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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Camp Read,

As another year comes to a close, I have been reflecting on several things that I would like to share...

It has been an eventful year, from a global perspective down to a personal level. The Boy Scouts of America movement celebrated its 100th anniversary with a wonderful Jamboree that was attended by tens of thousands. While I was not able to attend, I spoke with participants and watched clips on the news. This was certainly a momentous event that will live long in the memories of so many individuals. Scouting continues to evolve to serve the needs of our nation's youth, and the movement is meeting its next century with renewed enthusiasm.

On a local level, I continue to serve as Committee Chairman of a troop in Bethany, Connecticut. My son Ben was awarded his Eagle Scout in the spring, and he is now away at college. That, coupled with increasing demands at work, has caused me to pull back on my previous level of involvement with the troop.

On a personal level, it was with mixed feelings that I drove my son to Read in June so that he could serve on camp staff. On one hand, my wife and I knew we would miss him very much, and we did. On the other hand, here was a young man who had spent his first five summers at camp while I served as Reservation Director. We were extremely proud of his willingness and desire to become a part of the staff. It was a pleasure to visit and find him under the watchful eyes of a dedicated and most qualified camp administration. And as I had the opportunity to visit camp several times and visit with Scouts and Scouters, I saw the enthusiasm, the excitement, the pure joy that is so obvious when people truly enjoy what they are doing...and when I say that it was not only the Scouts who were having a great time, it was the staff as well. I was truly impressed.

I have always loved the Adirondacks, from my first camping trip there thirty years ago. Since my tenure on staff, my family has traveled regularly to the 'Dacks, usually focusing around the area near Camp Read. This year was different - - we made the trip on Columbus Day Weekend, but due to various commitments have not been back. As I reflect on the past few weeks, I have missed my annual fall hiking trip taken with my son, a co-worker, or friends from camp. Perhaps a winter excursion just to breathe the mountain air is in order....

But as the holidays approach it is time to look to the future. I treasure the friends I have made through my association with Camp Read, and I am pleased that through this involvement I have had the chance to renew some friendships from decades ago. I look forward to the staff reunion dinner in December as well as the potluck dinner which will be held in the spring. Dates and details will follow shortly.

I hope to see you at these events. In the meantime, when the gray skies and shortened days of fall get you down, close your eyes and imagine the view from the top of Mt. Stevens. Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season.

Yours in Scouting,
Tim Haag

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The Camp Read Association wishes to extend a sincere thanks to the following members who have made a contribution to the Association for 2010. Your financial support is greatly appreciated by all the scouts and leaders who attend Camp Read and benefit from your generosity.

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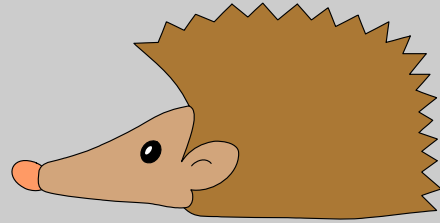
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The Nature Contest

By Tom Hunter



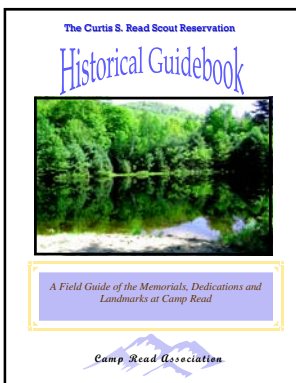
Only a couple of days left, but still time to win the Nature area contest for the period. This was for the patrol that amassed the most points capturing critters for the Woods lore area. They would be displayed for a while, in the reptile pit or raccoon cage as appropriate, and then released. All the capturing was done on a strictly humane basis using Hav-A-Heart traps for the coons and chipmunks, bare hands for most of the remainder. My specialty was capturing Reptiles and Amphibians. Unfortunately these little creatures only counted a mere pittance for scoring points as compared to the small mammals.

During a slow afternoon, probably before general swim, my bunkmate and I were scouting for any object of interest near the barn to the right and north of the old Tomahawk (Summit) dining hall. Often snakes or leopard frogs could be found under boards or in the grass surrounding the barn. That day we entered the open air structure for a quick look see. The place was mostly a storage area for lumber, assorted scout paraphernalia lost by some unfortunates, oil cans and the occasional ancient vehicle. While perusing this vast collection we surprised a quilled, black and white ambling animal; a fairly large Porcupine probably nibbling on some old salty wood.

This could clinch it for our patrol if we could somehow manage to capture it. Not much time to think. How do you apprehend a beast with thousands of sharp lances ready to do serious damage to anything they touched. Luckily for us, not more than ten feet away, stood a very convenient large plastic garbage pail. We grabbed the container and literally placed it over the slow moving animal. A thin small sheet of plywood was placed under the can and then we could right the makeshift trap. We now had the creature safely contained and even had two large handles on the pail to facilitate the carry up to the nature area.

