

MT. NORRIS SCOUT RESERVATION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Congratulations to the Mt. Norris Scout Reservation Alumni Association (MNSRAA) on its ten year anniversary. A carry over from the original "Thumb Bangers" the association has been quietly contributing person power and money for over a decade. It's our aluminum anniversary and an opportunity to redouble our efforts for the next ten years.

Members' dues and donations make this possible and with over 200 members to date the association continues to effect incremental but important improvements to camp facilities, equipment and programs.

Historically, dues remittances have been roughly 50 percent of membership and of those, approximately 75 percent have gone to alumni work projects. Membership dues and donations are solicited at yearend in hopes of their early remittance to allow the board to budget and plan projects for the coming year. There are, however, a number of administrative and promotional (including this appeal letter) expenses that keep the organization's engines running and these are paid exclusively from membership dues.

To recognize members who remain current in their dues, the association has instituted a "Ten Year Sustaining Member" program and patch. Approved at the 2014 annual meeting, final details have been worked out. It recognizes steadfast members who have paid their dues for ten years. The years do not have to be consecutive, however, through the end of 2015 dues payments in arrears will be recognized.

Donations, over and above annual dues, have leveraged the association's ability to make significant improvements. It is our policy that 100 percent of all donations are spent on work projects chosen by the board of directors or specified by the donors. This year we have a donor who has pledged to match, up to \$2500, members' donations over and above their dues. Please be generous and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Kevin Macy
President, Board of Directors

On my honor, I will do my best.

2014 IN REVIEW

- Revitalized <http://mtnorrisalumni.weebly.com> Check it out, you'll find alumni news and events in a pseudo blog format as well as Board of Directors (BoD) pictures and their curricula vitae, plus
 - Minutes of this year's meetings; both general membership and directors meetings
 - Corporate governance documents; articles of incorporation, mission statement, 5-yr action plan
 - Pictures of projects, staff members from years gone by, archival documents, etc. etc. etc.
- Undertook to inventory and assess all Mt. Norris Scout Reservation (MNSR) facilities and infrastructure
 - Assigned all facilities an id set compatible with Council Properties Management System (CPMS)
 - Rolled individual assessments into Camp Facilities Evaluation Tool (CFET) summary
 - Sponsored professional ESRI ArcGIS mapping of all facilities to "sub-meter" accuracy
- Built a new, 10' x 8' storage building for the Archery range
- **SPRING WORK WEEKEND AND ANNUAL MEETING**
 - Replaced rifle range target fence and targets
 - Demolished and removed old archery storage shed
 - Screened in dining hall overhead doorway
 - Installed exhaust fan and doors to climbing gym
 - Jacked and leveled Quarter-Master's shed
 - Added ramp for access and timbers for base
 - Major clean-up of salvage yard next to Ranger's barn
 - Completed fit up of Belvidere and Stratton lean-tos
- Alumni association participated in MNSR Camp Accreditation Inspections; June 23rd and July 16th
 - Accreditation team's out-briefs inform future projects
- Added double doors on shotgun range storage shed
- Five MNSRAA members belonging to the Macy clan, their spouses and offspring funded and are building a new dive shack on the waterfront
- **FALL WORK WEEKEND**
 - Stained Visitor's Restroom, Scoutcraft building and doors to shower house
 - Fabricated and installed screening on top of shower house stall walls
 - Built twelve new sets of outriggers for tents
 - Continued salvage clean-up; removed pile of telephone poles, water buffalo and disc harrows
 - Alumni T-Shirts hawked to work weekend participants to recognize their hard work
- **GOVERNANCE**
 - The BoD adopted the Accounting and Finance committee's proposed Internal Controls Policy
 - Ten-Year Sustaining Member Program details finalized
 - Accounting and Finance committee is working on a Chart of Accounts and budget for 2015
 - Re-chartering Crew 592 and registering crew members, adults and youth is underway for 2015

June 7th, Annual meeting resolutions:

--Election of Board Members

--Ten year sustaining member recognition program proposal approved

--Motion to authorize BoD to approve annual meeting minutes carried

Check our website for further details or to comment send email to mtnorrisalumni@gmail.com

POSSIBILITIES FOR 2015



SHOOTING SPORTS LATRINE

- State permitting is underway and a preliminary design is drawn to replace the shooting range latrine
- It is the last in-use pit latrine at MNSR
- Porcupines have had their fill of its T1-11
- Shared with the waterfront and used extensively for hand washing after shooting at the rifle range
- Estimated cost is \$5,000.00
- Assumes a lot of sweat equity and in-kind excavator and operator

TENT OUTRIGGERS

- New outriggers cost \$100 per set
- 82 tents were pitched in 2014
- We have built 12 sets which leaves 70 more to go
- Once we have built 47 sets of outriggers, we will have run out of platforms that fit the tents
- Odd sized platforms have not been a deterrent in the past
- However, material for new platforms cost roughly \$225 per tent.
- Vote with your pocketbook



- MNSRAA, Inc. has pledged \$1000 toward the replacement or lease of a commercial dishwasher for the kitchen
- MNSRAA BoD is developing and prototyping project kits; bills of material, plans and specification for numerous items that are useful to MNSR facilities and programs
 - When finalized materials will be made available at cost to individuals and/or groups to fund and/or build
 - Projects include tent outriggers, picnic tables, benches with and without backs, doghouse sized campsite firewood storage, new bulletin boards, new wash basins for the latrines, portable stations for the parking lot to replace #10 cans, PVC and rope, etc.
 - Your suggestions for others are welcome
 - Consider funding one or more before the rush

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1 December 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

for the period 1 Jan 2014 to 25 Nov 2014

Beginning Balance, 1 Jan 2014		\$	6,976.22
Revenue:			
Member Dues	\$ 3,800.00		
Unrestricted Donations	\$ 1,352.78		
Restricted Donations	\$ 1,580.30		
In-Kind Donations	\$ 2,144.65		
Crew 592 BSA Registrations	\$ 104.00		
Net T-Shirt Sales	\$ 58.00	\$	9,039.73
Expenses:			
Administration and Promotion	\$ 925.80		
MNSR Equipment Support	\$ 756.63		
MNSR Facilities and Infrastructure	\$ 9,399.28		
MNSR Program Support	\$ 540.61		
Special Project: Inventory & Map	\$ 398.18	\$	(12,020.50)
Ending Balance, 24 Nov 2014		\$	3,995.45
Restricted Accounts:			
Waterfront/Dive Shack Donations	\$ 95.11		
Staff Registrations @ Director's Discretion	\$ 72.00	\$	167.11
Unrestricted Accounts Balance:		\$	<u>3,828.34</u>