an Advisory Committee, a predecessor to today's Greater New York Councils.

Mr. Beard had a keen interest in Queens Scouting, even before Queens Borough Council existed. In May 1913, he suggested to George Pratt, President of Brooklyn Council, names for key leadership roles in Queens Council, whenever one was organized. He stated, "This is my home town and I would like to see it boom on the Scout Question. If I had the time I would take a personal hand in it."

Starting in October 1914, Mr. Beard was personally involved in the organization of the Flushing District Council. Its first meetings were

held in the den of his house on Browne Ave. and he invited individuals that would soon take major leadership roles. Most notable of these was C.A. Worden, who became the first Queens Council Executive in December 1915 and served until his death in 1929. Mr. Worden had a close relationship with Mr. Beard during all these years and they corresponded frequently.

Mr. Beard presided over the organization of Queens Council at the Aldine Club, Manhattan in May 1915 and agreed to serve as Chairman of the Queens Borough Committee on Woodcraft, serving until at least 1921.

During World War I, Mr. Beard planted a vegetable garden at his Flushing home to help support the war effort.

In March 1918, the Teachers College of Columbia University sponsored a special six-week course on Scouting. Mr. Beard led a hike of the students starting at Teachers College. The course was repeated in subsequent years, and Mr. Beard usually participated in some way, either lecturing about handicraft and pioneering or demonstrating it at the Kanohwahke Scout Camps in Harriman State Park.



Dan Beard

In November 1918, the Federation of the Councils of the Boy Scouts of America in the City of New York (A G.N.Y.C. predecessor) agreed to dissolve, giving complete control over the Kanohwahke Scout Camps to National Council, B.S.A. In January 1919, B.S.A. Director of Camping L. L. McDonald organized a 7-day winter camp at the Kanohwahke Scout Camps. Scouts from all five boroughs attended the camp. Dan Beard instructed the participants in pioneer camping, taking each troop out for a day and laid out a pioneer camp.

During the summer of 1919, a regional camp was conducted under National B.S.A. supervision at the Kanohwahke Scout Camps. Dan Beard's nephew, James H. Beard, was the director in charge. In December 1920, James H. Beard became Scout Executive of Manhattan Council, a position he held until 1938.

In November 1920, Mr. Beard organized the first of many annual pilgrimages to the gravesite of President Theodore Roosevelt in Oyster Bay, Long Island. Scouts within a radius of 100 miles of New York City were invited to participate and attendance grew to as many as 4,000 persons in the later years. Many N.Y.C. Scouts attended the



1938 Roosevelt Pilgrimage

pilgrimages over the years and the five borough Scout Executives were usually involved in organizing the event. The pilgrimages were repeated annually until 1942.

Realizing his interest, Chief Scout Executive James E. West always kept Mr. Beard informed about anything important happening in N.Y.C. Scouting. For example, in 1922 he sent Mr. Beard detailed letters explaining the progress made by Franklin D. Roosevelt towards the reorganization that led to the formation of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York, predecessor to the Greater New York Councils.

During the 1920s, the Boy Scout Foundation organized annual citywide dinners for the volunteer scout workers. Mr. Beard frequently attended these dinners as an honored guest.

Starting in 1922, Boy Scout Foundation Vice-President Barron Collier organized annual inspection tours of the Kanohwahke Scout Camps. Dan Beard was invited to attend and sometimes did attend these trips.

Dan Beard was very interested in the new Ten Mile River Scout Camps when it was announced in the fall of 1927. T.M.R. was not far from his Dan Beard Outdoor School in Pike County, Pennsylvania. He offered to provide assistance in planning a grand council ground for ceremonial occasions, gateways and totems. He insisted that everything about T.M.R. suggest America: American Pioneers, American Indians and American

history. In July 1933, he was very much interested in the proposed visit to T.M.R. by President Franklin D.



Roosevelt and got himself invited. In 1936, he contributed a stone from his property in Suffern, NY to the Tower of Friendship in Camp Man, T.M.R.

In March 1936, the Boy Scout Foundation hired Madison Square Garden for the first Boy Scout-O-Rama. The final scene was a campfire circle, and Mr. Beard narrated a campfire story.

In 1939, Mr. Beard offered his home in Suffern to New York State as a Boy Scout shrine. Governor Herbert H. Lehman suggested instead that his cabin and its contents be moved to Kanes Open, the nearby Manhattan Council camp.

On June 22 1940, 50,000 Scouts celebrated Dan Beard's 90th Birthday at Boy Scout Day, 1940 New York Worlds Fair. There was a huge birthday cake, Mr. Beard arrived in an ox-cart and gave a lengthy speech, not far from his former home in Flushing, Queens.

Dan Beard died on June 11, 1941 and is buried at Brick Church Cemetery, Spring Valley, N.Y.

Note: The T.M.R. Scout Museum will have an exhibit this summer on the life of Dan Beard.

AN INTERVIEW WITH NICK DALE

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different then, because the boy had to be at least 12-18, so you had a more mature group. Therefore, their athletics were very high on the agendas. Now we would have an emblem for the (Nature) museum, and there were some requirements for that. Now, their collection of trees, flowers, etc., specimens wood, etc., minerals, etc. We would have that, and that would be the (Nature) museum emblem.

A Major Emblem was if you caught and brought back a live rattlesnake. Of course, if you sit back and think, (this) could present hazards. I did, when I was a young fellow down at Tanaya (Talequah?), I caught a live rattlesnake. I just picked up a stick and put it over the head of the snake, and as I put my weight on the stick, the stick broke, and I fell over, and of course the snake looked around, and I had venom on my shorts. That's how close it was. It was one of those things that happen once in a million. Finally, I brought the snake back and got my Major Museum Emblem, but you get away with that when you get away from that.

Of course swimming and boating. The waterfront was very strict in those days. When any kid was caught in swimming against the rules, he was sent home. There were no ifs, no buts, and that way, we had no accidents.

