



# **CAMP BABCOCK-HOVEY**

## **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

### **SPRING 2020**



#### **Greetings from Your Alumni Association**

The Alumni Association hopes that all of you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. During this trying time of the pandemic that has affected the entire world, we pray that all of you are practicing the protocols as outlined by our federal, state and local health agencies. It's beginning to look like we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel but please keep up the vigilance to ensure we do not have a resurgence of the COVID-19 virus. STAY SAFE!!

#### **Summer Camp Update**

While traditional summer camp has been canceled for this summer. The Council is making plans to offer a virtual summer camp online. Additional plans are being put in place to allow family camping rentals at camp but ultimately final approval is up to the local Health Departments. Stay tuned for updates by reviewing the council web site "[senecawaterways.org](http://senecawaterways.org)"



**Hank Following proper social distancing rules with Zeus**

## **Alumni Association Treasurer Report**

The financial position of the Alumni Association continues to be strong thanks to the support of our members. The Square Foot Fund as of April 1<sup>st</sup> has increased to \$15,600.80 after a significant donation. The Alumni funds balance is \$2848.74. At last year's annual meeting we approved the rental for a stump grinder and trencher to use at camp this year which still needs to come out of the fund balance. We also have \$11,526.80 in the Camp Site Improvement fund. These are donations that were received last year for projects we were going to address this spring. As soon as restrictions are lowered, we will begin to address these projects. Our Alumni membership continues to grow and currently consists of 80 lifetime and 10 year to year members. Please reach out to all Scouters 21 years or older, who have worked as a summer camp staff member or who have attended Camp Babcock-Hovey as an adult and extend an invitation to join the Alumni. An Alumni Association Membership Application is included in this newsletter.



**Picture of the parade field on a cold and windy day**

## **Alumni Association from President Scoops**

Hello, my name is Scoops and I am your Alumni President for the week. I hope you are well and safe. Everything on the council calendar this summer is, as is prudent, up in the air. For our event in a few weeks, we have decided to offer as much of an Alumni Work Day/Event **on June 13<sup>th</sup>** as New York State and the Council will allow.

Our Alumni meetings at these tend to be around 10 people so under the current laws (6/3) we can do something.

If you are anything like me, and if you are reading this you are, even though it might pain you to acknowledge it and I fully understand if you won't admit it publicly, then when you have cabin fever you want to go to the place with all the cabins. So, I imagine that there would be a higher demand for a get-together of old friends.

What will this Alumni Work Day/Event look like? I have no idea. There will be food. I imagine a lot of looking at an 89% completed Shower house, many of us will do some work helping the ranger prepare for whatever ends up happening there the rest of the summer. A lot of waving at the new ranger trying to introduce ourselves from a safe distance. Going to the lake and looking at what the time and power of Seneca Lake accomplished this winter. A meeting with a lot of Hank and I yelling at each other from a safe distance. Staying overnight will probably not be allowed and at best be complicated and must be prearranged. Beyond that is past my imagination right now.

That being said, I am certain the event and gathering restrictions will be different come this event, and they may be changed up until the night before the event. Therefore, I am not going to make any decisions I don't have to until I can make them decisively. So, if you RSVP one of us will contact you and let you know what's happening in the days leading up to the event.



Please stay safe and make decisions with your personal safety in mind. If you feel like you will probably attend please RSVP. Most alumni events RSVPing isn't critical but for this event/work weekend it is of utmost importance that you RSVP. Also, I have to ask you to pay your dues. See you at camp, hopefully soon!

Scoops

RSVP DIRECTLY TO - [Alexanderpeck417@gmail.com](mailto:Alexanderpeck417@gmail.com)



## **Pool Shower House Update**

Work on the new pool shower house was started this past February. YEAH! As of now the old shower house has been torn down and some foundation work and rough plumbing has been accomplished. But again, due to the virus, work has been slow but will resume full scale as soon as possible. It is still on track to be completed by the end of June 2020. Big Shout out to HALCO who donated all of the underground plumbing and provided us with design engineering of the same. Ted Orr has also been putting a lot of hours into the Showerhouse and has donated the use of lots of the machinery.



