

# **CAMP BABCOCK-HOVEY**

## **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

### **SPRING-SUMMER ISSUE 2015**



## **JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN July 17-19<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us July 17th through the 19th for the annual Babcock Hovey Alumni Association Weekend. This is free to any paid member of the Alumni and their families. You can come spend the weekend at camp for free and not have to do any cheerful service in return. Come for the whole weekend or just for the day on Saturday. If you want to stay the weekend just let Matt Crance know which site or facility you would like to use. The alumni association will be providing a BBQ lunch, but not down at the lake front, all other food that weekend will need to be provided by yourself. On Saturday we will be holding a meeting after lunch to elect new officers and discuss upcoming projects. This meeting is worth attending, you can add your input on how to help camp in the future. Some members are discussing going to Bonavista Golf course during the morning. If you are interested in the golf outing please contact Jay Laitenberger. If you are like me and terrible at golf there are plenty of other things to do at camp. We have geocaching, orienteering, fishing, bouldering wall, and miles of trails around camp for exploring. At lunch we will come back together to enjoy a BBQ and hopefully no rain. In the afternoon the pool will be open to help cool us from the hot summer sun. There are no official dinner plans but there is a kitchen available if you need to cook food or a few places in Ovid to order from. In the evening hours there will be a campfire for us to gather round to share stories and songs. This will be a good time for you and your family and we look forward to sharing this time with you.

*Written by Justin Kuczma aka Sir Chicken Man*



**Your Current Alumni  
President and  
Immediate Past  
President putting some  
finishing touches on the  
new shelters in the new  
staff area.**

**Taken by your  
Social Director**

## **Help us Help our Summer Camp Staff**

Our fondest memories of Camp are more often focused on the people we meet there than facilities. Over the past 20 years, Hovey has seen improvement in every program area, every campsite, every facility. Staff members continually built upon the tradition of selfless service set up by previous generations of great staff members. The staff has met all new modern challenges and maintained the traditions we all love so much. One thing that has not changed, been remodeled, or modernized to keep up with the ever improving staff culture, is the staff area. The current staff area is just deteriorating with age is an eyesore as always, and becoming increasingly uncomfortable. To this end, we are moving the staff area to Lamoka, eliminating the blot on a main trail of camp and giving staff members what we owe them and what they desperately want: a quiet and comfortable place to recharge. Permanent Shelters will be built, platforms need repair or be replaced, tents need to be upgraded, and electricity has to be run safely and sensibly. To continue our great traditions and to go forward we need your help and to be frank, money. We are accepting donations of \$10 or \$20, or if you are as passionate as we are, or just want to leave a mark on the new staff site as you did the old one for a more substantial donation you may Sponsor a Tent or Sponsor a Shelter. Help us Help our Summer Camp Staff. *Written by Jay Laitenberger aka Spinner*

***June Update – We have raised enough money to complete the planned electrical work and shelters and the first layer of gravel. We are still raising money to complete this project in full this fall. The current plan is to have Staff use this site in 2015. Your Donations are still needed! We still need to replace some tents and thicken the gravel on the road.***

## **The Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association is Going Green**

In an effort to reduce waste, all paid members can now request to receive their newsletter electronically. This not only saves the environment but also saves money in mailing costs. Please send an email to [matthewcrance@gmail.com](mailto:matthewcrance@gmail.com) telling him you would like to go green.

# **ArrowTour at Camp Babcock-Hovey on July 1st**

To sum up, the summer camp I have worked at my entire life is being open to the public for a day to celebrate the birthday of the Scouting honor society that I have been a proud part of for many years. Everything that a Boy Scout summer camp can provide will at least be on display and most of it is open for you and your family to enjoy. There will be a Chicken BBQ at about 6pm. If you would like to join us for dinner it will cost \$7. You can send payment to Seneca Waterways Council 2320 Brighton-Henrietta Townline Road, Rochester, NY 14623.... Put the magic number 1-2371-780-00 on the memo line and it will magically turn into chicken. A limited amount of meals will be available to purchase on the day of the event so get your orders in early. There will be an evening closing campfire shortly after dinner.