The first year the boy earned just the bead. The second year he would earn the canoe; the third year he would get crescents, and then stars all succeeding years. It was quite an incentive.

There were six waterfronts, and every Sunday there would be meets on the lake, and we supplied more of the good swimmers to the city High School swim teams than any other source around. We had Norman Ingleson, who headed the Red Cross after he left here as waterfront.



Nick Dale (left) and Morty Hyman (right)

To show you how we enjoyed camp, on a couple of summers, the camp would run an extra week right at the last minute. This year we ran 9 weeks. The weeks ran Monday to Monday.

Now we had intra-camp events: The White Bar Relay, which today would be the Ten Mile River Trail, we used to call that the White Bar Trail. The boys would go out the night before with buddies and camp all around. You see, it would be a 52 mile run, and that morning the cannon would go off, there would be 12 camp runners, they would start out from up there and all around the property in about 4 hours or something like that.

In 1928 we started putting in outpost camps, right along the Ten Mile River was the oldest, there was another one in back along the river they called Tom Quick. There were . . . sites, I guess there

still is, and most of them are all down in here. There would be two Split Rock sites; there was the Bear Swamp site, over in back, and Smith Mill out there, the other end of the property. Smith Mill, Beaver Pond, they were all built in the 20s and 30s, some in the 40s, I know they were all operating. You see, I left camp in 1932, and came back in 1940-41, and all those were operating then. I worked here four or five years, and then I bought the place over here at Bob Landers. I sold that in 1955, and then I went to work for the camp full time all year round for a couple of years after that. Then I ran the Trading Post for five years, something like 1961. I was in charge of labor when we were building the Trading Post, spare cabins, and changing clinic, and wrecking down buildings over in Rock Lake and all that sort of stuff.



Nick Dale

They ripped down old mess halls that they could have used for handicraft lodges, or rainy day programs, or something like that.

Now that was the picture of Scouting that I know. This is what we have come down to. I mean that we went from the heroic to Mickey Mouse. Everything was in the heroic then, the frontier, the outdoors, now we have this caricature, Mickey Mouse stuff. This was a fantastic job here. I was just showing you the difference here.

Davis Lake originally was to be used by troops exclusively, building their own camp. In other words, your troop from the city would come up and build their own little mess hall and their own operation. That's what it was. Waramaug was the only troop that ever did that. That was troop 123 out in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, somewhere.

There were a couple of altars. Each camp had their own chapel. Originally, the story goes that Harvey Gordon, the original engineer wanted to run a small gauge railroad up here, and back to supply these 12 camps. That road runs right along on top of that ridge. But I guess he was talked out of that. These camps consisted of a mess hall, which took care of 96 boys and 4 officers. There was the Campmaster and Assistant Campmaster, a bugler, and a senior patrol leader, and there were 12 tents of 8 boys each operated by patrols. The patrol leader was a staff member, and he was there free board. Sometimes he was paid \$4.00 a week. There were 100 people in each camp. There were 1,200 kids there, when we ran full, and you would cook your own breakfast right in the mess hall. You would get your staples in the morning if you were going to have pancakes, there would be a milk can come up there with butter on it, and of course our milk for the day. They came up in 44-gallon milk containers. You would dip your cup in the 44-gallon milk container and you passed milk that way. We didn't have bottles or containers for the table.

There would be one patrol to cook the breakfast. There were 8 boys and you had to be responsible for all the others. You had to be up there and have breakfast or you would have the whole camp on your neck. That same patrol would take care of lunch and dinner. Dinner would come at night in (heater) stacks, one to each table, and of course the boys in the kitchen would give out the canned peaches, and maybe the cake or cookies as dessert would come up. Lunch would always be a milk can full of soup, and maybe a can full of spaghetti or baked beans.

Well the truck would come up here in the morning and on the way back would pick up the garbage and empty it into the incinerator, which fed our steam for the kitchen. Sometimes they were in a hurry and they couldn't wash the truck out, and he would roll over and load the lunch and he would spring up here in that truck with these pans of beans or spaghetti, not covered, and all over, etc. That was the way things were done then, and fortunately, things are better today, there is no question about it. It was colorful now as you look back on it, but it was pretty rough, but everyone had a good time.

Headquarters Camp was not there. When they first built this place, the curve in the road that goes down to Jay's garage, it was a sharp curve. Well about an acre there, there was an enormous boarding house that the Scouts took over, and that was general headquarters.

Now in later years when the engineering and building was all done, Franklin Roosevelt, through his influence, put the C.C.C. Camp in here. The C.C.C. Camp then built fire trails. Fixed roads, and did a tremendous lot of work on this property. When they phased out, then that became general headquarters for the Ten Mile River Camps. That remained as such until about 1960, when they put on a big drive in New York and raised three million dollars and spent a million and a half, and that's when they cut this road off and made the entrance here and built the hospital and all those staff cabins and made a fine staff layout there now.

They took the same amount of money and put in camp canteens, you wouldn't have spent half the money, which was spent on the Trading Post. When the Trading Post was first opened, there was a complete grocery store. Used to send to the camp . . . things in a truck, which cost money, and it didn't work out.

In those days troops came up and cooked their own food. Not quite jamboree cooking, but their own food. That didn't last too long.



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C.C.C. CAMP TEN MILE RIVER

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Scouts hiking the T.M.R. Trail this summer might be surprised to learn that the old logging road or firebreak they just passed was blazed or restored by the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) nearly 80 years ago. The C.C.C. also planned and built campsites in the five borough camps during the 1930s.

This little-known chapter of T.M.R. history centered around the C.C.C. Camp Ten Mile River, which was located on Turnpike Lake in the back of today's T.M.R. Headquarters Camp, and operated from 1933-1936.