## **Properties Update**

Our Camp Ranger, Freddy Stein has been busy trying to address as many tasks as possible in camp. While he can't be there all of the time, he has been assisted by Hank Roenke as much as possible. We have a new volunteer to us. Jim Belaskas who has

been taking care of much of the mowing while Freddy has been focused on the shower house. Their main tasks are maintaining the property with mowing and some road work. We would like to give a special "Thanks" to Hank and Jim for their assistance. While Raccoon Work Weekend has been canceled, we encourage all individuals to still come to camp in the month of June to volunteer. We have to keep the work crews in small groups and they must be preapproved by the Ranger before they come down. Please call Freddy at 315-521-2544 if you are willing to help at camp.

### **2018-2019 Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association Executive Committee**

- President – Alexander Peck [alexanderpeck417@gmail.com](mailto:alexanderpeck417@gmail.com)
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Don't forget to visit our website at [www.BHalum.org](http://www.BHalum.org)

### **Now Accepting 2020-2021 Membership Applications**

We have a total of 80 lifetime members and 10 regular members for the 2020-2021 membership year. This is the largest the Alumni Association has ever been and we continue to grow. The Alumni Association funnels our membership fees directly back into Camp Babcock-Hovey through projects and program supplies. Every year members receive several cool newsletters, get to attend Alumni Day for Free, receive invites to a Winter Gathering, and usually a small gift from the Alumni Association in token of our appreciation. Please note that regular memberships expire each year on May 31<sup>st</sup> (just before Raccoon Work Weekend). New memberships after March 1 run through May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Please send in your 2020-2021 membership forms today!

### **2019 Annual Report of Camp by Matthew Crance**

2019 came and went like a blink of eye for me and for Camp it seems. We had an action-packed year. In February we had a successful work weekend where we worked on cleaning up Algonquin Campsite and working on various Campsite Shelters. We also built permanent bunks in the main bunk room of Eagle Lodge. Tshiphey Achtu Lodge held their Winter Fellowship weekend at Camp and also helped us out in Algonquin Campsite. In April we got to host the third annual Top Shot Challenge with resounding success. Thank you to Eric Falkman and his crew for making it happen. In April we also hosted the second annual Scoops' Chess Challenge. FYI





myself "Pawn" and Scoops played a game to see who would host the 2019 tournament. Scoops' won hands down, so look out for this event again in 2020! In April we also had our spring work weekend where many Properties Committee Members and Alumni helped to start building fences along some of the steeper ravines in Camp near the campsites. They were designed with a snake rail design and I think they turned out excellent. In May we hosted the spring induction weekend for Tschipey Achtu Lodge. Besides the normal tent setups around camp a special crew helped us install stairs on the front side of the OA Stage to open it up some more. Neat little fact, the kitchen crew for the OA had their own shirts made up this year.



We completed a lot of project at Raccoon Work Weekend: Pack and Troop 29 helped us clean up the lakefront; Troop 5048 helped fix the canvas flaps on the lean-tos; Troop 3 added electric to many things around camp; Troop 315 helped to clean latrines; Troop 327 helped clean out firepits; Troop 4 helped work on platforms in Oneida Campsite; Troop 43 cleaned up the chapel as always; Troop 44 helped level tents around camp; Troop 94 helped to paint benches. Troop 90 probably painted or clear coated something; and I honestly don't

remember what Troop 300 did but they were there! Before summer camp started Troop 44 helped us finishing setup in Oneida Campsite and Jake Clancey and crew installed a new fence in Skip's campfire area.

Liane Richardson returned as the Boy Scout Summer Camp Director with her new Program Director "Stark". Boy Scout summer camp was a blast! Guido and Mark M returned as director and program director for Cub Resident Camp. Their theme was "Space based and they too had a fantastic summer! Let not forgot Camp Onseyawa put about 100 youth through their camp during the last 2 full weeks of August. Onseyawa also committed to helping us rebuild the Showerhouse this off season.



Kyle Bunce, Camp Ranger moved on to a new job just prior to start of summer camp so Pete Heiderich provided Ranger services for the summer camp.

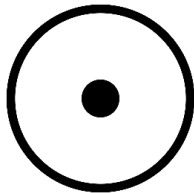


In August we welcomed our new camp ranger Freddy Stien into our fold. We hosted an awesome Orienteering Challenge in September followed by an even more awesome Webelosree in October. In the fall we finished the gravel road between Archery and Scoutcraft and added a gravel parking lot to Pedersen Lodge. just prior to the CTC. Can't forget about the CTC where we had over 1,500 people in camp for the weekend. We once again had "Rice Krispy Treats as big as your face". Bill Tilley and many camp staff helped to make the Alumni Trading Post Fundraiser a success. Big Shout out to Doug Reynolds that makes this event possible year after year. In November Matt Crance acquired over 50 picnic tables to share among the three camp properties. His

lovely wife and Jay Laitenberger and Bill Tilley helped get them into camp along with the ranger staff.

