

CAMP WAKPOMINEE

EXPERIENCES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



WHO WE ARE

SCOUTS BSA

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values—based youth development organizations, providing character—building programs for young people that build character. The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Scouting is adventure, family, fun, character, leadership and so much more.



TWIN RIVERS COUNCIL, BSA

Twin Rivers Council provides the varies programs of the Boy Scouts of America to youth and volunteers in thirteen counties in Northeastern New York; Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington counties. The Council provides service to more than 5,000 youth and 3,000 registered adult volunteers. Twin Rivers Council is the leading program for youth in all our communities.



CAMP WAKPOMINEE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Since 2005, the Camp Wakpominee Alumni Association and its 100-plus members have been dedicated to Camp Wakpominee through outreach, events and financial support of capital improvement projects. The non-profit Association also strives to encourage participation in fellowship and service efforts by providing social events and workdays for its members and other stakeholders. The CWAA has contributed over \$47,000 in materials and 4,000 service hours toward capital and enhancement projects.



In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best “right now” selves and grow into their very best “future selves”. Through fun, hands-on learning and achievement, we put Scouts in the middle of the action while preparing them for today, tomorrow and the remainder of their lives.

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AN ENGAGED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Promoting financial support

- Lead and contribute to capital projects and equipment purchases
- Fundraise to support our initiatives
- Foster partnerships for contributions to the Alumni Association and the Twin Rivers Council
- Camperships for Scouts

Encouraging service

- Host service days and events
- Promote and support other organizations' service events such as the Order of the Arrow

Providing social events

- Annual breakfast for members and guests to engage with friends and support our cause
- Sponsor an annual holiday bowling party for camp staff
- Host open house events at camp to showcase the property and programs

Developing networks

- Network with members, Scouts, Scouters, Units and Businesses to support Camp Wakpominee



CAMP WAKPOMINEE MILESTONES

For over 100 years Camp Wakpominee has been providing fun and adventure to countless youth. Camp and its volunteer network have a rich history of doing more with less. While the Wakpominee family has had tremendous experiences and successes, our best days are yet to come!

“THE PLACE FROM WHENCE ALL GOOD THINGS COME”

1920—The first season of Camp Wakpominee is held by the Warren County Boy Scout Council at Big Burnt Island in the “narrows” of Lake George at a cost of \$5 per week.

1921-1930—The camp moves to multiple locations as Scouting becomes more popular and programs expand; Log Bay Island, Lake George (1921-1923), Daggett Lake (1924), Chadwick Farms, Lake Luzern (1925-1929), Stewart Lake near Hadley-Luzern (1930).

1931—The Mohican Council announces establishment of a 700-acre permanent year-round training camp on and about Sly Pond in the Town of Fort Ann.

1932—A Troop lodge was constructed at the head of the pond affording a view of the surrounding landscape. This building still stands and is named Thomas Lodge that is used for Nature during summer camp.

1937-1938—Additional land was purchased from Griffin Lumber (85 acres) and J. Harper and Lena Williams (562 acres that includes the 3 ponds area).

1940's—More land is purchased from the Griffin Lumber Company (30 acres), Margaret McGinnis Bowdy (60 acres including the 20 that are now used for Cub Scout Day Camp) and the New York Power Corporation (5 acres). The summer program grows to 300 Scouts. More programs are added including an obstacle course built by the Order of the Arrow much like those used by the Armed Forces.

1950's—More facilities are added to support a growing program. The camp offered 5 program areas and 8 campsites for campers. The Explorer high adventure program starts, the early remnants of today's popular Treks program. Construction of a Health Lodge first aid station is completed in 1956. The first full time Ranger begins in 1959. An additional year-round Troop lodge is built and a 2,000 gallon gravity-fed water tank to supply campsites with running water.



1962—A boathouse is built at the waterfront. 5 acres of land are purchased from the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation including the dam and land south of the Sly Pond.

