



Fall 2005

For the friends of Camp Read

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Camp Read,

A lot has happened at Camp Read since the fall of 2004. The weekend Ski Camps were well attended with all ten weekends booked. Two hundred and twenty-five Cubs, Scouts and Scouters took advantage of a snowy ski season. The success of the Camp Read ski program was mainly due to the hard work of Bill Daley, Ski Camp Director, and his assistant Mark Sikora. Following a hard day of skiing the scouts were treated to delicious meals prepared by Camp Read's summer cook manager Joe Augusto. Besides the Ski Camps, the Summit Staff conducted three ice-climbing weekends. Scouts and leaders traveled to the cliffs overlooking Lake Placid for this awesome adventure. In April the Council offered a Hudson River Gorge white-water rafting trip using the farmhouse as their base camp.

A group of dedicated volunteers broke ground for the Andrew Long Memorial First Year Camper site in Camp Buckskin. The weekend of June 10th seventy-five volunteers took part in the Annual Eager Beaver Workers Weekend. The dedication of these individuals insured that Camp was ready for the Scouts and leaders this past summer. Program this past summer at the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation was outstanding mainly due to an outstanding summer camp staff. The physical environment was on par (there is still a lot of room for improvement) because of the hard work of the Eager Beaver volunteers. Camp Read is showing its' age. During the next year or two a large amount of capital must be invested in Camp to bring it back to the standard we all expect. Council, through a grant, has replaced all of the 22 rifles and skeet shot guns.

John Tripodi returned again this camping season as Reservation Director. Over the past year John has been busy formulating the camp budget, hiring an awesome staff, and improving program. Through his efforts outstanding key staff were hired including: Ann Aiken, Business Manager, Joe Augusto Food Manager and chef, Dan O'Neill, Buckskin Director, Waubeeka Director, David Griffin, Monique Wicks and Chris O'Connor, Summit Program Coordinators, John Clear, Health Officer, Bob Rice, Webelos Camp Director, Don Walsh, Cub Resident Camp Director and Bob Newton, Ranger Emeritus. The full operation was under the guidance of Steve Hammonds, Director of Support Services for the Council and assisted by Diane Walsh, Camping Secretary.

This past year the Westchester-Putnam Council Executive Board approved the sale of the Durland Aquatic Center on Long Island Sound in Rye, New York. Currently the sale is in the hands of the realtor with the hope it will be sold in the near future. This sale money will be re- invested into Camp to bring the physical structure up to a standard we have all been dreaming about. Improvements include: replacement of all latrines & shower houses, new electric services to the main buildings, renovation of camp offices, new tents, beds, mattresses, program equipment, etc. A good share of the sale revenue will go into a trust fund in support of the camps, with a percentage of the funds going each year to capital projects and program needs.

On April 2 over forty association members enjoyed our Annual Pot Luck dinner. All had a great time, good food and heartfelt fellowship. Special thanks must be given to Mark Sikora for volunteering to chair this event. Tom Teel was presented with the Thomas A. Dietz Service Award for his hard work and dedication to the Association. Congratulations! Tom recently conducted a survey of Association Members as to the purpose and future of the Read Association. To make this important work successful each and every person's input is needed. If you want participate please contact Tom (tfteel@optonline.net) for a survey form.

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The Curtis S. Read Association has been extremely active in its support of the Westchester-Putnam Council's Camp operations and in providing a forum for fellowship among its members. Unfortunately we still have a long way to go to achieve our fullest potential. Only a small percentage of our mailing list is active in these pursuits. If you received this Newsletter in the mail, thanks for your financial support. If you are reading this on the Web page because you have not paid your membership fee please consider writing us a check for at least fifteen dollars. This will place you on our direct mailing list, and also help in our support of Camp Read, otherwise you will only receive major mailings such as Reunion notifications. Also, please consider helping your Era Chairman. You can email me for contact information of specific Era persons at (scouterny@aol.com). The area where the most improvement is needed is in contacting our Association Members. This is the responsibility of the Era Chairs but not an easy job for one person. Many hands make light work for all.