On August 23, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke at Camp Man, T.M.R. (near today's Lakeside Outpost on Crystal Lake) about the recently organized C.C.C., the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and conservation:

"This Spring, because of my scout training, I took a leaf out of the notebook of scouting in order to take care of a lot of boys who are a bit older than you are. They were boys who had graduated from high school and some of them from college who had not been able to get work for a year or two or three years. So we started the C.C.C. in this country, modeling to a large extent after scouting and today there are 200,000 or 300,000 of these older boys in various parts of the country in these C.C.C. camps. They are taking care of forests, preventing fires, stopping soil erosion and doing a thousand other tasks that the country needs..."



Roosevelt at Camp Man, 1933

"We here are developing somewhat along the lines of conservation. Some day, before you boys pass on, this whole 10,000 acre tract is going to be a demonstration plot for the entire country as to what can be done on forestry, not only the planting of trees but also the care of trees. That is one of our objectives."

Because of his association with the Boy Scouts, Roosevelt saw the rejuvenation benefits that urban youth received by living the outdoor life. Through the C.C.C. he wanted to give the same benefits to another group of young men, in some cases just slightly older than the Scouts.



Clearing Trees

Construction of C.C.C. Camp Ten Mile River (No. P-85, Narrowsburg) began less than two months later, on October 14, 1933, on T.M.R. property near Turnpike Lake. It remains the only known C.C.C. Camp erected on private land to do forestry work on private land, namely the Ten Mile River Scout Camps. President Roosevelt had a personal interest in the camp and had to sign Executive Order 6160(d), dated June 7, 1933 for construction to begin.

The C.C.C. was designed to provide employment for young men in relief families (who had difficulty finding jobs during the Great Depression) while at the same time implementing a general natural resource conservation program in every state and territory in the United States.



Camp Ten Mile River Enrollees

The public work relief program operated from 1933 to 1942 for unemployed, unmarried men from relief families, ages 17-23. A part of the New Deal of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, it provided unskilled manual labor jobs related to the conservation and development of natural resources in rural lands owned by federal, state and local governments.

U.S. Military Reserve Officers (mostly Army) and a supervisory force, usually the U.S. Forest Service, operated the C.C.C. Camps. Since there was no Federal Forest land in New York State, the Lands and Forests Division of the N.Y.S. Conservation Department provided the supervisory force for Camp Ten Mile River.

The Army Corps of Engineers was responsible for constructing the camp. Each camp was under the administration of



Gateway on Blind Pond Rd.

Army personnel, including a captain, two lieutenants, and a surgeon, feeding the enrolled men and others quartered at the camp; providing medical attention, hospitalization, clothing, camp equipment, and maintaining camp discipline. Its authority was limited to camp activities and did not extend to fieldwork.

Work projects were under the direction of a supervisory force of both technical and practical men: Superintendents, foremen, blacksmiths, tractor operators and mechanics. A majority of these men were hired from towns and cities in the vicinity of the camps. Camp Ten Mile River was mainly involved in forest clean-up work and therefore was under the direction of trained foresters. Most of the materials required for the work projects were purchased nearby, giving the local economy a boost.

Workers were called "Enrollees" to distinguish them from soldiers and fell into three classes:

Junior Enrollees were unmarried men, ages 18-25, who was willing to allocate a substantial part of their monthly cash allocation to their dependents. They joined companies organized near their homes for six-month periods and could re-enroll at the end of the period, if they so desired and their services were satisfactory, for a maximum of 15 months. The company moved from camp to camp as

needed. Junior Enrollees received \$30 a month in return for their services. \$25 of this money was sent to his parents. The Enrollee was given \$5 a month for his own use, mostly spent in the vicinity of the camp. Each camp had a certain number of positions as leaders and assistant leaders with pay from \$36-\$45 a month.

Experienced Woodsmen were enrolled from the vicinity of the camp based largely on their skills being needed, economic need and availability. Every junior C.C.C. camp of 200 men was allowed to enroll 16 experienced



Mess Hall Interior

woodsmen. These local men were supposed to be used primarily to instruct the juniors in the proper use of tools and to assist in supervising the actual work.

World War I Veterans who were in need of work could enroll in the C.C.C. and stay as long as desired, providing that they lived up to the regulations. These men could be single or married and of any age.

Camp Ten Mile River was a forest fire control camp whose primary purpose was the fire protection of T.M.R. and the adjacent property. The Enrollees also fixed T.M.R. roads and trails and constructed campsites in all five Borough Camps. The first forestry work started on January 2, 1934 under the direction of Ralph Unger and eight foremen.

The men spent most of their time doing fire hazard reduction work:

- Clearing camp and local roads (especially the Mortimer Schiff [Zumi] Trail) of all dead and down trees and brush, to the depth of 100 ft. on both sides of the road. This had the added benefit of improving forest growth.
- Cutting firebreaks and improving fire trails.
- Opening old logging roads for the purpose of transporting forest-fighting equipment and getting the men to their work sites.
- Creating a 30-ft. wide firebreak, free of all inflammable materials, along the approx. 50-mile camp boundary.
- Clearing 600 acres of dead, logged and burned timber adjacent to Davis Lake.



Company Street

The Enrollees also fought forest fires and searched for missing persons when requested by local authorities. During the summers of 1934 and 1935 they spent a considerable amount of time controlling and eradicating white pine blister rust by digging up wild gooseberry bushes.

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GREEN GARTER TABS

By: Jake Pontillo

A couple of days after we closed the Museum for the 2008 season, John Dowd and I went to dinner at the Narrowsburg Inn. The Headquarters dining facility's usually great fare declines markedly when camp winds down. I have seen the Narrowsburg Inn for years and John and I decided to try their kitchen.

