



# **CAMP BABCOCK-HOVEY**

## **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

### **NEWSLETTER**

### **SPRING 2021**



**(After nearly 100 years, Penn Yan Lodge gets new doors)**

#### **Salutations from Your Alumni Association**

Spring has a nice sound to it. It has been a long winter and we are hoping that the nation has turned the corner on the COVID-19 crisis. Summer overnight camp is going to be allowed by the state this year. Please see the following article for additional information. As we get ready to open camp there is a lot of work to be done. You can help with your labor and donations. Please let Matt Crance or the Ranger know when you will be coming to help. We can never get enough help this time of year. Looking forward to seeing you this summer at Camp Babcock-Hovey!

#### **Greetings from the Alumni Association President**

Yes, it is true SPRING has sprung, and camp is in the air. If you have not heard, we are getting camp ready to run this summer, and we are looking for a few good volunteers to help us get things ready. I often get the question, "I am no longer registered with a Pack, Troop or Crew or active in scouting, so should I volunteer or can I volunteer?" YES. Bring yourself, bring your spouse, bring your family, make a day, weekend, or a week, and help prep camp for operations. I understand not everyone can make it to the beautiful shores of Seneca Lake. Consider assisting the Alumni Association with a donation of \$25.00, \$250.00, or whatever you can afford to the Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association, and we will put your gift to work adding shelters, repairing roads, fixing campsites, all kinds of projects.

Campmastering is a great way to give back to camp. I enjoy the three to five weekends a year I Campmaster as it gives me time to work at camp and interact with all the units that enjoy and use camp outside of summer camp. One weekend year would be a great help.

If you have not heard, the North Shower House will be going online soon as the volunteers work to put the finishing touches on it. This effort will pay huge dividends to the camp and set up our pool program and off-season offerings. Projects such as these do not happen overnight and certainly during a pandemic. Well, the teams came together and made it happen. Ensure you stop by and check it out when you come to camp to volunteer or come for the program. Huge thank you to the donors and volunteers that made this happen.

I will leave you with these thoughts, as a youth and youth staffer, I never really knew what camp would mean to me as I got older. As a young man out of college and working, I started to really miss the days of summer camp and the countless weekends spent at camp off-season. As a father going to camp for training, taking the Pack and Troop to summer camp was something I really looked/look forward to. Please come to camp make some new memories, whether it's to attend camp with your children or just come back and give a couple of days to help keep camp strong. We miss you!

Bill Lawrence  
Babcock-Hovey Alumni President

### **Council Sumer Camp**

We are bursting with excitement! The long wait is over and we all have something to look forward to this summer - and it's not backyard camping! It's summer camp! Summer camp, including overnight camps, have the green light to open June 1<sup>st</sup>! Camp Babcock-Hovey facilities are preparing right now so that we are ready for the first camp session starting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to welcome all our Scouts and Scouters back for a summer of adventure!



On Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2021, the Governor of New York announced that overnight summer camps will open in June. He is hoping the downward trend of New York's COVID numbers will continue through then.

This is so exciting it's worth repeating - if you've been wondering if you and your Scouts will be able to attend summer camp this year, the doubt is over. THEY CAN! Camp Babcock-Hovey Scout Resident Camp, and Cub Resident Camp have already started to hire summer camp staffs, engaged food service providers, prepared to order program supplies and have started to work with the New York Department of Health and the Health Directors for Seneca County on how we can operate this summer.

As we continue to get guidance from the New York Department of Health and Seneca County Department of Health on what testing, monitoring, and procedures will be required for our staff and campers, we will communicate it to Scouts and Scout Leaders.

## **2021 Senior Camp Staff**



We would like to welcome Eric Panetta as the Director for the Scout Resident Camp for 2021. Eric's camp name is Stark and was your program director all the way back in 2019.

Assisting Eric will be Andrew Weiss as program Director. Andrew is an Eagle Scout with seven years of camp staff experience at different camps in New York. He was a member of the 2020 Camp Receiver virtual staff, and looks forward to

serving Seneca Waterways Council again in 2021 as the Babcock-Hovey scouts BSA program director. His camp nickname is Abba Gadol, and his favorite place at Hovey is the lake front!