Last month I was fortunate to participate in an event that might be characterized as a "life time opportunity," and at the same time I pray this event will never occur again, at least not in my lifetime. For almost three weeks I worked as a Red Cross volunteer in Gulfport, Mississippi following hurricane Katrina. My assignment was an ERV (Emergency Rescue Vehicle) driver serving meals from a mobile kitchen in some of the hardest hit neighborhoods. The damage I witnessed is beyond description. The only comparison I can make is to pictures shown on the History channel of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The difference is those shots were always shown in black and white and the images I have in my mind are in color. Very little is standing along Highway 90, running from Biloxi to Bay Saint Louis. What amazes me are the strength and courage of the people surviving this natural disaster—they are doing so much with so little. What ever you can do, and it isn't too late, will be greatly appreciated by these brave individuals. One thing this experience has taught me is that many occurrences in my life that would normally cause me stress are nothing compared to what life can throw ones way.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and safe autumn. Check your calendar and mark the weekend of June 9-11, for our next Eager Beaver Workers Weekend at Read, and if you haven't yet, get out your checkbook and write your Association a check for fifteen dollars or more as your membership contribution for 2006. Finally, the last thing I ask, stop by Camp this summer. The 2006 administration and staff would greatly appreciate your interest. Better yet, if you have a few extra days or a week, volunteer some time at Camp. The areas can always use an extra hand, and the memories of the past can become real again.

Yours in Scouting, Denis F. Pisanella

WHO'S WHO IN THE ASSOCIATION

This is where we recognize our fellow Association members for their outstanding achievements.

CURTIS S. READ ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING CAMP READ STAFF MEMBER FOR 2005

Roger Backus a long time volunteer and retired employee of the Westchester-Putnam Council was named the Curtis S. Read Association Outstanding Camp Read Staff Member for 2005. Roger started his tenure with the Washington Irving Council as an Assistant Scoutmaster with troop 29 Yonkers and later as the District Commissioner for the Yonkers District, now known as the Four River District. In 1972, after retiring as a Master Rigger in the Construction Trade (Roger worked on the construction of the World Trade Buildings), he was hired as the Camp Ranger for the Clear Lake Scout Reservation in Putnam Valley. He remained in that position until his retirement from the now Westchester-Putnam Council in 1992.

During the summers of 1990 and 1991 Mr. Backus served as the Curtis S. Read Scout Camp Reservation Director. From 1995 through 2005 Roger served as the assistant coordinator on the Camp Read Summit High Adventure Staff. His responsibilities included purchase and preparation of the hike foods, maintaining equipment, transportation coordination, and assisting in the origination of out of Camp treks. In appreciation for his dedication and hard work over many years he was awarded the honor of Camp Read Outstanding Staff for 2005. Congratulations to Roger for this much-deserved honor.

Spring Pot Luck Dinner

To everyone that braved a wet & stormy April day to attend the Pot Luck Dinner, the food was fantastic, and the friendship was wonderful. There were about 40 people that turned out that day, where we enjoyed a great & hearty dinner, including many homemade appetizers, entrees and delicious deserts. In addition to reminiscing about years past at Camp Read, we all discussed new projects to work for the Eager Beaver Weekend back in June, and how to improve Camp Read for each new class of Scouts and Staff.

Along with the food & camaraderie, the Camp Read Association also took some time to recognize our new board of directors as well as some recognition for outstanding service. Tom Teel was recognized for outstanding contributions to Camp Read and the Association with the prestigious Camp Read Association Service Award. I think Tom was actually surprised to receive the award, since when his name was called, he was actually found speechless! And those of you that know Tom, this is a rare condition indeed! Our President, Denis Pisanello and Steve Sudak (last year's recipient) handed out the award and all of our hats go off to Tom for his extraordinary contributions! Thanks Tom!



I have to take this time to once again thank all of those that contributed so much time and effort to the dinner. When Denis first asked me to act as coordinator for the dinner, I never realized how much I would be leaning on the support and help of others. To those that helped out far above and beyond the call, thank you. This event wouldn't have come off as smoothly as it did without your help. To everyone that spent hours preparing your favorite dishes and the fact that so much food was brought and eaten just shows how much your efforts were appreciated. And to those that didn't get the chance to make it down, I hope you can all make it to our next dinner, the friendship, food, songs, stories & planning to make Camp Read better each year is something that shouldn't be missed!