To get to the Dining room one has to pass thru the bar area. John was in front and when I drew alongside the bar a patron turned and pointed at me and shouted "Boy Scout! You're a Boy Scout!" as he pointed to my green garter tabs "I know those stockings, You are a Boy Scout!" he repeated

Yikes!!, thought I. What is going to happen now? Does he have it in for Scouts and am I now going to have trouble with this guy? I have heard that some of the locals harbor some gripes against the Reservation. Although I myself have never experienced any kind of trouble with any of the locals, I thought, "Now I am in for it!" Of course if I really had such concerns I would not wear Scout uniforms to town, which I regularly do. That night both John and I were wearing green TMR Class "B" shirts (the "Activity shirt"), shorts and long stockings. John had the modern type green with a red elastic band at the top. I was wearing an antique pair of plain green scout stockings, held up with green garters and garter tabs. The Official garters as issued throughout the years were elastic and had a small adjustment buckle and there were leather tabs and silver metal hooks to attach them. There was also a woven cotton tab that was to hang on the outside of the sock. Scouts wore dark green tabs, Explorers red or green.

In 1964 when I was working on the Kunatah staff we had an English scout who gave me his English scout garters. They were a lighter shade of green than US Scout garter tabs, and tied on. It was a

long strip of woven cotton, with tabs hanging down, and you tied them above your calf muscle and folded the sock over them. I wore those English garters from then on. Eventually, over the years they simply disintegrated. This past year I had a pair of garters made, out of wool, but of the same exact color as the old Scout Garter tabs. These were just a long knitted strip, with single yarns of wool worked thru the ends and hanging down as tassels at the ends. I tie them on like those old English garters I used to have and let the tassels hang down where the old tabs used to hang, on the outside of the leg.

I guess the only people who regularly wear long socks with garters and tabs during the summer seasons at TMR are Bernie Sussman and I. Some of the people working at HQ make fun of us, not too often, and mostly in fun. These long socks were not exactly the prescribed uniform of the day, the short ones being the Official uniform. As curators of the Ten Mile River Scout Camp Museum I guess they expected us to be a tad old fashioned. Since I sometime suffer from swelling of the legs, especially around the tops of my short socks, I found the high socks comfortable and I wore them all the time. When I wear the modern long stockings they always seem to slide down so I used my green tie on garters.

At the Narrowsburg Inn that evening that man spotted the green garter tabs and recognized me as a scout. Happily, it turns out that he had no grudge against Scouts. Quite the contrary: In his

youth he had been a scout for 20 years and, according to him, he loved every minute it. So he sat down with us and we visited and exchanged stories and anecdotes. Turns out he lives just across the Narrowsburg Bridge in Pennsylvania and there is a good chance that he will become part of our Museum group. The point is, however, that he did not notice the TMR badges on our tee-shirts, nor the scout shorts. The thing that grabbed his attention was my green garter tabs.

That was on the Monday after camp closed. I drove home on the following Wednesday wearing scout shorts and long socks and those green garter tabs. I got home around 1 p.m. and as I was unloading in front of my house when a delivery man spotted the green tabs and shouted "Boy Scouts!" and then, only then, noticed the cap and shirt with TMR on it. He too had been a scout, had gone to TMR and also had fond memories of his time in the scouts. He told me that he missed scouting and thought he should get involved again. I gave him a Museum brochure. Within three days two men identified me as a Scouter only by my green garter tabs, which, incidentally, has not been part of the current uniform for about 30 years or so. I saw by the recent issue of Scouter that the new summer Scout Uniform would not even use long stockings. But they say that Scouts can wear their current uniforms until they outgrow them.

Last summer Bernie and I both stocked up and bought 5 pairs each of the long stockings. I doubt either one of us will outgrow them. Plus, I have my green garters with tabs. I had always thought that one of the iconic items of the scout uniform was the neckerchief. I, myself, make a point of wearing one when I wear a class "A" uniform; although from what I have seen lately I am in the minority. I never thought that green garter tabs were also, but it looks like they are distinctive enough that two men in three days identified me as a Scout solely on the basis of the green tabs.



T.M.R. TRIVIA QUIZ

1. How many lakes are there on the TMR Reservation?

a. One b. Three c. Five d. Seven

2. Only one lake is not fully owned by the Greater NY Councils. Which one?

a. Crystal Lake b. Half-Moon Lake c. Indian Lake d. Davis Lake

3. From 1927 thru 1953 each borough operated a Camp under the TMR Umbrella? Which borough operated Camp Man?

a. Queens b. Manhattan c. Brooklyn d. Bronx

4. Which of these was never a division of Camp Manhattan?

a. Minsi b. Unami c. Rondack d. Central

5. Which was never a division of Camp Brooklyn?

a. Nianque b. Kotohke c. Chappegat d. Kunatah

6. Which was the last (newest) division built in Camp Brooklyn?

a. d-1 Kotohke b. d-2 Chappegat c. d-3 Kunatah d. d-4 Ilnpetonga

7. Which of the following had an "open air dining hall"?

a. Nianque b. Chappegat c. Kotohke d. a and b e. a and c

8. Which of the following did NOT have a kosher dining hall?

a. Nianque b. Kunatah c. Kotohke d. Ilnpetonga

9. Which Camp was originally a self-reliant (Wilderness Camp)?

a. Kernochan b. Keowa c. Davis Lake d. Central

10. Which Camp did not end after the 1956 season?

a. Kotohke b. Central c. Brooklyn d. Ranachqua e. Davis Lake

11. Which is the largest lake on the TMR Reservation?

a. Davis Lake b. Crystal Lake c. Rock Lake d. Half-Moon Lake

12. Indian Cliffs was part of Camp.....?

a. Kotohke b. Ranachqua c. Aquehonga d. Lakeside

13. Between 1950 and 1955 how many camps operated on the TMR Reservation?

a. 8 b. 10 c. 13 d. 16

14. Which two camps have the same name today as they did in 1960 but are located in different places?

a. Ranachqua & Keowa b. Keowa & Rondack c. Aquehonga & Keowa d. Ranachqua & Aquehonga

15. What year did the area we now know as Main Headquarters open?

a. 1952 b. 1962 c. 1972 d. 1982

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Ten Mile River Scout Camps



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COME ANYTIME AFTER 10:00 A.M. AND STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE (WITHIN REASON!). AT 11:00 A.M. WE WILL HAVE A WELCOME ORIENTATION AND CEREMONY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT HEADQUARTERS. THE MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN FOR A VISIT AND VIDEO VIEWING OF TEN MILE RIVER HISTORY.

