

CAMP BABCOCK-HOVEY

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2014



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN ON July 19th!

You may be saying to yourself: self what am I doing July 19th? The answer is: Babcock-Hovey Alumni Day. We are hoping to see you there this year. Last year we dedicated the boathouse and had a great amount of liquid sunshine. This year we are hoping to have great weather and planning many great activities. As a Paid Member of the Alumni Association you can come down and camp for free, and you can bring your family. If it has been a few years we have many new improvements to many areas of camp. You may take the kids fishing at Pooler's Pond, a beautiful walk down by the lakefront, or maybe some star gazing at night? As usual when you come down to camp we will feed you a bounty of food. So please join us for Alumni Day this year and have a great time. Please RSVP to Matthew Crance. – Justin Kuczma-

Don't Forget to Visit our Website www.BHalum.org

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COUNCIL GETS A NEW OFFICE

Seneca Waterways Council has a new office building as of June 2, 2014. The Council Headquarters is now located at 2320 Brighton-Henrietta Townline Rd, in Rochester. It is conveniently located right off RT 390 and RT 590. The main phone number is still 585-244-4210.



The building has a large office suite for all employees (including our very own Alex Peck!), a reception area, museum display area and a large training/conference room. The council now has a contract with B.S.A National Supply so National is running the store with a lot more items than the council was able to carry.

Within the complex there is storage for the Historical Society (Much of the Hovey Museum was transferred to the Seneca Waterway Historical Society), a storage area for each district and so much more. With the move the Babcock-Hovey Trading Post has been the beneficiary of many display racks from the East Ave Scout Shop.

We hope that you will visit soon, and if after September you will be able to see the McKenzie Statue in the Honor Courtyard and a brick donated by the Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association.

—Hank Roenke—

In Spite of Flood Damage, Camp Babcock-Hovey is Ready for Summer

Severe weather in the middle of May caused significant damage to many road ways, drainage systems and a few minor structures at Camp Babcock-Hovey. Reportedly, water in one stream was close to four feet above its normal level and wiped out the lean-to on the shore of the lakefront as well as went over the top of multiple bridges. In the following weeks, volunteers and staff have made the necessary repairs to the roadways and paths.



Matt Crance, Properties Committee

Chair for the camp said that "Babcock-Hovey is open for business and is ready for the 1,000+ scouts attending this summer." He went on to say that he was glad the water damage from the severe storms was limited to road ways and did not damage the newly renovated boat house or any other major building in camp.

For full pictures on the damage and repairs completed by volunteers, please visit

www.facebook.com/CampBabcockHovey

—Jason Mellen—

ALUMNI HAVING A BLAST AT THE WINTER GATHERING



Fellow Hovey Alumni were out and about for a day of Native American Winter Games hosted by Ganondagan in Victor. Due to construction at Ganondagan the event will be took place at the Victor Municipal. Everyone enjoyed some Pizza and fellowship Afterwards.

Many Projects Completed at Camp Thanks to Volunteers

We want to put out a huge thank you to all of our volunteers that helped to get camp ready for the 2014 Summer Camp Season. We accomplish many projects this off season. I encourage you to come down for Alumni Day 2014 on July 19th. However if you cannot attend here is a sampling of the many projects that were completed at camp this year. —Matt Crance-

The Hovey Museum was moved out of the Memorial Lodge and some long overdue finishing touches were completed. A winterization was completed, walls painted, fans replaced, blinds installed and new furniture moved in. Some Select items from the museum remain for decorative purposes.



The Trading Post received an upgrade and the museum was moved from the Memorial Lodge to the Trading Post. A complete winterization of the trading post is planned for the trading post soon.

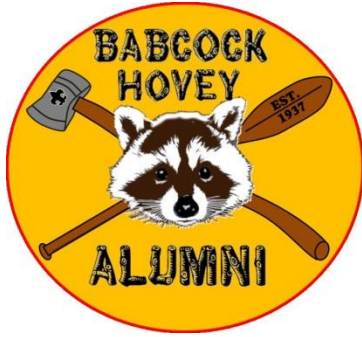


A Bouldering Wall was added to the COPE Program underneath the COPE Pavilion. That way it can be used year round. Mulch was added to make a nice soft landing area.

The rehabilitation of Mohawk was completed. Trees were removed and grass planted, two shelters were added (one donated by the Alumni Association), electricity installed, latrine and storage building painted, and a "snake rail fence" was added.



Camp was granted a Grant by the NYSDEC to add a Shooting Shelter Pavilion to both the Archery and BB Gun Ranges. Work has been ongoing all spring however the actual structures just started to go up Raccoon Work Weekend.



Camp Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association

Providing "Spirit, Service and Support"
Membership Application

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail Address _____ Phone _____
How many and what years (if any) as a camper? _____ on staff? _____
Occupation _____ (you never know what talents we might be needing!)

____ Check here if we may list your name and years at camp on our future web site.

Eligibility requirements: Must be at least 21 years of age, interested in supporting the purposes of the Association, and in good standing with (but not necessarily a current member of) the BSA and the Seneca Waterways Council. Current Camp Staff may join at the age of 18.

Type of membership (choose one):

_____ \$20.00 – Alumni member (1 year membership June 1, 2014-May 31, 2015)

_____ \$160.00 – Lifetime Membership

_____ \$???? – Additional Donation for any Camp Babcock-Hovey Project

Total Donation \$ _____

(For office use only #1-2306-765-00)

Please make checks payable to Seneca Waterways Council, and indicate "Babcock Hovey Alumni" in memo of check.

Membership includes three newsletters annually and notification of upcoming events. Membership expires each year on May 31st. New memberships after March 1 run through May 31st of the following year.

For Additional Information go to **www.bhalum.org** or to check your dues status contact:

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Your help is needed! Please list on the back of this application any addresses/emails/phone numbers (with names) that you know for other past staff members.

Please send this form and payment to- Seneca Waterways Council, 2320 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road, Rochester NY 14623
If payment is made by credit card please fill out below and mail to above address, or fax to 585-244-9403

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____ (must have)

American Express/Visa/Master Card/Discover # _____
(Please circle one of the above cards)

Exp. Date _____ Signature of card holder _____

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The 1984 Staff Will Be Having a 30th Anniversary
Reunion On Alumni Day 2014?



Will You Be There???