1965—Milton Tibbits, President of the Mohican Council initiates a Capital Campaign to raise over \$175,000 to address growing facility needs and add year-round facilities. Ground broke in 1966 that saw the construction of many of the camp's current buildings over a two-year period.

1970's—The Chapel was built and an old quartz mine is discovered on the property. The high adventure program is expanded to include a canoe trip the length of Lake George. An additional campsite is added to support Patrol camping.

1975—Construction is completed on the Ranger's residence. The project was completed almost entirely with volunteer labor and with donated materials from several local businesses.

1980's—Camp continues to grow and offer new adventures. For many years, specialty camps are utilized for the program including an Indian village. Buildings are added at the Rifle Range and the Waterfront.

1990's— Significant growth and expansion occur throughout the late 1990's. In 1992, the Challenging Outdoor Personal Experiences (C.O.P.E) area is built with a high-ropes course and zipline. Several capital projects completed such as the dining hall expansion, Nature pavilion, staff bungalows, Finlayson Archery building and several others.

1998—Mohican Council merges with the Twin Rivers Council of Albany, NY.

2000—Camp Wakpominee surpasses 1,000 campers for the first summer. It's renewed focus on "Keeping the Promise" continues to build excitement and new facilities to meet increasing demand. The Order of the Arrow Haudenosaunee Lodge constructed a pavilion in the Scoutcraft area at a cost of \$2,300.

2001—Construction of a new individual stalled shower facility is completed to serve the five campsites on the northern end of camp. A new 24ft x 36ft pavilion was built for the Pioneer Program (first year campers) so they had a dedicated program area.

2003—The original camp office that served as the Quartermaster storage building since the late 1960's is relocated and repurposed in a newly created Treks area to house the base of the high adventure program. A new Robert King Comfort Station is constructed in main camp comprising of new Quartermaster storage and bathrooms. A 20ft x 22ft pavilion was donated for the Handicraft program area for expanded space.



2004—Over 1,200 campers participate in the summer camp program over a 6 week period. 219 acres of land is purchased for \$ 1.00 from Jeanette Yaffee that is currently used for hiking, mounting biking and ATV trails. With the help of a \$10,000 grant from the Irving Tissue Company, the OA Haudenosaunee Lodge constructs a new lean-to site on the north end of camp. The five lean-to site was the camp's 13th to accommodate increased demand.

2005—A new staff bungalow is built by the Order of the Arrow bringing the total to six making room for a bigger camp staff.

2005—The Camp Wakpominee Alumni Association is created with 90 members.

2006-2009—Several capital projects completed including: kitchen expansion, campsite improvements, new latrines, a BBQ grill pavilion, Treks pavilion, new wood sheds and an Archery shooting line pavilion with storage room and bench.

2010—The CWAA completes their most ambitious project to date: teaming with the Order of the Arrow and Irving Tissue to double the size of the Aquatics area. The two year project saw land clearing, 300ft of new fence line with benches, a pavilion for instructional use, safety tower repairs and a PFD rack.



2011—A new custom floating fishing dock system and platform replace the previous systems from 1997 and 2005 with help from the CWAA and Brownell Lumber Co.

2012—The Order of the Arrow renovates the Council Ring campfire area with new benches (with backs!) and underground electrical for new enhanced lighting. The camp also updates its mountain biking program



2016—A three-year sponsorship program is initiated to solicit donations to construct pavilions in each camp site, a vast improvement from canvas tarps. The CWAA grows in a big way completing both a new custom designed fishing supply shack at Nature and two new lean-tos in the staff area.

2017—A renovation is completed to the Health Lodge for just the second time in 60 years. This included covered porches and a handicap ramp.

2018—In the C.O.P.E. area the CWAA replaces a failing lean-to and shed by constructing a new pavilion, storage room and built-in bench. This was a great addition to the updated high-course work completed a few years prior.

2019—An ATV program is added along with new trails throughout camp, raising the bar on adventure opportunities available to Scouts. Construction of a 20ft x 36ft pavilion is completed to give the Community Safety program area its own dedicated space. A porch is added to the newly dedicated and renovated George Frost Training Center in the Administration building.