VISIT THE CAYUGA CABIN HISTORICAL DISPLAY AND KUNATAH TRADING POST AT THE TMR MUSEUM

AFTER LUNCH FEEL FREE TO VISIT THE CAMPS OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY. VISIT CAMP KEOWA, WHERE AN "OPEN HOUSE" OF SCOUTING AND TEN MILE RIVER WILL BE TAKING PLACE... MANY ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY WILL BE AVAILABLE! VISIT WITH YOUR SCOUT FRIENDS FROM YESTERDAY...

In 2012, Greater New York Councils will be celebrating the 85th Anniversary of Ten Mile River Scout Reservation. Special family events and activities will be taking place. Ten Mile River Staff will be on hand to have many program opportunities available for you and your family members.

Please plan on bringing your children and grandchildren. Do you miss sleeping in the canvas tents? We can help you! Arrangements can be made for an overnight stay on Saturday at Camp Keowa. We will supply the tent and cot; just bring your own bedding.

TMR Alumni Day Saturday, July 21, 2012

Name _____ e-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

I would like to request a lunch meal ticket at a cost of \$5.00. (Offered at Headquarters)

I would like to request a dinner meal ticket at a cost of \$10.00. (Offered at Camp Keowa)

Lunch Tickets Needed _____ **Dinner Tickets Needed** _____

I cannot attend, please accept my donation that will benefit Ten Mile River and New York City Scouting. \$ _____

Register and Pay online by credit card: <http://alumni.campgnyc.org/>

OR

Make Checks payable to: Greater New York Councils, BSA

Mail Payments To: TMR Alumni Association,
Ten Mile River, 1481 Crystal Lake Road Narrowsburg, NY 12764

Credit Card Payments: Call (212) 651-3073



THE GREATER NEW YORK COUNCILS, B.S.A.

TEN MILE RIVER SCOUT MUSEUM

15th ANNIVERSARY PATCH SET

Celebrating The 85th Anniversary of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps



with gold-metallic border

with white border

with silver-metallic border



The Ten Mile River Scout Museum celebrates the 85th Anniversary of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps by issuing these colorful 100% embroidered, 2.25" x 3.5" 15th Anniversary patches. Each patch includes the Museum, the Kernochan Blockhouse and the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin. White-border, limited edition metallic-gold and metallic-silver border versions are for sale. **Only 60 of the gold-metallic border patches and 75 of the silver-metallic border patches will be made.** If you have any questions, email questions@tmrmuseum.org.

TEN MILE RIVER SCOUT MUSEUM 15TH ANNIVERSARY PATCH SET ORDER FORM

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<input type="checkbox"/> T.M.R. Scout Museum 15th anniv. patches (w/white border) @ \$3 ea.	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> T.M.R. Scout Museum 15th anniv. patches (w/silver-metallic border) @ \$10 ea.	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> T.M.R. Scout Museum 15th anniv. patches (1 each of the above 3 patches. Save \$3 per set!) @ \$25 per set!	\$ _____
Postage: 1-3 patches @ \$.45, 4-6 patches @ \$.65, 7-9 patches @ \$.85, 10-12 patches @ 1.05, 13-15 patches @ \$1.50	\$ _____
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Order Information: Make check or money out to "Greater New York Councils, B.S.A" and **mail to** David M. Malatzky, 2332 Holland Ave., Bronx, NY 10467.

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Signature _____

The TMR Wall of Fame

Do you want to recognize some individual, group or organization for their contributions to the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and/or New York City Scouting? A custom-engraved tile on the TMR Wall of Fame might be right for you.

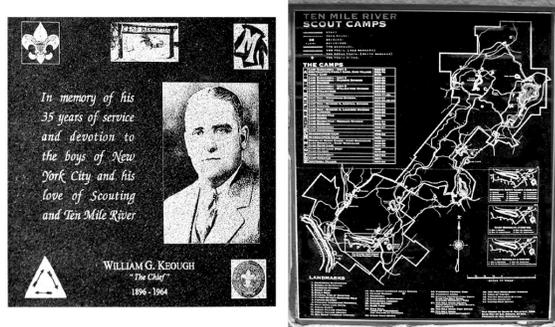
The TMR Wall of Fame is located at the Ten Mile River Scout Museum, Headquarters Camp, Ten Mile River Scout Camps. It consists of two parts:

The T.M.R. Monument - A monument to all 20 T.M.R. camps that operated since 1928. Each tile includes the camp name, Unit and Division names, years of operation and traditional camp logo. On the reverse side is an engraved T.M.R. Map, depicting all of the T.M.R. Camps, trails and local landmarks.

The Memorial Wall - Personalized tiles recognizing some individual, group or organization for their contributions to the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and/or New York City Scouting.

Once the tile is installed a private or public recognition ceremony can be arranged, typically on T.M.R. Alumni Day each July. Tiles are available in a variety of sizes, colors and materials. Prices range from \$100-\$1,000 per tile. Laser-engraved granite tiles can depict photos, line art and even small lettering.

Profits from tile sales support the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and the Ten Mile River Scout Museum. For complete tile order info mail in the query form below.



Please send me custom-engraved tile order information for the TMR Wall of Fame.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Mail to: TMR Wall of Fame, c/o David M. Malatzky, 2332 Holland Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10467.

CAMP TEN MILE RIVER

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The men worked through the annual hunting season each November. In 1935 an article appeared in the *Delaware Valley News*, identifying where the men would be working on T.M.R. property and urging hunters to be particularly careful while hunting in these areas.

