

MT. NORRIS SCOUT RESERVATION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. EST. 2004



NEWSLETTER — MARCH 2007

MEMBERSHIP

As we have found in the past few years, it really is the personal touch that draws new members and each of our current members reaching out is really our best recruiting tool. If you think about it, it probably was due to a friend that each of us got into Scouting, or a friend of our parents that got them into the program.

Please consider making the move to invite others to join in the fun and the work. Passing this newsletter or one of our pamphlets along is a fine way to break the ice. Each of the pamphlets or newsletters contains information on our activities and contact information.

WORK PROJECTS

As you read this the drive is on for funding the worthy projects we have scheduled this year. We encourage you to look over the list and decide what you would like to work on or support.

APPROVED PROJECT LIST FOR 2007:

- Assess Camp Director's Cabin For Improvements
- Build & Install Sliding Doors on the Shower House
- Finish Visitor's Latrine
- Finish Scoutcraft Building (windows)
- Rehab Mt. Ellen's Cook Shack
- Install Cabinets In laundry Room

This list was resolved at the Board meeting in February.

2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated members the following was accomplished in the past year:

- ✓ Attained 501 (c) 3 status from the IRS.
- ✓ Growth of 77 members in 2006!
- ✓ Staff cabins leveled and "decks" in place.
- ✓ Laundry room almost completed.
- ✓ New visitor's latrine almost completed (minor fit and finish to be completed this year).
- ✓ Roof extension for Scoutcraft completed.
- ✓ Canoe racks in boathouse completed.
- ✓ Handicapped ramp to Health Lodge rebuilt. Needless to say, this is quite a list! Thanks to all members – your contributions and work have made this success possible!

ALUMNI DAY 2007

Don't miss this year's opportunity to connect with friends and former staff members from several generations!

Alumni Day will be held on July 7th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Flynn Lodge and will also contain the annual business meeting. Last year the event attracted members and non-members as well as several family members.

It hardly seems possible that this will be our third Alumni day!

WORK DAYS

Beaver Day will be held on June 9th beginning at 0900.

Squirrel Day will be determined at the annual meeting in July, but was held in September last year and had a turnout of over 20 people.

WHO MAY JOIN?

Membership in the Association is open to campers, adult leaders and staff (or former staff) of:

- **MT. NORRIS**

- **CAMP PLYMOUTH**
- **CAMP SUNRISE OR**
- **ZACK WOODS**

The purposes of the Association are to:

- Foster friendship and fellowship within the Association's members.
- To support and enhance the Scouting experience at Mt. Norris.
- To assure the long term viability of Mt. Norris.

HISTORY

In addition, members are interested in gathering the history of the camps and of Scouting in Vermont. If you have stories, patches, neckerchiefs, photos or any other material pertaining to the various camps or the Councils in Vermont, we would appreciate the opportunity to share and record this valuable history! With computer and scanning technology, we can scan information and images like old photos without damaging them and share the scanned images.

We'll be working on a number of projects this year with archival photos, patches and other memorabilia. We hope you will be able to join us at the Alumni Day and see the improvements at camp!

PROJECT LIST BACKGROUND

A bit of background about the 2007 project list:

Gordie Moulton our Camp Ranger has asked if there are volunteers who would be willing to come to camp for a few days – weekends or weekdays – to watch the camp. The camp Ranger is a 24 hour a day 7 days a week job. BSA has a well established program called the Camp Master program that will accomplish this.

In order for volunteers to come and be comfortable at camp for the Camp Master program, the Director's Cabin may need upgrades or repairs. The assessment of the cabin is the first step in budgeting or otherwise providing for the success of the Camp Master program.

Dave Allen reports that the washers and dryers that the Association provided (located in the shower house) were used and that these were a major benefit to the camp this past summer.

In looking at projects for 2007, it came up that all of the Cookshacks (at Mt. Ellen, Mt. Mansfield and Equinox) are getting old. With the scheduled renovation of the Mt. Ellen Cookshack, this will bring this useful and often-used building back to full use. The roof is in need of repair and other improvements (bug screening) will be made. In the coming years the Association may make similar repairs to the other Cookshacks as needed or desired.

YOUR ASSOCIATION

If you have ideas for the Association's project list, please contact any of the officers. We're already drafting the list of projects for 2008!

Obviously in a camp the size of Mt. Norris, there are always projects that we either don't know about, haven't scheduled or simply cannot afford to do at this time. This is why your dues and your work are so important. **Together we can make the difference!**

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