

Stearns Staff Alumni Association

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Summer Overview

By Adam Stang
President Stearns Staff Alumni Association

If you haven't already heard from alumni that visited camp during Staff Week & Tear Down, let me be the first to tell you that this summer was a success. We had great turn out especially during staff week, and were able to help the staff get a great start to the 2008 camping season.

Alumni that helped out during staff week were: Greg & Sara Dalzell, Barry Kennedy, Steve Moeller, Michel Myers, Kyle Pavlik, Sean Pratt, Carl Sitler, Adam Stang, & Jim Zeman. We helped reset the archery targets at the heritage range, and setting up other various things around camp. Alumni also passed on knowledge to 2008 staff, and we ate some excellent food.

During tear down, Eric Aanerud, Brian Pfeiffer, & Adam Stang showed up to help. Even with a small turn out of alumni, Aaron Nicklay was running out of stuff for us to do so the help was very appreciated as everything was getting done on time. We cleaned out the warehouse building to the cleanest state in years, and worked on sorting through tents & tarps.

We look forward to seeing you out at camp in 2009! During staff week it was stated as a goal that everyone who was there would try to convince one other person to come out, ask anyone who visited and they'll tell you they had a great time.

Camp 2008

Aaron Nicklay and other staff did a great job this summer of creating new program, and reintegrating programs that served the Viking Council Webelos camp program so well for so many years. There is some dedicated staff that returns year after year just like always, so as alumni you can be proud that all your years of dedicating your summer to camp and program that your effort is still continuing on today.

Alumni Dues

We also started 2008 off with good support to the alumni association, and hope to receive more alumni support in 2009. This year we will also be offering alumni T-shirts for purchase along with your dues. We ask that if you attend any Alumni Association organized event, that you're either a current staff member or an

Stearns Camp 2008 ROCKS!

By Aaron Nicklay
Camp Director / Northern Star Council Activities Director

On August 21st, the last Webelos from the last Outpost program packed their cars and rolled out the gate at Stearns Scout Camp. This group marked the end of the 2008 season for both the Cub Resident Camp and the Webelos Camp, and the beginning of a massive game of tent bingo ☺

Throughout the 2008 season, both the Cub and Webelos programs experienced some incredible success both in increased participation and in customer service. For the second year in a row, the number of Scouts registered for camp increased slightly, and continued to increase as the summer wore on. In total, we served just shy of 1,000 Scouts, parents, and leaders. More importantly, our OUTSTANDING staff led us to score either Very Good or Excellent on 80% of our Evaluations, with certain program areas scoring even higher! As most of you have seen before, however, the greatest compliments we received were smiling kids waving goodbye as they pulled out of their campsites, and little notes left by parents saying "we had the best time ever at camp" or "lifelong memories were made, thanks from a grateful Dad and son".

There were a great many things that I, as a Camp Director, was grateful for in 2008 including the incredibly mild temperatures, the lack of really damaging storms, and the nearly total absence of any injuries to Scouts, leaders, parents, or staff. Most of all, though, I am grateful for the staff that I was privileged to serve with throughout the season. Each and every member of our 2008 camp staff were among the very best that I have ever worked with at any camp, anywhere. While we didn't have the biggest staff ever, and two or three more would have lightened our load, none of the '08 staff even blinked at the challenges ahead of them, and they never stopped improving their program, their methods, and their camp.

In fact, continuing a long tradition of Stearns Camp Staff, the 2008 staff kept even Ranger Jim busy with their enthusiasm to improve things around camp. During their free time, most of our staff took on projects that they had identified as improvements that would make camp, and the summer program, better. From new benches at the archery range, to a newly cleared area and fire ring at Swanson Beach, to a whole new climbing face on the Ahlberg Climbing Tower, the 2008

Alumni Association member. A tax-deductible contribution form is included on page five.

Consider joining; Eric Aanerud, Greg & Sara Dalzell, Michel Myers, Kyle Pavlik, Brian Pfeiffer, Carl Sitler, Adam Stang, & Jim Zeman in supporting your alumni association, your support is greatly appreciated.

