

TMR Alumni Association Newsletter

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A great way for our members to stay in tune with what TMR is up to today and with the goings-on of the TMR Alumni Association

2012 T.M.R. Alumni Day

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On Saturday, July 21, 2012, alumni from near and far assembled at Headquarters Camp, T.M.R. to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps.

Since T.M.R.'s 70th anniversary in 1997, as has been the custom, the ceremonies and recognitions took place in the T.M.R. Scout Museum's picnic area, which was partially covered with benches for this purpose. On the perimeter of the picnic area, representatives from *Ranachqua Foundation*, *GNYS Shooting Sports*, and the *Friends of T.M.R.* manned tables and distributed literature about their organizations. Museum staff sold old-time sodas, and the donut machine from the Donut Farm produced round donuts using the original recipe. The weather was good and the atmosphere was festive.

The alumni began arriving at Headquarters Camp way before the 11:00 AM start time and immediately reacquainted themselves with their old camp friends. They also visited the Museum, the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin, the Camp Kernochan Blockhouse and the Camp Kunatah Trading Post, recently moved to the Museum site.

The organized program began with a prayer by Paul Lumpkin, former T.M.R. chaplain, followed by a flag-raising ceremony organized by John Restrepo and the Camp Keowa staff.

Next, David Gingras welcomed the alumni and spoke briefly about T.M.R.'s 85th anniversary. The T.M.R. Alumni Association head, Judge Arthur Schack, then welcomed the participants.

T.M.R. Scout Museum Chairman, Gene Berman, followed with multiple recognitions. The first was a special gift for long-time Museum Curator Bernie Sussman. Frank Mullane, John Restrepo, Mike Drillinger, and Eugene Gottesman were recognized by receiving large framed Museum patch sets for their efforts and support of the TMR Museum. All of the Museum board members that were present were called up and received their Trustee patches.

The T.M.R. Wall of Fame inductions were next. While Gene Berman held up the commemorative tile, family and friends for each honoree were called up and reminisced about them. Veteran Scouters Gordon Bennett, Joel Vidars, Phil Nelson, and the Panazolo family were honored this year with Wall of Fame tiles.

Gene then recognized John Romanovich and Michael Herbert for moving the Camp Kunatah Trading Post to the Museum, a huge undertaking.

The G.N.Y.C. Director of Camping and T.M.R. Reservation Director, Sean Quinn, then welcomed the alumni and talked about future plans for T.M.R. The G.N.Y.C. Scout Executive, Charlie Rosser, followed with his remarks, and the program ended with remarks by G.N.Y.C. President Alair Townsend.

Following the program, a delicious lunch was served in front of what the alumni recall as the Main Trading Post, just down the hill from the Museum.

For the remainder of the day, the Alumni visited their old camps and toured Camp Keowa, which is one of the modern operating T.M.R. camps. Alumni desiring to stay over Saturday night were given cots and tent space in Camp Keowa.

Over all, the 2012 TMR Alumni Day was a huge success with over 200 people in attendance. We are looking forward to an exciting 2013 TMR Alumni Day as we celebrate 86 years of delivering the promise. See you all on August 3rd, 2013 at 11:00 am.



Presentations



Exhibits



More Exhibits



Old-Time Doughnuts



Opening Ceremony



The Colorguard



Lunch Time!!



Kernochan Blockhouse



The TMR of Today

Well, after 85 years, what can we say? The Ten Mile River Scout Camps are still continuing to deliver the Scouting promise at their best. Our properties continue to shine as true symbols of great Scouting program, although we are smaller than we used to be. Let's look at a few facts:

- TMR today has 4 camps in operation:
 - ◇ Camp Aquehonga
 - ◇ Camp Keowa
 - ◇ Camp Ranachqua
 - ◇ Family Camp
- Our resources are focused in 4 large and successful camps as we continue to deliver service and program to over 6,000 Scouts and Scouters throughout the summer. Of those, **4,304 were youth** that took part in our Boy Scout programs.
- TMR has its very own **Museum** established in 1997. Its goal is to offer a vivid history of the TMR Scout Camps and the local history to the Scouts and Scouters that visit. Throughout its tenure, it has annexed the Kernochan Blockhouse, the Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin, and the Kunatah Trading Post.
- Most of our campsites are equipped with **flush toilets and running water sinks**....Who would have thought!?!?!?!?
- In 2012, Ten Mile River expanded its **Specialty Camp program** with the addition of Aviation Camp and an Eagle Camp at Aquehonga. This exciting program is scheduled for 2013 as well!
- National Youth Leadership Training (NLYT) (formerly JLT - Junior Leader Training) saw a record 47 registrants at its 2012 course.**
- We are proud to be hosting a state-of-the-art Communications Center in Camp Keowa complete with audio-visual capabilities, a Radio Station, Wi-Fi capabilities, and several photography and videography devices. Gene Gottessman's support makes this program area flourish.
- Each camp has wireless internet connection for business use or for leaders to surf the web.
- Each camp has nifty new aquatic toys including water trampolines and paddle boards (Brand new in 2012!!!). These were made possible by the courtesy of the Friends of TMR and Brooklyn Arrowhead groups.



THANK YOU, ALUMNI

A special "Thank You" to you and your family on behalf of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps for your dedication and support. Please understand that all you do to support us is what allows us to continue delivering great program year after year. We are fortunate to have an Alumni Association that cares so much about our youth and our camps. As you read through this newsletter, remember that we created it just for you: our devout supporters. To another great year of delivering the promise. Join us for Alumni Day as we celebrate 86 years of excellence. Enjoy your newly designed patch(es) and/or pin as a token of appreciation for your support.

Plenty on the horizon for 2013!!!

With a Reservation like TMR, so big and prosperous, we're always looking to include new things to expand our offering. Therefore, in 2013 look out for some of the following:

- 2013 TMR Alumni Day (8/3/13)**
Please support the TMR Alumni Association and TMR as you reminisce on the Reservation that made such a difference in your life. Come down and join us on **Saturday, August 3rd from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm at the Ten Mile River Museum**. Have an opportunity to visit the camps and even enjoy some program opportunities at Camp Keowa.
- First Ever CCC Day at TMR (8/4/13)**
The TMR Museum is happy to be introducing one of its newest programs, a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Day this coming summer. The event is scheduled for **Sunday, August 4th at 10:00 AM**, and is preparing for a large turnout from Scouters and members of the community.
- Film and Video Production Specialty Camp (Week 2, 7/14-7/20 2013)**
As we move further into our ever-evolving society, TMR is happy to offer even more opportunities for boys to enjoy their passions. This Specialty Camp is promising to be a wonderful experience for all participants. It will be held in Camp Keowa.

TMR TRIVIA

- How many lakes does TMR own?
- Which lake is not owned by TMR?
- Camp Manhattan of yesteryear is present-day Camp _____?
- Which camp was closed in 2004?
- Which is the largest lake on TMR?
- The Village at Lakeside is located on what used to be Camp _____.

The answers to the questions above will be in the next issue of the TMR Alumni Newsletter. Stay tuned!