Please join me in welcoming back Guido DiMatteo as the Director for Cub Resident camp for 2021. Guido has been Scouting at Babcock-Hovey since he was a Cub Scout back in the late 80s. He picked up the mantle of Cub Resident Camp Director in 2017 and administers Cub Resident Camp, The Webelosree, and The Yeti Games. His camp name is Gopher and his favorite camp song is "Dunderbeck". Guido's favorite spot in camp is a tie between the Forest Chapel Ravine and the forest trail between Scoutcraft and Pooler's Pond.

Assisting Guido will be Shuana Gagnon as the Program Director. Shauna (camp name Lizard) has been in scouting her whole life. First tagging along with her brother to Cub Scout events to being your CRC Program Director in 2021. Her favorite camp song is Rise and Shine, and Around the World is her favorite slushy.



### **Boy Scout Resident Camp Sessions**

Session One: Sunday 07-11-2021 12:00 PM ET to Saturday 07-17-2021 11:00 AM ET

Session Two: Sunday 07-18-2021 12:00 PM ET to Saturday 07-24-2021 11:00 AM ET

Session Three: Sunday 07-25-2021 12:00 PM ET to Saturday 07-31-2021 11:00 AM ET

### **Cub Resident Camp Sessions**

Session One: Sunday 08-08-2021 12:00 PM ET to Tuesday 08-10-2021 6:00 PM ET

Session Two: Thursday 08-12-2021 12:00 PM ET to Saturday 08-14-2021 6:00 PM ET

## **The Camp Ranger**

Freddy Stein has tendered his resignation as the Ranger at camp. While Freddy has not been with us for very long time, he has had to navigate some difficult issues during his tenure. He has kept our camp in good operating condition during the COVID-19 crisis and was instrumental in overseeing the operation of Family Camp during these trying times. We wish Freddy the best in his new endeavor.



## **Silver Beaver Awards, Annual Meeting, and Alumnus Award**

The Council Virtual Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition was held on May 3, 2021. The Council is proud to announce this year's Silver Beaver Honorees: Brendon Crossing, Charlie Hannon, Dan DiGiacomandrea, Les Gales, and Marshall Kurfiss. The Silver Beaver is the highest award a volunteer can receive from the council. Please offer them congratulations when you see them. In addition our very own Hank Roenke was awarded the BSA Council Alumnus of the Year Award. He is the very first awardee of this award for Seneca Waterways Council. Congrats Hank!  
(SEE MORE INFO ON WHAT HANK DOES BELOW)



## **Camp Volunteers**



It is a difficult task to maintain a camp property consisting of 300 acres, especially in the spring when there is a lot of mowing and clean-up required. The Camp Ranger could not keep the camp looking as good as it does without the help of some dedicated volunteers, especially when he has been overseeing the work on the new pool shower house. We are very lucky have two individuals who have been there to assist him with those everyday tasks that need attention. They are Hank Roenke and Jim Belaskas.

Hank lives in Geneva, NY and is at camp 2 to 3 days a week, weed whacking, cleaning up leaves and debris around camp. He also works on campsite improvements such as the new grills located in each one and keeps the Quartermaster shed in order. He ensures that there are tools available for any unit that would like to do a conservation project around camp. He also maintains the area around the pool. When you see Hank at camp, he usually has a weed whacker in his hands.

Jim lives in Fairport and he is usually at camp two to three days a week. Jim's favorite activity is mowing grass. He also runs a lot of the equipment at camp to complete the more difficult tasks such as the tractor with the backhoe and bucket. If you need a pile of dirt moved, Jim will do it. In addition to the time Jim spends at Babcock-Hovey, he also spends two to three days a week at Camp Cutler doing the same type of work he does at Hovey. When you see Jim at either camp, he is usually mowing grass and there is a lot to mow.



When you see these two Scouters, please thank them for their effort in helping to keep our camps looking pristine.

## **Program Needs**

We are putting together our program supply needs and wish-list for the 2021 summer season. Your help by buying items like these for us helps keep the cost of camp low for our Scouts and Scouters and can help us bring new programs to our camp. The information for our summer camp needs can be found at the following Amazon link: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3G3CGSM164020>



Be sure to use your Amazon Smile Account so the council will receive a donation from Amazon for the items we purchase. This is a win-win opportunity.