2020—Camp Wakpominee celebrates 100 years and looks forward to a bright future! The last of twelve campsite pavilions is built in Algonquin campsite as are two new lean-to's. A new pump house is built for the well system.

MAKING AN IMPACT

The Camp Wakpominnee Alumni Association was founded in 2005 with 90 Charter members. Since then, it has become a key partner of Twin Rivers Council in supporting Camp Wakpominnee and the countless stakeholders we serve. This wouldn't be possible without your generous support and dedication. Alumni Membership enables our success:

- Over **\$ 47,000** in capital investments for materials and equipment
- **21** Recognition and social events for Camp Staff and Alumni
- Alumni **service days** and **contributions** to Beaver Days and Order of the Arrow service weekends
- **48** Camperships for Scouts to attend a week of Summer Camp
- Over **4,000** volunteer service hours on Alumni projects
- Established partnerships with local business and other Scouting affiliates
- Over **16 years** of delivering results through member support and dedication

OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

Over 4,000 service hours in the last 16 years
We say **THANK YOU!**



VALUE ADDED PROJECTS

We're committed to applying our resources to strategic capital projects that enhance the youths' program experience, taking advantage of our talent network of volunteers with purpose-built designs.



NATURE AND ECOLOGY PROGRAM AREA ENHANCEMENTS

Enhancements provided by the CWAA have given countless Scouts and Scouters of all ages the ability to enjoy the beautiful Adirondacks while fishing Sly Pond.

- Partnered with Brownell Lumber Company of Edinburg, NY to jointly build and install a state of the art floating fishing dock system in 2011
- The \$3,000 investment included an enlarged dock platform that reached further out into the pond, allowing for more people to fish at once and with improved safety
- Project enhancements included a rebuilt anchoring platform with hardscaping that allowed for handicap access so Scouts of all abilities could enjoy the popular fishing program
- An additional \$1,700 investment was made in 2016 by the CWAA when the fishing supply shanty (old water system pump house) was replaced with a custom designed shed
- The new shed had easier access, an enlarged footprint and purpose-build storage solutions
- Installed lighting and underground electrical to both the new shed and the existing pavilion structure



A RECORD OF RESULTS

ENHANCEMENTS THAT PROVIDE LASTING BENEFIT

Sometimes it is the smaller projects that make the difference. Several of the Association's contributions and initiatives have been smaller scale projects that make a lasting impact. We'll continue to lead, with your help, on these strategic initiatives that enhance the Camp Wapominee experience.



- Two new **Lean-to's** for staff housing and year-round camping complete with lighting and electricity
- Post and rail **fencing** for the Cub Camp area
- **Pavilion with storage room** and **built-in seating** for the Archery program to protect Scouts from the elements
- Cleanup of **camp entrance**, relocation of garbage dumpsters and creation of an **overflow parking lot** for visitors
- **Storage shed** for the Scoutcraft program area
- Frontier campsite **Lean-to refurbishment** to extend the life of the original 1960's structures
- Purchase of four AED's for **health & safety**
- Trading Post **septic system** replacement
- **Picnic table** sponsorship program that resulted in building 30 new tables for campsites and program areas
- Revitalization of the **Mountain Biking** program area for older Scouts to enjoy the miles of trails available
- **PFD rack** for Aquatics program area
- Purchase of a commercial **paint sprayer** so the camp could stain its own buildings
- Sponsorship program and procurement of **new tables and benches** for dining hall
- Purchase of **new shotgun** for Field Sports
- Members have provided **labor** to several other efforts
- Upgrade of the Administration building **railings**
- Sponsorship program to install and dedicate **historical brass plaques** around camp to preserve our history and recognize the contributions of many others who enables our great experiences



PARTNERSHIPS

THAT ENABLE LARGE SCALE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

Large scale program enhancements make a significant impact on the experience of the Scouts served but can't be done alone. The CWAA has a successful history of partnering with other organizations to make big ideas reality. The partnerships with Kittan, our local Order of the Arrow Lodge, along with local businesses like Irving Tissue, Curtis Lumber, Brownell Lumber and Brownell Electric have been instrumental (to name a few.)