~Mark Sikora, Pot Luck Dinner Coordinator & VP of Communications



Our Historian, Steve Sudak, is demonstrating his electronic archives to Chris Fearon. Steve has been working diligently on creating electronic records on all the historical information he receives about Camp. Chris is also very interested in our Camp's history as is evident by his work with the *Camp Read Story*. (see articles on pages 4 and 5)

The Camp Read Story

The Following are excerpts for the upcoming publication on the history of Camp Read. John Farley, Dick Ford and Chris Fearon have been working diligently on compiling a book that promises to be a comprehensive look at the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation from the early days to the present.

(EXCERPT FROM A CHAPTER COMPARING CAMP OPERATION TODAY WITH THE EARLY YEARS)

Summit High Adventure Base

As mentioned, headquarters for the Summit High Adventure Base is located at the end of the main camp road. A short walk up the slope behind the Summit headquarters building brought us to a high kind of pole barn roof over what we first knew as the old tennis court. This structure provides shelter for high adventure training and other activities. It even houses a 20-foot high climbing wall where Scouts can perfect their mountain rock-face climbing skills. In 1949, a large Army-surplus mess tent set up on the former tennis court not far from the main lodge housed the camp handicraft area. It also was used for campfires and other activities on rainy days. Incidentally this was the same tent that we had used in 1947 when Camp Read operated as an adjunct to the original Camp Waubeeka when it still was located near Copake, NY. The present Butler Building replaced that great old tent in 1950.

We noticed that flexible, easy to install, non-rusting plastic water pipes have replaced the old galvanized iron pipes that Art Boland and his crew installed before the 1949 season so that all four Troop sites had water. In his wonderful book, *"From Early in The Morning,"* Art tells us about that project:

"We had to lay pipelines for water to all the campsites. This was no small task with two-inch galvanized pipe in 19-foot lengths, not very light in weight, especially carrying them through the woods."

The plastic pipe used today certainly is much easier to install, maintain and repair.

Our 1949 retreat field, just above the Summit office building and across the camp road from the Butler Building, looks about as it did except that all the stumps are long-gone. (We had to clear quite a few trees and a mountain of brush to create that field in 1949.) We found remnants of Bob Johnson's Wyandotte provisional Troop site and Ken Taft's Apache Troop site but these days those original sites are pretty much lost in the woods. We continued up the old camp road (still in use) to the old quarter-mile racetrack. (This is where Mr. Collins, the original owner, used to train his horses and the place where *Lookaway*, one of his favorites, actually is buried is marked by a bullet-scared monument beside the racetrack.) While it is a bit difficult to envision that track today, you can find it if you know where to look. John's original Camprcraft area was located beside this racetrack at the edge of what is now Pawnee field.

In 1949 and 1950 we installed an archery range on the racetrack infield and a rifle range off to one side of it. (Taft, who had just graduated from Virginia Military Institute and been commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, half jokingly suggested putting in a hand grenade throwing practice area but we talked him out of it.) Today, the large, well marked Buckskin Field Sports Ranges are located right off the main Reservation road just before one gets to the Parking lot at Camp Buckskin. It boasts separate ranges for archery, target shooting with 22 caliber rifles, skeet shooting, and two ranges for larger caliber shooting. This entire area was all just dense woods during the first years of Camp Read's operation in the Adirondacks.

Health Lodge

The current Health Lodge is just off the camp road on the right as one goes from Summit to Buckskin. It contains a 15-bed ward, an isolation porch, treatment and reception room, living quarters, the on-site medical person and a kitchen area. The building was erected and dedicated in 1960.

The original Health Lodge for our Brant Lake camp was located near the present Summit Office. It is one of the few remaining buildings from the Collins era, when the property was known as the Hermitage. It was dedicated to Dr. James H. Sowerby on July 30, 1949 – the first season at Brant Lake. "Doc" was a former Fenimore Cooper Council Scout Executive and believed to have been the first director of the original Camp Read in Mahopac. ("Doc" was still CD in 1939, John's first year as a camper, and John took his 14 mile hike under "Doc's" supervision. Incidentally, John still has the report he had to write about that hike.) This original Health Lodge is a rustic building with a wood interior and some log and twig trim features. This building has a rustic, log porch on the far side overlooking what is now Lester Lake. We can remember Scouts waiting on this porch for their physical exams and for daily sick call. The old building had room for five or six sick Scouts and the Health Lodge Orderly lived in a loft above the sick bay. Art Boland referred to it as the "Doll House," probably meaning that it was sort of a playhouse for the children of the Hermitage. "Doc's" building served as the camp Health Lodge until the Graham-Fluegelman Health Lodge was constructed in 1960. Several staff alumni who came along after we had long departed told us that over the years, this fine old structure has had many uses, including staff housing. At one time it was known as the "Rock House" where the Summit climbing and rock crew lived. In the late 1980s it was renovated and dedicated to Thomas J. Madden.