Money raised in 2008 was spent on:
 Food at Staff Week & Tear Down
 Costs associated in mailing this newsletter
 Ordering T-Shirts for 2009 Alumni Dues

In the near future we would also like to support the camping program at Stearns financially, which can be done in 2009 if we get lots of support. When we have funds to contribute we will have board meetings to discuss the best way to distribute funds to camp/programs at camp. If 50 Alumni were to pay there \$15 standard 2009 membership we would have \$750. Less than \$150 of that would be spent on the website/ mailings so we would have over \$600 in funds to either save or distribute to camp in some way in 2009.

Alumni T-Shirts

In 2009 we'll be offering alumni members the option of purchasing a Staff Alumni T-Shirt for \$10. T-Shirts will be available at the Winter Reunion, were ordering these so you can show your support to the alumni association, and camp Stearns; sorry but membership is required to order a T-Shirt.

Capital Campaign Projects at camp

The Northern Star Council is in the middle of a \$24 million capital campaign of which \$3.2 million will be spent at Stearns Scout Camp. Some major projects at camp being planned are a Dining Hall (\$1.8 million), Nature Center (\$140,000), Water Feature (\$400,000), and Camper Housing (\$200,000). Construction on camp projects will begin in may 2009 with the Nature Center & most projects should be in line for completion in late 2011.

Visit: www.northernstarbsa.org for information on donating money to the capital campaign.

Camp Staff 2009

Camp is always looking for more good staff members. Relive the good times at camp, or send your kids off to camp to become staff members☺ it's a good learning experience that lasts a life time, and it also looks good on future job applications. Contact Steve Schreder at [redacted] or [redacted] for information on 2009 staff.

See you at the Reunion, and in 2009
 - Adam (AJ) Stang

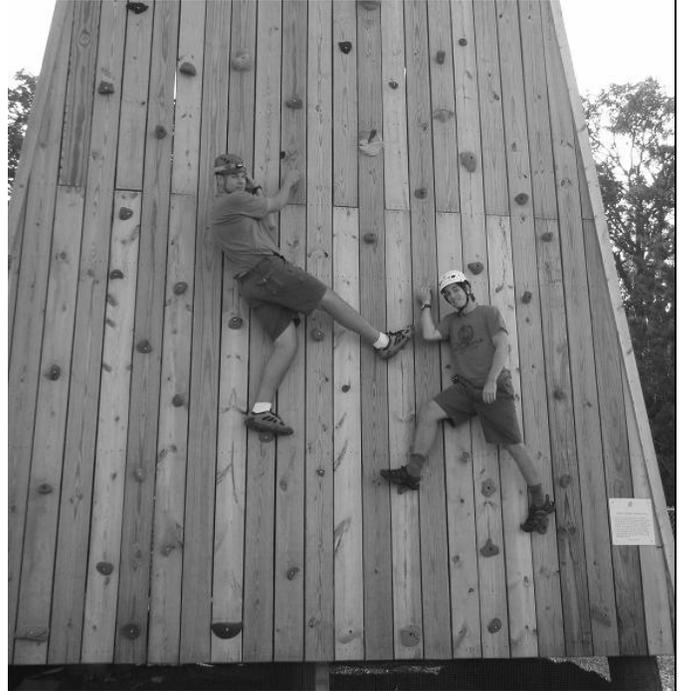
Missing Alumni

If you have contact information for anyone listed below please forward there information to us; we also still need compete lists for 75, 76, 82, 90, 92, & 94.

