



Camp Wakpominee Alumni Association

"Dedicated to the support of Camp Wakpominee"



September 2024 Newsletter

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Save the Date! Fall Beaver Day October 20th, 9am-3pm!

Fall Beaver Day will be on Sunday October 20th! Save the date in your calendars! Lunch and a patch will be provided at no cost! More details to come!

Resident Camp 2025 Update!

The Camp Wakpominee Alumni Association has been working hard to get all the preparations ready for the 2025 Camp Wakpominee opening!

Program directors have been assigned and inventories are being completed. Training will begin in October for those positions.

We have a little less than 1 year before camp opens, so if you are interested in a one week volunteer position, whether to teach a merit badge or help out in some capacity, please fill out the volunteer registration form at www.facebook.com/wakalum!

Wakpominee Fun Facts!

In our last newsletter we asked how Dempsey Point got its name. This campsite was named after Mr. Dempsey, which was the Mohican Council Treasurer in the early 1950's. Now that we got that one, how many know of Bolton Point?

This campsite was located directly across the small bay from Dempsey Point, still on the western shore. This campsite was used for 3-4 years by the Bolton Landing, NY Explorer Post. They paddled canoes over to the campsite and back for activities. You can still see the fire ring and some remnants of the campsite. A sign was affixed to a tree on the Sly Pond loop trail showing the location.

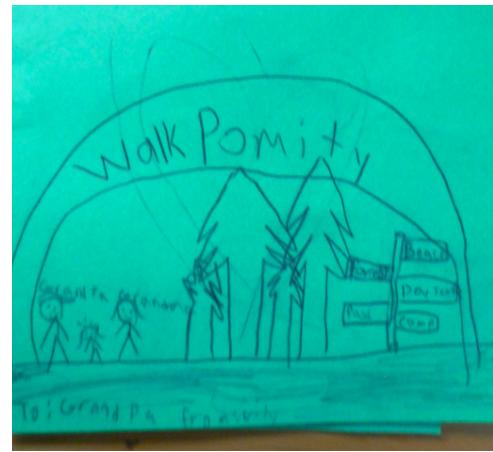
Memorial Brick Campaign

Don't miss out to make your mark on Camp Wakpominee! The alumni association is sponsoring the memorial brick program and all proceeds will directly help your camp.

What a great way to have a lasting legacy or to honor new Eagle Scouts and supporters!

See the brick flyer for details!

Wakpominee Drawing!



By Lily Krueger,
Age 9 for her
grandfather
(and CWAA
President)
Dan Krueger's
Father's Day
Card!

Camp Updates from Ranger Bob!

Hello Fellow Alumni,

We've had a very busy and exciting year so far! Lots of improvements around camp and a lot of projects getting done. This summer we started a painting project, hoping to get most if not all of the major buildings in camp repainted by summer 2025! Council has been supporting this project so far, and after a request for support from the Alumni community on Facebook, we've gotten an additional 26 gallons donated! Special thanks to Alumni member Richard Redmond (camp staff 1981-1986) for his generous donation of 20 gallons! So far, the Ranger Station, Shop, Waterfront, Health lodge, Quartermaster/Comfort center, well house and trading post have been painted! This fall we hope to have the new floor epoxy installed in the kitchen and dining hall, the directors lodge main room floor will be replaced along with the kitchen and bathroom.

We've had lots of material donations come in this past year, including a new DR wood chipper, dust collection system for the shop, new front shocks in the ranger truck (thank you Harrison Francett and Anna Ropitsky), we acquired a gently used zero turn lawn mower, and several base station radios- which has equipped all of our primary function buildings with base radio communication ability and a fuel oil furnace for the shop. These are only some of the highlights of our recent acquisitions. Thank you to everyone who has supported our mission with material goods and equipment!

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Camp Updates from Ranger Bob Cont'd!

Camp has been able to host several out of area troops and units who have come to our camp as a base for exploring local attractions and landmarks. Special shout out to Troop 253 of Greater New York Councils, Flushing Queens for bringing 47 youth to camp during Memorial Day weekend and assembling all of our docks! All of our out of council guests have been very impressed by our facility and are eager to return. It is in large part, due to the CWAA's commitment to improving the facilities and amenities at Camp Wakpominee that we are able to make such as lasting impression on visitors and troops from all over the Northeast, and remain competitive with the quality of our property.

We are always keeping a running wish list of equipment we are in need of. Some items include:

- Automatic propane standby generator for the Ranger Station 15kw ~\$6,000
- Commercial garage door opener for a 10' door (Maint shop) ~\$1,600
- Tow behind York rake (not 3 point attachment)
- >20g air compressor
- MIG and/or stick Welder, to replace our 1968 Sears stick welder
- Fuel oil power vent for the donated shop furnace ~\$700

A few smaller projects that need to be tackled:

- the 3 original bungalow's shingle roofs need to be replaced with metal <\$1,000 ea
- Camp Master cabin porch requires replacement ~\$1,500
- Material to run electricity underground, in conduit and install electricity and lighting in the new main camp latrine and hand wash station ~\$200
- Material to run electricity underground, in conduit to the new CWAA Guard tower at Waterfront ~\$200

These wish list items and projects, while not insignificant, if accomplished by individual means would allow the CWAA and Twin Rivers Council to focus on larger capital projects to improve the experience for our scouts, campers and guests.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who continue to 'keep the promise' we are able to put to use any skill level or skill set, facility maintenance, projects and grounds keeping always on going. Please feel free to contact me to help in whatever capacity you're able.

The Camp Master Program is also looking for volunteers to spend weekends at camp and provide Guest relations for the visitors to our camp and ensure they have an amazing experience.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any interest in volunteering.

Regards,
Ranger Bob

New Algonquin Lean-To Construction!

We're excited to announce that in September we will begin construction on the two new lean-tos in Algonquin campsite! We are still raising funds for the lean-tos as well as a new latrine, please consider contributing to help fund this great project!

Save the Date! Annual Meeting and Breakfast December 21st!

Don't miss out on our annual meeting and breakfast! We'll be meeting once again at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga on December 21st, 2024. More details and registration information will be coming soon!

Alumni Visit to Camp!



The Mission of the Camp Wakpominee Alumni Association

To Enhance the Scouting Program at Camp Wakpominee Through:

- PROMOTING: Financial support to camp for capital improvement projects
- ENCOURAGING: Participation in workdays and service to the camp.
- PROVIDING: Social events for members to reminisce about their past experiences
- DEVELOPING: A network of friends and supporters to make our camp "The Greatest Place on Earth"!