- Doubled the usable size of the **Aquatics Area**. The 2-year expansion project included clearing of the land, drainage infrastructure, a new 20' x 24' pavilion, bench seating, picnic tables and over 300' of new fence line. The new fence, pavilion, existing boathouse and safety watch tower all received new stain. A new PFD rack was constructed for storage and protection from the elements.
- Construction of a new **BBQ Grill Pavilion** to replace canvas tarps. Family Night BBQs and numerous other events haven't been the same. The project went the extra mile to include: power, lights, a work station for food preparation and lighting for the nearby Pioneer Program Pavilion.
- Construction of a new **C.O.P.E Pavilion with built-in benches and storage room** (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience area). Enables instruction during inclement weather and low-course elements. This replaced the dilapidated lean-to and a small storage shed that previously served the program area.



Our annual patch sales help raise funds towards area-specific projects. Each a unique design highlighting part of camp. These patches have raised over \$ 16,000 since 2006.

Have you gotten your patch yet?

GOING THE EXTRA MILE. ATTENTION TO DETAIL. PURPOSE-BUILT DESIGNS.

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR TOMORROW'S YOUTH



VISION FORWARD

CONTINUED INVESTMENT WHERE IT IS NEEDED MOST

Our priority is to quickly address the strategic needs of Camp Wakpominee as funding and resources are available. We continue to raise funds and connect with Alumni and their families to meet those goals.

- Construct a **modern shower facility** to accommodate Scouts and Scouters of all ages and genders. Replace and repurpose southern shower facility, upgrade staff shower facility and upgrade newer northern facilities to modern standards
- Invest in the **Cub Day Camp facility** to enhance the program offerings for younger Scouts
- New **BBQ grills** to replace current grills from 1995
- **Waterfront safety tower** refurbishment and enhancement
- Modernize **Latrines** and restroom facilities
- Replacement of the **Campmaster's building** to address critical maintenance needs And enable year-round running water
- **Expand our network to reconnect Alumni, friends and family to the Wakpominee family**



HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways Alumni, Friends, Families, Units and Businesses can help us Keep the Promise to our Scouting community. Monetary donations help turn projects from a dream to a reality, but they are not the only way to make a large impact.



OUTREACH

Help us network with other Alumni, supporters, and contributors to join our family or to help us complete projects and initiatives. Word of mouth is the best advertisement!



TIME

Help us plan and execute events or work on service projects. Your participation in our events and gatherings is always appreciated. The talent and dedication of our members is our strongest asset.



DONATION

Help us deliver our objectives with financial and material donations. Monetary donations are always welcome and enable us to deliver on strategic projects and initiatives. You can also support us by purchasing memorabilia from our trading post offerings.



FUNDRAISERS

Purchase items from our fundraisers and keep a piece of historical memorabilia. The CWAA periodically sells t-shirts, coins, patches and other items. A popular item is our unique annual patches that celebrate a different area of Camp Wakpominnee.



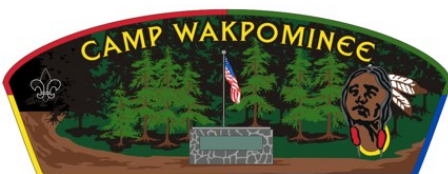
MEMBERSHIP

Become a member or renew your membership today! Your membership in the Alumni Association makes what we do possible and keeps you connected to the Wakpominnee family.

Membership Type

Annual Dues

Scout (Under 21)	\$ 10
Standard Member (Over 21)	\$ 25
Business or Scout Unit	\$ 200
Eagle (Lifetime Membership)	\$ 2,000



THANK YOU

FOR HELPING US KEEP THE PROMISE



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