*Written by Alexander Augustus Peck aka Scoops*

## **A Great Start to Membership This Year**

I want to say a big thank you to all of our paid members. Your membership helps us support our Favorite Scout Camp. Without your membership we would be able to donate paddle boards and kayaks to the lakefront, build additional shelters, and support the staff area project. Thank You! We have a total of 53 lifetime members and 16 regular members for the 2014-2015 financial year. Please note that membership expires each year on May 31<sup>st</sup>, therefore it is time to renew your membership. Please note that new memberships after March 1 run through May 31st of the following year.

*By Matthew Crance aka "PAWN" and Camp Babcock-Hovey Properties Committee Chairman.*

<u>Lifetime Members</u>	<u>Lifetime Members</u>	<u>Lifetime Members</u>	<u>Regular Members</u>
Bavis, Gene	Laitenberger, Jay	Stobie, Bill	Callari, Charles
Block, Jamre	Lonsberry, Vic	Stobie, David	Cimochowski, Thomas
Brien, Stacy	Lord, Admiral	Tennies, Don	Dixon, Ed
Bunce, Kyle	Luke, Doug	Tennies, Sherri	Dressing, Jenifer (Cross)
Burgess, Jack	Madison, Charles	Theetge, Ed	Halstead, Jack
Coloccia, Rick	Madison, David	Thorpe, Patrick	Kessler, Noel
Conley, John	Marchenese, Dr.	Tilley, Scott	Lawrence, Bill
+Renee	Meding, Ken	Tilley, Sue + Bill	Marco, Dennis
Crance, Stephanie	Mellen, Jason	Waldorf, James G.	Olivia Vendetti &
Crance, Matt	Persson, Carl	Wedding, Conrad	Michael Catalano
DeClerck, Don	Purvis, Robert	Wedding Patricia	Payne, George
Falkman, Eric	Roenke, Hank	Weidmann,	Peck, Alex
Falkman, Keith	Roenke, Henry M. IV	Damian	Reddout, Jonathon
Garman, Bill	Salerno, Todd	Whitcomb, Joe	Sears, Jeffery
Georgel, Fran	Schuhle, TJ	Wilck, Jim	Tennies, Josh
Hackett, Dave	Shah, Mark	Williams, Harry	Ward, Kris & Charlie
Howard, Raymond	Side, John F. JR.		Wheeler, Steve
Kuhn, Ted	Smith, Mike		Wheeler, Martha
Kuczma, Justin	Spawton, Jim		

## **A Change in Leadership at Camp Babcock-Hovey**

In advance of camp we would like to announce changes in two key leadership positions.

-Jim Spawton has accepted a year round position with his school system which will take him away from summer camp. We would like to thank Jim Spawton for his leadership at camp for the past several years, most recently as our Camp Director.

-Jay “Spinner” Laitenberger has been selected to serve as the Camp Babcock-Hovey Camp Director and has accepted the position effective immediately. This summer will be Jay’s 25th summer on the camp staff with 21 of those years serving in a leadership role in aquatics program, most recently serving as Aquatics Director. Jay also currently serves as the Camp Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association President.

-Alexander “Scoops” Peck will be serving our nutritional and spiritual requirements as the head chef and chaplain this summer. Alex has served on camp staff as Program Director for the past nine years and has been a member of the camp staff for the last fifteen.

-Michael “Trotsky” Chapin will be serving as our camp program director this summer. Michael has served on camp staff the last seven years, most recently as the camp’s Hiawatha’s Footsteps (first year camper) Director. Michael is a recent graduate from Cornell University and will be working on his PhD at Johns Hopkins University studying Assyriology (the study of ancient Mesopotamia).

-Klye “Bun-C” Bunce has stepped up to replace Conrad Wedding as Camp Ranger. Kyle is an Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow brother, and has worked on staff for the summer at Babcock-Hovey including one summer as an Assistant Ranger. When you get down to B-H be sure to stop by, introduce yourself and welcome Kyle aboard. The Ranger House is in the process of being renovated and we are in the process of clearing out the old sheds around the Ranger House, we had insulated half of the Shop and now Kyle will have a space to work on smaller projects inside during the cold winter months.