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Chapel

The Dan Rile Memorial Chapel is located in a secluded woodland setting on a slope overlooking the east end of Rogers Lake. It was dedicated on July 2, 1994. Dan first came to Camp Read with his Troop in 1950. He must have enjoyed it because he returned to serve on staff from 1951 to 1983, and he continued to serve the camp in many capacities until 1989. A non-denominational service is conducted at the chapel every Tuesday evening. The evening we were there, a representative of a church in the area assisted by Peter Oberdorf actually led the service with several Scouts and leaders presenting segments of the service. In his talk, Peter recalled a homily often told by Dan Rile during his many years at camp. It touched on the linkage between two of the Scout Laws – A Scout is Clean and a Scout is Reverent, his point being that “Cleanliness is, indeed, next to Godliness” – a fitting message for environmentally conscious Scouts in that woodland setting. The service closed with all of us singing “For Ever and Ever,” one of the great songs we remembered from 1949. We didn’t have a chapel in the early days, but a “Scouts’ Own” service was conducted each Sunday morning with someone on the staff, such as Tiny or Ken Taft, presiding. ...

THE CAMP THAT MOVED (EXCERPT)

By John R. Farley and Robert T. Johnson

“In 1943 and 1944, I was on staff at a Scout camp near Mahopac, N.Y. In 1947, I served on staff at a Scout camp near Copake, N.Y. In 1948, I was on staff at a Scout camp near Wingdale, N.Y. In 1949 and 1950, I was on staff at a Scout camp near Brant Lake, N.Y. All those camps had something in common – they were all Camp Curtis S. Read, or as many of us used to call it, CSR.”

John R. Farley

“I was on the Camp Read staff in 1943 and 1944 when the camp was located at Mahopac. I visited it in 1948 when it operated in conjunction with Camp Siwanoy, and helped design and develop the camp in 1949 and 1950 when Camp Read made its new home in the Adirondacks.”

Robert T. Johnson

One of life’s *imperfect* moments, however, occurred one morning in late July 1949 while campers and staff were having breakfast. Someone shouted. “Fire on Stevens!” and we looked out the large picture window of the dining hall and saw thick, oily smoke reaching for the sky on the very top of Stevens Mountain. With Art Boland’s help, stirrup pumps, brooms and shovels were assembled and John led a contingent up the mountain to fight the fire. Meanwhile, Art assembled more equipment and organized a second contingent so they could be ready to climb Stevens when the first group tired. John’s group encountered a fire that had engulfed the entire top of Stevens, but it wasn’t so much a roaring blaze as a creeping one. For years, decaying pine needles had formed a thick coat over the rocky top of the mountain and it burned like punk making it very hard to put out. Splitting up and spreading out, the first group patrolled the outer perimeter of the fire and after several hours brought it under control. It didn’t take long for the backpacked stirrup pumps to run dry so all we could do was patrol the entire perimeter and beat out any new flames before the fire could get a new start.

About mid-morning, the second team of fire fighters reached the top of Stevens and John’s group turned the operation over to them. It seemed apparent that we would have to keep patrolling the site until the next rain, which was predicted for the next morning. Exhausted, dirty, but satisfied with a job well done, John’s team descended the mountain and was soon thrashing about in the swimming area seeking refreshment and cleanliness. All was going well until we glanced once more at the top of Stevens and saw heavy palls of smoke ascending once again. The forest fire had broken out anew!

Once more John and his team climbed Stevens with freshly filled stirrup pumps and containers of water. They met the second team at the top, once again dispersed the team at intervals around the fire line and soon had the fire under control once more. It seemed that instead of spreading out so they could monitor the entire fire line, the members of the second team chose to stay together. They would go to one side of the fire and allow the other side to flame up. They would then all run to the new point of flame and the fire would flare up where they had just been. A dismal business! This time, it was agreed that henceforth, until rain permanently doused the punk like fire area, we would place ourselves at intervals around the entire fire line, beating and shoveling any and all returning flames at all points.