As the year winded down we received two large donations into our Campsite improvement fund from Troop 3 and Troop 167. These monies are being used to extend our electric and water service into camp sites along with adding additional new fire rings to all the campsites. Any monies left over will be used for the final 4 shelters to be built in the 4 lean-to sites. It was a very jam-packed year! I know I missed a lot of volunteers that helped at camp this year. Thank you to everyone that helped make Camp great this year. Let's make 2020 even better!

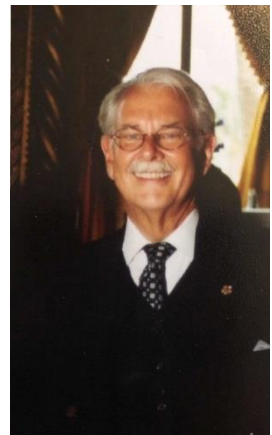
### Scouters Gone Home



larger circle. This trail marker means "End of Trail--Gone Home".

For many generations before ours, trail markers were used to safely guide travelers in the right direction while on the trail. One had to keep a keen eye, as trail markers could be many things; arranged stones, sticks or grass, plumes of wood smoke or carved markers in trees. There is one symbol that is universal. A dot surrounded by a

We are sad to report the passing of **Anthony Senecal** – Former Camp staff member and once the Butler for Donald Trump.





## Camp Babcock-Hovey – Capital Campaign Pledge Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, you can count on me to make a gift to the Seneca Waterways Council, investing in the capital improvements for Camp Babcock-Hovey. My gift will provide the resources to purchase, build and endow a shower facility and other approved capital projects and endowment support for Camp Babcock-Hovey approved by the Executive Board of the Seneca Waterways Council.

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$ 55,000      Named Shower House Sponsor  
\$ 10,000      Shower Stall Sponsor (8)

### GIVING LEVELS

\$ 25,000      Babcock Benefactor Level  
\$ 5,000      Service Level  
\$ 1,000      Gold Sponsor  
\$ 500      Silver Sponsor  
\$ 100      Bronze Sponsor  
\$ 50      Friend of Hovey

*I understand that a portion of this gift may be made to the Permanently Restricted Endowment Fund of the Seneca Waterways Council, Boy Scouts of America. The gift will be held under the provisions set forth in the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### GIVING FREQUENCY

\_\_\_\_\_ One-time payment      \_\_\_\_\_ Please divide my gift payable over \_\_\_\_\_ years (up to 3 years)

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash / Check Enclosed      \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Me  
(payable to Seneca Waterways Council, BSA)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me information on      \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to arrange an IRA rollover  
paying with Stock.

### IN-KIND SUPPORT

If you are a construction professional looking to donate materials and/or labor, your help would make a significant impact with this project. Please contact Kyle Bunce, Camp ranger at [kyle.bunce@scouting.org](mailto:kyle.bunce@scouting.org) or 315-521-2544.

### DONOR INFORMATION

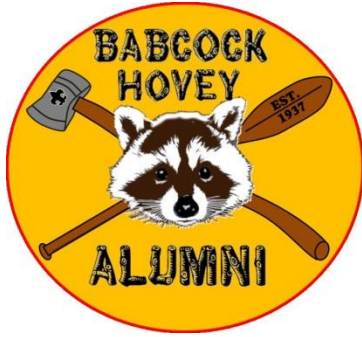
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### Please send to:

Babcock-Hovey Capital Campaign  
Seneca Waterways Council, BSA  
2320 Brighton Henrietta TL Rd,  
Rochester, NY 14623





# 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-May 31 of the following year**)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$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)

Alexander Peck at [alexanderpeck417@gmail.com](mailto:alexanderpeck417@gmail.com) or 315-744-3709

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

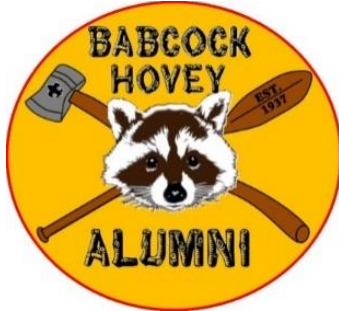
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(Please circle one of the above cards)

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**REMINDER ALUMNI WORK DAY/EVENT**  
**JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>. RSVP to Alex**