We are confident that the Camp Babcock-Hovey program for your Scouts will continue to be an outstanding program resource for your Scouts and Scouters this summer. The adjustments made in our staff put the right people in the right positions to lead Camp Babcock-Hovey into the future. It is really cool that our Alumni Association President Jay Laitenberger will be stepping into the Camp Director Position on his 25 year on Camp Staff.

### **2014-2015 Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association Executive Committee**

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| ▪ President – Jay Laitenberger            | <a href="mailto:jlaitenberger@gmail.com">jlaitenberger@gmail.com</a>       |
| ▪ Vice President – Justin Kuczma          | <a href="mailto:jmkuczma@yahoo.com">jmkuczma@yahoo.com</a>                 |
| ▪ Secretary – Matt Crance                 | <a href="mailto:matthewcrance@gmail.com">matthewcrance@gmail.com</a>       |
| ▪ Treasurer – Hank Roenke                 | <a href="mailto:hroenke@verizon.net">hroenke@verizon.net</a>               |
| ▪ Social Director – Alexander Peck        | <a href="mailto:alexanderpeck417@gmail.com">alexanderpeck417@gmail.com</a> |
| ▪ Member at Large – Sherri Tennes         | <a href="mailto:sherri.tennes@ars.usda.gov">sherri.tennes@ars.usda.gov</a> |
| ▪ Member at Large – Bill Tilley           | NA   |
| ▪ Immediate Past President – Jason Mellen | <a href="mailto:jason.mellen@gmail.com">jason.mellen@gmail.com</a>         |



# **A FREE DAY OF SUMMER CAMP!?**

**Is it too good to be true?**



**Scout's Honor.**

**The Order of the Arrow's 100th Anniversary celebration**

## **ArrowTour**

**Camp Babcock Hovey**

**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, 12-8**

**BBQ dinner: RSVP by June 20<sup>th</sup>, \$5; at door, \$7**

***Fun for the whole family!***

***Open waterfront -- motorboats, kneeboards, kayaks, tubing, paddleboards, and more! (swim check 1-2 REQUIRED) // tomahawk throwing! (13+) // scoutcraft! // open shooting ranges! (rifle and shotgun: 12+) // STEM Showcase & robotics demonstration! // BB Gun! (10+) // SLIP N' SLIDE! // bouldering wall! // fishing! // archery! // giant chess // Cub Scout FunDen!™-- traditional Scouting and Native American games, arts, crafts // ArrowTour & OA displays! // Closing show by ArrowTour!***

**All are welcome!**



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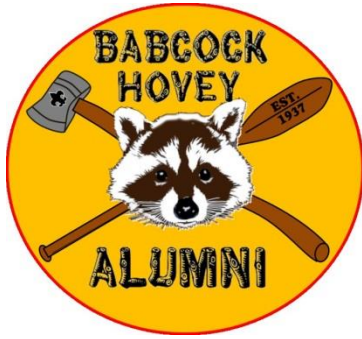
#ArrowTour



Please make payments payable to: Seneca Waterways Council  
2320 Brighton Henrietta Townline Road  
Rochester, NY 14623

Place in Memo line: 1-2371-780-00

NOTE: Any funds left over after this project is complete can be used towards any Camp Capital Improvements at Camp Babcock-Hovey at the discretion of the Camp Babcock-Hovey Properties Committee.



# 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, 2015-May 31, 2016)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$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:

Matthew Crance at [matthewcrance@gmail.com](mailto:matthewcrance@gmail.com) or 315-246-8156

Hank Roenke at [hroenke@verizon.net](mailto:hroenke@verizon.net)

Jay Laitenberger at [jlaitenberger@gmail.com](mailto:jlaitenberger@gmail.com) or 585-727-9196

**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 585-256-8533

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Babcock-Hovey  
Alumni Association  
7294 County Road #132  
Ovid, NY 14521

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**Unveiling the New Camp  
Babcock-Hovey Logo.  
Hope you like it.**

**There are over  
15 new Camp  
Babcock-Hovey  
clothing and  
gear items  
available at the  
Trading Post -  
get them before  
they're gone!**