Aaron Albald	Leah Geislinger
Andy Anderson	Loren George
David Anderson	Dave Gess
Jim Anderson	Phillip Giles
Michael Andresen	Russell Giles
Aristides Apostolou	W. Boyd Giles
Jeremy Arndt	Benjamin Gill
Tim Baker	Jared Gilreath
Tony Baker	Dave Glover
Joshua Ball	Aaron Goff
Abby Baller	Joe Gorman
Gina Banick	Dave Graphensteen
Chris Bateman	Mike Graphensteen
Paul Bateson	Jerome Griep
Scott Baumann	Kurt Hagen
Mary Beebe	Steve Hamre
Tom Berg	Christina Haney
Nicole Berigan	Christopher Hanly
Brianna Biernat	Randy Hansen
Mike Biesanz	Gary Harpster
John Birnell	Rich Harrington
Eric Bohnet	Tammi Haw
Lionel Bradford	Jessica Hayes
John Bredemus	Chuck Heitzig
Keith Bredeson	Reuben Henderson
Bob Breitenstein	Marty Henkemeyer
Sue Brothers	Mary Heppell
Bob Brouillard	Lawrence Herron
Kevin Brown	Charley Hertz
Timothy Bruhjell	Wayne Hessedahl
Dick Bryans	Paul Hoffman
Brandyn Burkhart	Eric Hokanson
Loren Burlingame	John Holahan
Bob Camp	Kirk Hollinbeck
Steve Capes	Dave Homstad
Susan Carrels	Greg Hruska
Candace Chadderdon	Gregory Hughes
Scott Chadderdon	Eric Huibregtse
John Chatalaine	Doug Hunt
Aaron Chido	Erik Huntington
Robert Clement	Adam Jacobson
Amy Conger	Pete Jacobson
Tom Core	Greg Janssen
Bradley Corneillie	Karl Janzen
Mark Corpron	Brad Johnson
Jon Corr	Leila Johnson
Aaron Crook	David Johnston
Jason Crull	Jeremy Jolicoeur
Mark Curtis	John Jones
Loyd Dalton	Octava Jones
Rich DeTerra	Dave Kaffire
Alan Dietrich	Roger Karlson
Tom Dornfeld	Michael Kaster
Steve Elfelt	John Kedrowski
Jason Engel	Mark Kedrowski
Chad Engelbert	Patrick Kedrowski
Jefferey Evans	Josh Kenas
Tom Fenlason	Michele Kennedy
Mark Fisher	Tim Kennedy
Chris Folstrom	Resler Kenneth
David Forbes	Tom Kerschner
Duane Ford	Sonephet Khamluanglat
Ken Fox	Lesya Kharchenko
Paul Franke	Joe Kiffmeyer
Bob Garman	Stacia Knowles
Sharlene Gavelan	Chris Koslovsky
Gerald Geis	Andrew Kramer

Nathan Kuhlman	James Reinhart
Mike Kusnier	Justin Riemersma
Ray Kusnier	Bill Ries
Bob Lamkin	Amanda Rolling
Justin Larson	Antonio Rose
Kelly Larson	Michelle Rossing
Lori Larson	Mindy Rossing
Bob Laughlin	Pam Rossing
Rob Laughlin	Diane Rossmiller (Holmen)
Tim Laughlin	Daniel Routh
Dennis Lauver	Bob Rowles
Mike Lewis	Mike Saunier
Buster Lodmill	Glen Schalk
Matthew Lynch	Matt Scheffel
Dana Lyon	Greg Schlichting
Mandy Lyons	Brad Schneider
Max Matthies	Kris Schneider
Ryan McCormick	Cameron Schroeder
Paul McGlynn	Mike Schroeder
Scott McVey	Mat Seidl
Mike Melchert	Chris Sells
Steve Metzger	Steve Semler
Tom Metzger	Michael Sharkey
Karl Meyer	Mike Simonet
Mesa Meyer	Derek Sitz
Katie Middlebrook	John Skovran
Doug Miles	Dan Skowronek
Larry Moeller Jr.	Taven Smith
Ashley Monroe	Judi Sorenson
Steven Moore	Mike Spratt
Randy Mord	Mark Starkey
James Morgan	Jay Steen
Joshua Morissette	Kelly Sternhagen
Eddie Morrow	Thomas Stevens
Andy Moser	Pete Sibal
Brian Mulder	Jeff Stine
James Morgan	Matt Stromberg
Joshua Morissette	Mark Stullinger
Eddie Morrow	Trevor Swedberg
Andy Moser	Eric Swenson
Brian Mulder	Joshua Teller
Michael Murnane	Doug Thayer
Ryan Nedbalek	Jim Thomas
Mike Neeley	Neil Thorne
Ann Nettet	Brad Timm
Ryan Nielson	Wendy Timm
Craig Niskaren	Erin Tormanen
David Noll	Nicole Turner
David Nystuen	Debra Van Dam
Kelly Olsen	Paul Volkmuth
Rian Olsen	Fred Wagener
Jacob Olson	Pete Wagner
Julie Olson	Alan Walker
Corey Overland	Lucy Walker
Seth Parker	Chris Warner
Masen Pedersen	Beth Welton
Glenn Pederson	Bill Welton
Tony Pelican	Scott Wentworth
Evan Peloquin	Steve Wessale
Frank Peterson	Harold Wick
John Peterson	Jeff Wick
Kevin Peterson	Scott Wilkinson
Loretta Peterson	Eric Williams
Greg Picco	Stephanie Willingham
Troy Pierson	Travis Wyatt
Greg Poulton	Tom Yatkoske
Devin Price	Alyssa Young
Timothy Rehn	Steve Zapf