Representatives of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York, which operated the Ten Mile River Scout Camps, met with senior C.C.C. Camp officers to confer on the projects. Cut wood not needed to heat the camp buildings was given to the Boy Scouts. Joseph Carstang and Staten Island Scouts attending a winter camp were invited to eat in the camp mess hall on December 29, 1933.

Construction of Camp Ten Mile River started on October 14, 1933, adjacent to Turnpike Lake, not far from the former T.M.R. construction headquarters. About 500 sq. ft. of trees and wood was removed and a temporary road was built to Blind Pond Road. A temporary building was erected to house tools and for a workshop. By November 3, 1933 several carloads of lumber were delivered to the railroad siding in Narrowsburg and construction of the buildings began in earnest.

On November 11, 1933, the advance cadre of Co. 1245, consisting of 25 veteran C.C.C. men, one reserve officer, two regular army sergeants,

and one private arrived at Narrowsburg from Camp Bull Prairie, Oregon.

As of November 24, 1933, the construction workforce, including the Enrollee's from Oregon, consisted of 20 carpenters, 15 laborers, three plumbers and one electrician. Foremen were paid \$9 per day, skilled labor \$6 per day and unskilled labor \$4.75 per day. Twelve buildings were constructed at a total cost of \$20,000, including five barracks, a mess hall, recreation hall, officers and foresters quarters, lavatory, latrine, pump house and administration building. T.M.R. lent a tractor and some tools to the camp to assist in its construction.

The first Enrollees to arrive from Oregon also improved the camp. They removed unsightly brush and stumps, leveled mounds, dug drainage ditches, banked the sides of the various barracks, and laid stone sidewalks between the various buildings.

C.C.C. Companies at Camp Ten Mile River (St. Dt.)

Co. 1245 - Yaphank, Long Island 11/11/33

Co. 2214-V - Veterans from Barre, VT 10/23/34

Co. 299 - Masonville, New York 01/09/36

The December 27, 1935 issue of the *Delaware Valley News* announced that Camp P-85, Narrowsburg was slated to close the first of the year, along with eleven other New York State C.C.C. Camps. The following issue reported that the camp would remain open for several additional months and that one section of the C.C.C. division favored keeping the camp open while another

section had not yet made a decision.

The *Delaware Valley News* later reported that due to the efforts of the Boy Scout Foundation and the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors, especially Hans Howald (operator of the Half Moon Lake Hotel), authorities consented to keep the camp open for at least a limited time. Over the next several months there were reports that the camp would close, but they were always rescinded. It seems that there was a struggle going on to keep the camp open.

The May 1, 1936 *Delaware Valley News* reported that only 33 men were left at Camp Ten Mile River and apparently the Camp would be gradually lessen in number until it finally closes. A June 12, 1936 article about an auto accident mentions Thomas Stratton, age 43, as coming from Camp Ten Mile River. The Camp probably closed soon afterwards. The buildings reverted back to the original property owner, the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York. This was unusual. Normally a C.C.C. camp was dismantled and moved to a new location after it closed.

Camp Ten Mile River lay dormant for only two years when it was selected as the home of the new T.M.R. reservation-wide staff under Alfred C. Nichols, Jr., the new T.M.R. Chief Camp Director. It was renamed "Headquarters Camp" and stood, almost unchanged, until the early 1960s when almost all the buildings were demolished and replaced with fourteen 4-person staff cabins, as it remains today.

THE CHAPPY LATRINE

By: Mitchell Slepian, Camp Chappagat, Ten Mile River Scout Camps, 1983-1988 and until they call me home. (Contributions by Drs. David Lelonek, Karl Bernstein and Scouter Larry LeShay.)

I was 12 years old when I arrived at Camp Chappagat, Troop 521 (later 721). That was the summer of '83. At some point during the day, I had to go. Don't we all? I ventured over to the Chappy latrine. It was an old-style five seat Willy (some call them Larrys) with a urinal adjacent to the holes. The toilet paper rod was right behind the seats, affixed to the wall. I walked in and found a seat. But I jumped up right away. I looked down and saw my Scoutmaster Dave Lelonek swimming in the deep. Yeah, at times Dave had to go into the latrine. He will discuss this in greater detail further in the piece. He will tell you the real story of when he had to go into it. In reality, when he was down there no one was on their seat. We all stood over the seats and watched.

Our beloved latrine did not have flush toilets. In fact, when I went to camp, I'm thankful to say that flush toilets were hard to find. The food in the Kunatah dining hall kept this building busy. Some people had their own seat. Dr. Gene Berman's was blue. Yes, I think you get the picture. The latrine is possibly the most social site in any scout camp. We will visit its history later. First, let's talk about how it was built.

At one point, Chappy had three latrines. By the time I got there the Hidden Valley latrine was nothing but rubble. The main latrine was erected in the 1930s before Chappy was the Chappy we came to know and love.

The site was composed of four 8-boy tents located in what is now Chappy. The Willy was known as the "Oneida" Willy, named for the campsite it served. The famous Chappy Palace was the Division B office (later D-2). In the immediate vicinity was a "staff row for the camp."

In 1972, Dave arrived on the Hill, as a scout in Troop 521. At that time all three Willys were in use. The main one was the Oneida latrine. There were also latrines in Hidden Valley (Mojave) and High Chappy, (Pathfinder & Mohawk). These latrines were two-sided, with three seats and a urinal on each side. Both sides had wash areas. Until 1975, the High Chappy Willy had electricity, while the Hidden Valley Willy had power until 1973.

Generally after meals campers used the main Willy or one of the Kunatah latrines. But it was not uncommon for Scouts who had to go to trek out to Hidden Valley or High Chappy. In '77 or '78 the High Chappy latrine was demolished. In the early '80s, the Hidden Valley latrine was destroyed.

At times, things fell into Chappy Willy. To prevent it from stopping up, Dave had to go into it to pluck out what fell down. Be it our ASM's glasses or something else.