Although Quill Pigs, as they are sometimes referred to, didn't earn as many points as say a Fisher, Wolverine or Bobcat (obviously no one ever caught any of these exotics) it did garner enough to win the nature contest for our patrol in the 11th hour. What did we actually win, other than bragging rights? The patrol won an all you can eat Ice cream sundae extravaganza. Believe me when I say, after two weeks of camp food, this decadent treat was amazing. Go Wombats!!

HISTORICAL GUIDEBOOK



The Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation Field Guide contains seventy pages of Memorials, Dedications and Landmarks found at Camp Read. The 2009 edition of the Guidebook is now in its third printing and has all the recent additions. This unique Field Guide, Published by the Camp Read Association, can be purchased for \$24.00 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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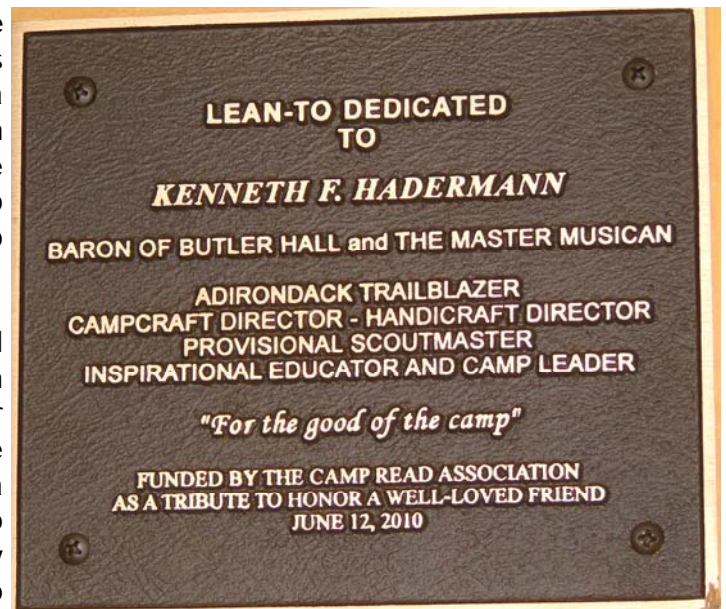
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Ken Hadermann - The Master Musician

It is with great sadness and sorrow that we announce the passing of a longtime Camp Staff member and devoted Scouter, Ken Hadermann, on April 25, 2010. On June 12, 2010 the Association dedicated a new Summit Base lean-to in Ken's name. This lean-to overlooks the old Campcraft area that Ken had directed. A ceremony was conducted, and the following was read, profiling Ken's history and impact on Camp and scouting and why he was called the "Master Musician."

If you have read the bio for Ken Hadermann in the book "For Joys ..." then you know about his extensive experience and dedication to youth as a scouter, father, Guardian Ad Leitem, and an inspirational educator. Ken's educational influence was felt from Evanston, IL. to White Plains, NY to Brattleboro, Vt. to Berlin, Germany to Hendersonville, NC to Camp Read and beyond.

Ken's scouting adventure started when he joined White Plains Troop 20 at age 12, and continued in Evanston as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster and Provisional Scoutmaster and then back to White Plains where he was recruited by Joe Cooke to be a Neighborhood Commissioner. He went to Camp Read on Long Pond in 1937 and was persuaded by Joe in 1953 to be a Provisional Scoutmaster at Camp Read in the Adirondacks. Ken was on staff at Camp



Read in 1951 and from 1953 through 1966. In addition to being a Provisional Scoutmaster, he served as a Campcraft Director and Reservation Business Manager.

Ken's last year on staff was my first. It was 1966 and Ken was Campcraft Director for the first period. He taught us how to prepare our schedule and lesson plans for the next day and had us in bed, lights out, by 9:30. Ken told us that in order to do a good job you had to get a good night's rest. I learned many things from Ken including knot tying, pioneering, signaling, hiking and many other camp & handicraft skills. I am very grateful to Ken for getting me off on the right foot as a camp read staff member.



Lean-to Dedication Ceremony
in honor of Ken Hadermann
June 12, 2010

John Farley was very impressed with Ken and stated that he (John) may have been the first Campcraft Director at Brant Lake but that Ken significantly raised the bar when he was in that role.

As Chris "Kit" Fearon tells it, in the fourth period 1958 Ken was appointed handicraft director. In that year, the handicraft area was moved from the damp cellar of the dining hall to the Butler building. Art Boland, who had a penchant for pinning monikers on people, gave Ken the title of the "Baron of Butler Hall" not just because of his place of work, but because of his

German heritage and distinguished manner.

In addition to his gift as an educator, Ken was also an Adirondack Trailblazer and avid hiker who blazed many a trail to choice camping locations around camp that are still used today. Ken's military experience in the Army Air Corp helped train him to serve as the "Commandant" of OD's (Officer of the Day).