staff made improvements that will last long after they have moved on to other jobs and opportunities. Pictured here are Greg Byrnes, Climbing Director, and Scott Kelley, Assistant Climbing Director, climbing on a few of the rocks that they placed on the blank front face of the Ahlberg Climbing Tower.



Starting in 2009, we'll be making the final few adjustments to the program and scheduling that should need to be made for the next several years. In preparation for the opening of the new dining hall, camper cabins, nature center, and more improvements, we'll be working hard to make sure that the program is of the best quality and flexible as we move into our new facilities. Part of our focus has been, and will continue to be, mixing the old with the new. Stearns Camp traditions are important and long lived, and worth protecting for the sense of identity that those traditions give to the Stearns program, as well as for the quality of the program that they add. From the simple things like singing "Worms" at the campfire, to the return of the Grass Maze this year, our goal is to assure the success of the program as it evolves for the changing nature of Scouting, while staying true to the foundations of Stearns Cub and Webelos Camp tradition.

Thanks to everyone from years past who helped us to have a great season, from the alumni who attended the staff week training and setup weekend, the alumni who were able to help us run a great Soccer In Scouting program mid-season for Scouts from the El Sol Scoutreach District, to the alumni who came out to help tear down camp at the end. We couldn't have done it without all of your help.

See you all in 2009! – Aaron Nicklay

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

VISIT: WWW.STEARNSALUMNI.COM/ALUMNI FOR UPDATES

We look forward to seeing you at the reunion and next summer, please be sure to RSVP & to either be a staff member or become a 2009 Alumni Member.

RSVP is required to attend events visit:
www.stearnsalumni.com/Alumni

WINTER REUNION

Noon Saturday December 20th - Noon the 21
Stay tuned to StearnsAlumni.com for winter weather info.

We will be at Gagner & Heritage Lodges. Just come to camp to visit and enjoy each other's company. Please bring your own food/snacks and money for food in town as food won't be provided. Hope to see you there!

STAFF WEEK 2009

June 12th - the 14th

We will be in Briggs & Whitewater Lodges and surrounding campsites. Come out to camp, help set it up and pass on advice to staff members. Food will be provided, just show up and have some fun seeing everyone again!

TEAR DOWN 2009

August 28th – the 30th

We will be in Gagner & Heritage Lodges and surrounding campsites. Visit with fellow alumni, and staff & help tear down camp. Food will be provided.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

We're planning on sending out quarterly newsletters from now on, if you would be interested in helping out let Adam Stang know. Anything you could contribute such as articles, pictures, graphics, comics, editing and others would be greatly appreciated!

Look for our next newsletter around February.