We first need to better understand the inner workings of a "Tip-Pan" latrine to grasp why at times our Scoutmaster had to travel into it.

Lelonek explained, "The Chappy or Oneida latrine was the last standing Tip-Pan latrine of its type on the reservation. It worked on a very

simple, yet ingenious principle. When the Scouts washed up and showered, the wastewater ran into a large "Tip-Pan" which collected this water. The pan was on a fulcrum, like a seesaw. Once enough water filled the pan, it would tip forward and release the water into a large pit that was below the seats. The waste products were washed down into a small four-inch pipe, which went down to the cesspool (which was close to the bend in the road, about 1/4 mile away). With the pipe being so small, anything that fell down into the pit had the potential to block the flow."



The Chappy Latrine

He continues, "In those hot summer days, this was not at all desirable. So if it was not meant to go down there, it had to come out. The first attempt to remove things was with a rake, which worked pretty well to fish out most stuff. But when the rake failed, like it often did when a Willy Roll fell down into the pit, someone had to go down there to "clear the pipe." That someone was always me. Being the Scoutmaster of Troop 521/721, which camped on Chappy Hill and by now being the expert on these latrines, it fell on me. In order to get down there you had to remove some obstacles. The tip-pan was located just below the urinal. There was a heavy board by the urinal to cover the pan, so that was the first thing that had to go. Once that was cleared, the tip-pan had to be lifted out. Considering how old the system was when I first camped on Chappy in 1972, it is amazing that it lasted as long as it did. Still time did take its toll. The pan was heavy. It weighed about 50 lbs. It had become very rusty and had to be gently treated so as not to destroy it. This was at least a two man in gloves operation. Then I had to slide into this space, and then contort into the pit. I had high wading fishing boots just for this purpose. The water at times would be as high as my knees, so I had to tread gently to prevent splashing. As well, it was only about 4 feet high, so caution was the word. Finally once I got to the pipe at the other end, I was forced to bend down, and while wearing gloves that extended up my arms, I had to "Use the Force" to remove the offending object. Again it was usually a Willy Roll, but I took out branches, books, games and other assorted things from the pipe opening. Once I had cleared the way, I had to slowly retreat and work my way out back to solid ground. Once I was out and everything was replaced, I took a nice long shower to celebrate my return from "The Pit." It was an ugly job, but someone had to do it."

I don't know why but every place has its hub. For some reason in Chappy, the latrine was our hub. Every morning the service patrol cleaned it. I remember being part of this patrol. We swept, scrubbed the seats, we hosed down the urinal and the seats. The sink and ice cold shower were on

the opposite side. Eventually "we housed" a hot water heater from an unused site and were able to take hot showers. While we were cleaning the Willy (or the Larry, as some say) numerous campers waited in agony. Of course, that never happened to Larry LeShay. He used to leave the dining hall early so he could beat the crowd.

Of course no latrine would be a latrine without its characters or famous moments. There are too many to list. But these stand out.

In 1983, our senior patrol leader was sitting on his seat when the camp fire alarm sounded. Being a good leader, he immediately knew he had to get the troop down to the Kunatah ball field. We never knew if it was a drill or if our precious camp was aflame. But what to do, when you're on your seat? He jumped up, put his shorts on, corralled the troop and got us to safety. While we were running down to the field, he proudly exclaimed, "this happened so fast I forgot to wipe."

Next was a scout that joined Chappy in '84. He spent all day and all night on his seat. For him it was social call. Many campers often say their first memory of camp was taking a dump with him. He never went to his merit badge classes. He would go to all meals and eat as much food as he could take in. Boy could he take it in. Then he'd spend the rest of day sitting on his seat. Sometimes I'd walk by and I'd hear him yell, Mitch, Mitch, Mitch, Shleepion (the name he gave me) come in, come in sit next to me. We'll s---t". At times I sat with him and listened to his stories, which were often about his mother.

Well in 1989 or 1990, the Chappy latrine was torched ending Ten Mile River Scout Camps' last tip-pan latrine. But more important it ended a legend.

In 2010, Mike Drillinger and I spent a night in Chappy, not far from the rubble of the Hidden Valley latrine. We spent a good chunk of time searching for the remains of the main Chappy Willy. Finally I found scraps of the tip-pan. I sat on it and wept.

Gotta go.

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will be available! Visit with your Scout friends from yesteryear. .

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See the flyer on Page 11.

Museum Web Site News



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Welcome back to my column. On the web site <http://tmmuseum.org> be sure to click on Museum News for the latest Museum photos, upcoming events and publications. Here are some recent additions to Museum News:

1. T.M.R. Alumni Day 2012 Flyer (updated).
2. T.M.R. Smoke Signals - Winter, 2011 Issue.

For the latest additions to the Museum archives, go to tmmuseum.org/archive/newstuff.html.

I received loads of new paper since the last issue of T.M.R. Smoke Signals. Keep it coming in! Here are the most recent additions to the Museum's online archives: tmmuseum.org/archive:

1. Kanohwahke Scout Camps - Dan Beard. More Photos - Scout Activities, Other Photos, Transportation to Camp, Waterfront. National Training School 1925.

2. Ten Mile River Scout Camps - Brooklyn Scout Camps - Fred Graff Photos 1938. [Camp Chappagat](#) - Chappy Hill (1986, 1987). [Camp Ihpetonga](#) - Pre-Camp Letter 1949. [Camp Kotohke](#) - Kotohke Highlights - 1953. [Camp Kunatah](#) - Literature - Maps. [Camp Man](#) - 1930s - Camp Photos 1930s. 1950s - Larry Orenstein OA. [Camp Manhattan](#) - Camp Photos 1930s. [Camp Rondack](#) - Rondack Song. [TMR Anniversaries](#) - 60th Anniversary - Paper. [TMR Interviews](#) - Ken Crandall, Nick Dale, Kesslers, Margaret Soller. [TMR Personalities](#) - Harvey Gordon - HAG Photos. [William Keough](#) - Family Photos. [FDR](#) - [FDR Camp Man Visit](#) - FDR Photos. [TMR Literature](#) - 1920s - 1927 Engineers Report. 1930s - TMR Leaders Guide 1938. 1940s - TMR Financial History. 1950s - The Story of TMR, TMR History (Al Nichols). 1960s - TMR Leaders Guide - 1966,

Mud Lake Dam. 1980s - Development Plan-1982, Family Activities Lodge, Pre-Camp Insp., Red Dot Trail Guide, TMR Application 1980, TMR Alumni Newsletter, TMR 1987, TMR Proposal 1986, TMR Historic Trail Requirements. [Misc.](#) - Signs, TMR Photos.