Taking turns, we did just that for the next day or so until a heavy rain came, drenched the punk covered mountain top, and quenched the fire for once and for all. We learned a lot not just about putting out forest fires, but about working as a team.

John G. (“Tiny”) Sperling Memories

The following is the complete eulogy delivered by Joe Cooke on May 2, 1984 at the funeral services. This document can be viewed at the building located near Sperling Pond in the Clear Lake Scout Reservation.

Members of the family and friends of John Gordon Sperling, Jr.:



It is my privilege to give this tribute to my long time friend, “Tiny”, a man who passed this way in the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

The backbone of Scouting is its ideals, the Scout Oath and Law—the Good Turn. I cannot think of anyone who exemplified those ideals more than “Tiny”.

He touched the lives of thousands, directly or indirectly, through the Scouting program.

The most important tool we have is our example, and “Tiny” used it to mold the character of untold numbers in Westchester and Putnam.

In the 1940’s I was a director in the Ten Mile River Scout Camps. I heard stories of a fabulous program man, “Tiny” Sperling — but never met him — since the Reservation was 10 miles long and Four miles wide.

In 1950 I came to White Plains. Subsequently we received a gift of 50 acres on the edge of the city, to be known as the Purdy Scout Reservation.

A couple of years later “Tiny” was hired to be the Program Ranger. His job was to provide training for hundreds of Scouts who would camp each weekend and to ensure proper maintenance of the facilities. A home was built for him, and thus started almost 30 years of dedicated service.

As a specialist in outdoor skills he helped thousands of Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and their leaders become real campers.

When we were alone, after a tiring weekend, he would say, “All this, just so some kid can burn a hot dog.”

But in his own mind he knew that the results of his efforts would long remain with those “kids”.

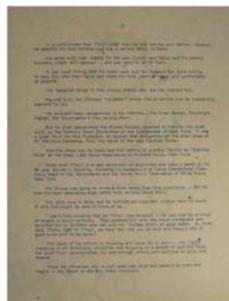
He was a great story teller and song leader and melded those skills into very imaginative campfire programs—the memory of which remains in the minds of boys for years after.

He became a “father figure” for many boys whose lives were disrupted by family problems. They would spend weekend at the Reservation helping “Tiny” with his work, and he would help them to understand their problems and chart a future for them. Many became successful in life and credit “Tiny’s” help.

One of those was a boy with cerebral palsy from a wealthy Scarsdale family. He became another of “Tiny’s” assistants. This lad gave up his weekly visits to a psychiatrist and blossomed out. “Tiny” treated him as any normal boy.

Palsy victims are supposed to avoid heights. A roof leak had to be fixed. “Tiny” suggested he try it. That young man learned to climb a ladder and do that work. He eventually went to college, got a fine job in radio, married and lives in New York City.

It is unfortunate that “Tiny” never married and had his own family. However, he adopted my four children and was a



second father to them.

He spoke with high respect for his own mother and father and his sisters, brothers. Nieces and nephews — and was good to all of them.

It was most fitting that his sister Jean and her husband Ben were willing to him into the their home and make his final years as happy and comfortable as possible.

The temporal things in life, money, status, etc. did not interest him.

He was truly the ultimate “volunteer” whose life of service was an outstanding example for all.

He received many recognitions in his lifetime.... The Silver Beaver, Scouting’s highest, the Scoutmaster’s key, among them.

But he most appreciated the Bronze Pelican, awarded to him for his youth work, by the Catholic Scout Committee of the Archdiocese of New York. It was a great thrill for this Protestant to receive that recognition on the altar steps of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, from the hands of the late Cardinal Cooke.

And the other one he loved was the naming of a water facility as “Sperling Pond” at the Clear Lake Scout Reservation in Putnam Valley, New York.

Gone with “Tiny” is a vast storeroom of knowledge and history based on his 65 year tenure in Scouting, including his background at camp Chesterfield, Mass., Camp Read in the Adirondacks and the Purdy Scout Reservation in White Plains, New York.

He always was going to write a book about that long experience — but he was too busy developing boys rather than writing about them.

His work here is done, but he fulfilled and important mission here on earth. If only this might be said more of us.