## **Alumni Association Treasurer Report**

The Alumni Association financial condition continues to be in good standing thanks to your support. The Square Foot Fund has increased to \$16,128.20. This endowment fund will continue to support camp from the interest we receive from it. The Alumni Fund balance now stands at \$4,704.17 with \$400 earmarked for stone to be placed near Onieda. The Executive Committee authorizes money from this fund throughout the year for various projects such as charcoal grills in each camp site, storage cubbies at the new pool shower house for the Scouts to place their belongings when using the pool, repair and maintenance of the push mowers used to mow the grass in smaller areas of camp, and for aeration units in the latrines in most of the campsites. This is an ongoing project. We currently have \$12,599.03 in the Camp Site Improvement fund. Out of this fund \$2000.00 has been allocated for improvements to the lean-to sites. The remaining funds will be used to complete the projects each donor requested. Our Alumni membership has grown to 89 lifetime members and 11 year to year members. YEAH! WE HAVE ATTAINED A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 100! 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.

## **Dining Hall Annex Renovations**

Recently, a group of volunteers got together and started a renovation of the Dining Hall Annex, also known as The Campmaster Headquarters. A lot of work was accomplished as you can see by the accompanying photo below. The walls have been painted and the floor was refinished. The concrete color is gone and the grooves have been filled in and an epoxy paint has been applied with white and black speckles imbedded in the paint. It looks great! Thanks to all who took part in the renovation.





## **Pool Shower House Update**

We are excited to share that we have made extensive progress on the new shower house. While it's not totally complete, it's getting there and will be ready for scouts this summer. Since the last newsletter we've completed the installation of the electrical system and lights. The doors were installed and painted. Additionally, we've installed the plumbing fixtures and much of the water supply lines. We're almost ready to turn the water on and we hope to have it functional soon! The exterior will be painted when it's consistently warm. We're eternally grateful to all the support we've received from our volunteers, many of whom are members of the Alumni Association. We cannot wait to see it completed and ready for a much-needed 2021 summer camping season.



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

- President – Bill Lawrence [BillL@ottocmail.com](mailto:BillL@ottocmail.com)
  - Vice President – open
  - Secretary – Vic Lonsberry [vic\\_lonsberry@roadrunner.com](mailto:vic_lonsberry@roadrunner.com)
  - Treasurer – Hank Roenke [hroenke@verizon.net](mailto:hroenke@verizon.net)
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    - Immediate Past President – Jay Laitenberger [jlaitenberger@gmail.com](mailto:jlaitenberger@gmail.com)
- Don't forget to visit our website at [www.BHalum.org](http://www.BHalum.org)

## **Save The Date**

Raccoon Work Weekend – June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Alumni Annual Meeting – June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **Now Accepting 2021-2022 Membership Applications**

We have a total of 89 lifetime members and 11 regular members for the 2021-2022 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 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 2021-2022 membership forms today!



**Scouts at the Order of the Arrow Sponsored Scoutbreak having fun!**



# 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](http://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)

**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)

AmericanExpress/Visa/MasterCard/Discover (Please circle one)

# \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of card holder \_\_\_\_\_



## **Pool Shower House Donation Form**

If you haven't made a donation to the pool shower house fund please consider doing so. Some of the "In Kind" donations we were scheduled to receive did not materialize due to the COVID-19 crises. The new shower house is a big improvement for the health and safety of our male and female campers. Thank you for your consideration.



## **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  
(payable to Seneca Waterways Council, BSA)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me information on  
paying

\_\_\_\_\_ Bill \_\_\_\_\_ Me

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to arrange an IRA rollover  
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 315-521-2544.

### **DONOR INFORMATION**

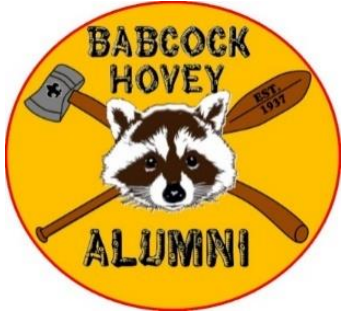
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**Please send to:**  
Babcock-Hovey Capital Campaign  
Seneca Waterways Council, BSA  
2320 Brighton Henrietta TL Rd,  
Rochester, NY 14623

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

POSTAGE



Our Camp Mascot trying to give away a new car! (He did not for the record...)