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4. Order of the Arrow - [Man-A-Hattin Lodge No. 82](#) - 2A Conclave 1949, [Suahacky Lodge No. 49](#) - Brotherhood 1959. [Steve Berman](#) - Photos, Paper. [Suahacky Stag](#) - 1957-07 One Buck, 1958-07 One Buck, 1959 - 12/59, 1959-07 One Buck, 1960-01/60, 04/60, 08/60, 09/60. [Suahacky 50th Anniversary Program](#). Totem 1980. [Shu-Shu-Gah Lodge No. 24](#) - Brotherhood Tusten, Brotherhood 1948 - Jesse Wolfensohn, Brotherhood 1948A, Brotherhood 1948 Revision, Brotherhood Feed 1949, Brotherhood 1951. Bylaws. [Chapters](#) - [Achewan Schingue](#) - Other Paper - Patch Design. - The Radors Newsletter - 1964, 1965, 1966. [Bischuwi Chapter](#) - Last Will & Testament 1953. [Bischuwi Convention](#) 1952. [No-Na-Me Newsletter](#) - 1952, 1953, 1954. [Ihpetonga Chapter](#). [Oseetah Chapter](#) - Oseetah 1943. [Saccaponac Chapter](#) - Saccaponac Chapter 1953. [Sakanenk Chapter](#) - Ninachtak- 1958, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1970, 1971. [Lodge Stationary](#). [Membership Cards](#) - John Christgau, Bill Dixon (1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, Farrell Signature). [Paper 1964-65](#) - 640901 - Brotherhood, 640901 - Ordeal, NOAC 1965. [Publications](#) - [Blue Heron](#) - 01/54, 06/65, 09/65, 11/65, 05/66. Reunion 1945. [Shu-Shu-Gah Elections](#) 60-61.

5. National Council - Dan Beard- Correspondence - Adoniram Council, Boy Scout Foundation OGNYS - BSF Banquet - 1921, BSA National Supply, C.A. Worden (1919), E. Urner Goodman, E.S. Martin, Flushing Bankers Liberty Loan Committee, Flushing Council Royal Arranum, Flushing Educational Committee, Flushing Peace Society, Frank Lazarus, Frank Morse, George D. Pratt, George Ehler Silver Beaver, George J. Fisher, George L. Plimpton, Gifford Pinchot, Governor Martin Glynn, Harvey Gordon, Herbert H. Lehman, Howard Hughes, J. Van Buren Mitchell, J.B. Moore, J.P. Freeman, John Muire, John Price Jones, Joseph Fitch, Knights of Columbus, Library of Congress, Martin Freeman, Mayor John Mitchel, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Mother Jones,

National Nut Tree Planting Project, New York Times, NYS Masons, NYU Hall Of Fame, Origin of B.S.A., Pathe Exchange, Pictorial Review, Recreation Magazine, Region 2, Rockland County Council, S.A. Moffat, Single Tax Enrollment Committee, Society of Illustrators, The Players, Theodore Roosevelt, Troop 324 Brooklyn, Troop 4 Brooklyn, Walter W. Head (1928, 1936), Wanamakers Auditorium 1915, Washington DC Camp - E.S. Martin, Colin Livingston, William D. Murray, William T. Hornaday. Dan Beard Medal. Boy Pioneers. Dan Beard Photos (Non-Scouting, Family, Work). [Executive Board Minutes](#) - 06/09/31. [Silver Buffalo Award](#) - 1931, 1941. [George Pratt Hornaday Medal Award](#) - Recipients, Requirements. [Roosevelt Memorial Pilgrimages](#) - 201126, 281027, 331021, 341020, 351026, 361024, 371023, 391021, 401019. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. Mortimer Schiff. Gene Tunney Problem. [James E. West](#) - Colin Livingston.

6. Pre-Boy Scout Foundation - [The Sun](#) - 1910-1920. [The Evening World](#) - 1911-1923.

7. New York City Council - Dan Beard.

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

T.M.R. Chain-of-Lakes

How about taking an 8-mile canoe trip entirely on T.M.R. property, and I don't mean on the Delaware River? Impossible? Insane? Actually, there was a proposal to do exactly this in the early 1960s by constructing or expanding seven lakes in an arch from below Trout Pond, through Crystal Lake, Mud Pond, Smith Mill Pond, today's Smith Mill Brook behind Family Camp, and Beaver Pond, almost to Tylertown. In addition, several channels and paths would be built to improve portage for canoe trips. It was also proposed that some of the

new lakes be fully developed for swimming, boating, beaches and camping.

This proposal, which obviously was never implemented, is well documented in the Museum's archives. We have the 1961 report by Martin M. Cooper, calling for seven new or enlarged lakes and the 1963



Mud Lake Dam Proposal

Consulting Engineer's preliminary report to construct a dam and three dikes, creating an enlarged Mud Lake and a Smith Mill Lake. We also have a 1975 interview by Museum Trustee Ed Winters with longtime T.M.R. Property Manager Ken Crandall, where he described at least one version of this proposal as being very feasible.

The four-page report entitled "Report on Additional Waterways Development at Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp," by Martin M. Cooper, concluded that the T.M.R. chain-of-lakes proposal was in fact feasible and well within range of the

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