I can’t help thinking that as “Tiny” rose skyward—he was met by a troop of angels in Scout uniforms. They greeted him with Scout Handshake and escorted him to St. Peter who sat with his “Golden Book” of good deeds. St. Peter said, “Come right in “Tiny”, we have a few like you up here and there’s lots of good turns still to be done.”

The value of his efforts in Scouting will never be in vain—like ripples traveling in all directions, caused by the dropping of a pebble in Sperling pond; the work “Tiny” accomplished, for and through others, will continue to grow and expand.

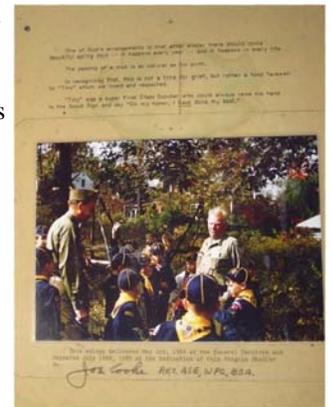
Those influenced will in turn seek new boys and leaders to train and inspire in the ideals of the Boy Scout movement.

One of God’s arrangements is that after winter there should come beautiful spring days—it happens every year—and it happens in every life.

The passing of man is as natural as his birth.

In recognizing that, this is not a time for grief, but rather a fond farewell to “Tiny” whom we loved and respected.

“Tiny” was a super First Class Scouter who could always raise his hand in the Scout Sign and say “On my honor, I have done my best.”



READ SCOUT RESERVATION HIRES NEW RANGER

The Westchester-Putnam Council is pleased to announce the employment of Tom Barnes as Read Scout Reservation Ranger. He is replacing George Patrick who retired last spring due to ill health. Tom began his employment as of October 1, 2005.

Tom Barnes worked for NIBCO, as a plumbing part manufacturer for 29 years. He is a master welder and is skilled in many other maintenance areas. His wife Diane is the daughter of the first Read Ranger, Arthur Boland, who worked at Camp Read from 1949 to 1965. Diane lived in the Ranger's house until the age of nine.

As Read Scout Reservation Ranger, Tom will be responsible for not only maintaining Boland Lodge (old farmhouse) named in his father-in-law's honor, but also for maintenance and physical plant of our three camps on the 1,000 acre Read Reservation. The Read Association and its Executive Board are looking forward to working with Tom and offering our assistance where needed.

BITS AND PIECES

➤ *If you want to continue to receive copies of the Newsletter starting in 2006, pay your dues!*

➤ UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2005 Staff Dinner: **Wednesday December 28, 2005** hosted by the CRA. *Free to all 2005 Read Staff.*
 - Spring Potluck Dinner: **As of now we are canceling the event due to lack of participation.**
 - Eager Beaver Weekend: **June 9-11, 2006.** Come help get Camp ready!
- Anyone wishing to contribute Newsletter articles, anecdotes, pictures, event postings, or general Camp or Scouting info should please send any correspondence to: Camp Read Alumni Association, c/o Westchester-Putnam Council, B.S.A., 41 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY 10532, or e-mail Thomas.Hunter@ge.com
- **The Association web site is campread.org. Please visit our site for latest information..**
- Look for updates on the **Summit Support Project** in the coming issues of the *Newsletter*.
- John Farley (see "History" pg. 5), along with Dick Ford and Chris Fearon, are currently writing a book on the history of Camp Read. They are asking all "Friends of Read" for input on a title for this book. If you have any suggestions contact John at (248) 626-3115 or e-mail: farleyview@aol.com.

The Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation

Historical Guidebook



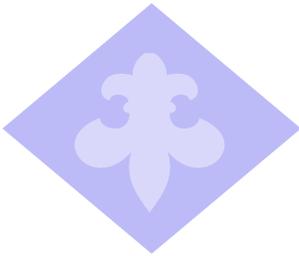
A Field Guide of the Memorials, Dedications and Landmarks at Camp Read



CAMP READ MEMORIAL GUIDEBOOK

The Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation Field Guide contains sixty-two pages of Memorials, Dedications and Landmarks found at Camp Read. The Guidebook also includes maps showing the location of Memorials. This unique Field Guide, Published by the Camp Read Association, can be purchased for \$20.00 which includes \$3.00 postage and handling. All proceeds from the sale of the Guidebook will go to the benefit of Camp Read. If you would like one or more copies please visit our website at campread.org. or contact :

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