I can still visualize Ken on the retreat field pulling that long saber from its sheath attached to his scout belt and with a loud, resounding voice that could penetrate steel declaring "FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAMP"! He led many retreats and it was always an impressive sight to see him orchestrate them.

I can also visualize Ken leading "Master Musician" in the Tomahawk and Buckskin dining halls. His intense facial expressions, bulging eyes and resounding voice reverberating off the walls as he lead that song with such enthusiasm is engrained in my mind forever. I still don't know how he did it. It is such a physically demanding song to lead with Ken marching and skipping around the tables, up and down each aisle. I think he had in your face eye to eye contact with each of the 300 or so scouts sitting on the edge of their benches.

Like all great scouters, Ken lead by example and lived the scout oath and law. His positive influence lives on in us and in many around the globe. He dedicated his life to helping young people learn and grow. He orchestrated lessons and learning experiences in everything he did. Not just musically, but in many different ways, Ken Hadermann is truly a "Master Musician".

Thomas A. Dietz
Past President,
Camp Read Association

Update.....Read Support.....Update
Fall 2010

Under the direction of Peter Ciacci, Chairman of the Properties and Maintenance Committee, with the support of Steve Hammonds, Director of Support Services, and numerous volunteers, the camp is improving at a rapid pace.

Major projects that have been completed or are under way in 2010 include:

- New Shower House has been completed in Camp Buckskin
- New Visitor Latrine has been completed in Buckskin adjacent to Newton Hall
- New Shower House has been completed in Camp Waubeeka
- All campsites in the Read Reservation now have the new latrines
- The new Pavilion in Waubeeka is almost complete- The Pavilion will hold up to 200 people for large gatherings and rainy day programs

Major projects that have been slated for 2011 include:

- New Trading Post and Handicraft Pavilion for Camp Buckskin. The existing camp office will be replaced by the Trading Post/Pavilion. The handicraft area will be moved from the Pearlman Building to the new Pavilion in the area which is now "Staff City". These projects have been funded by donations
- Renovation of the Pearlman building to accommodate the new camp offices. For the winter camp, the offices can be used as private rooms for the adult leaders
- "Staff City" will be moved down towards Rogers Lake with new infrastructure provided
- Construction of a new shower house in Camp Buckskin (carried over from 2010 budget)

To keep in touch between Newsletters with what's going on at the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation, check out the Westchester-Putnam Council website www.wpcbsa.org

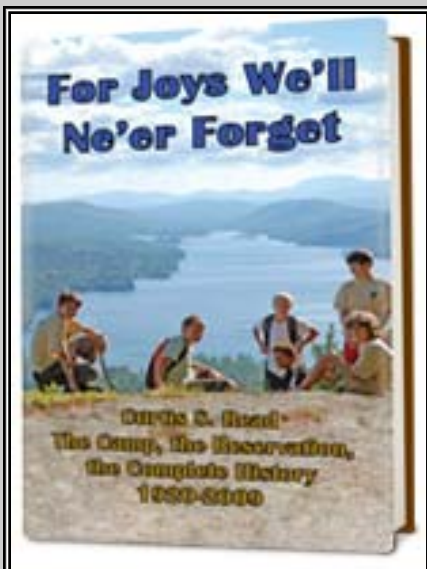
"For Joys We'll Ne'er Forget", relates the story of the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation from its opening day in 1920 to the present. For most part, "For Joys...." was written by staff who were in camp. Chapters features two legendary Camp Rangers, the launching of Camp Waubeeka, the impact of Read on professional Scouting, profiles of outstanding camp leaders, the story of the Ode of the Arrow in camp, history of the Camp Read Association, and much more. Travel through time as this nearly one hundred year old camp grew from its beginnings on 33 acres and 20 campers on Long Pond, in Mahopac, New York to a 1000 acre scout reservation in the Adirondack Mountains. Today the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation is made up of three camps, one traditional scout camp, one patrol cooking camp, and a High Adventure Base.

"For Joys We'll Ne'er Forget" was commissioned by the Camp Read Association to preserve the history of this very special place. If you were ever a camper or staff member at a Scout camp, you'll find yourself right at home in the pages of this book. It is a story worth telling and one worth reading.....!

To Order: Go to www.CampRead-ForJoys.com

Copies also available at the Council Service Center— see Diane Walsh

All proceeds from "For Joys We'll Ne'er Forget" will go to the betterment of the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation, Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA



"The meeting place of two waters" – A Fort Ticonderoga Rambling

By Tom Hunter & John Farley

.....Continued From Spring 2010 Newsletter

The first battle of Ticonderoga occurred on July 8th, 1758 during the French and Indian War, when British General James Abercrombie attempted to subdue the Fort with 20,000 men – the largest force ever assembled in North America up to that time. They were beaten off by 3,500 French soldiers under the command of General Louis-Joseph le Marquis de Montcalm. In the battle, wave after wave of British soldiers were mowed down by French artillery during futile frontal assaults on Fort Carillon. However, in 1759, the British under the command of General Jeffery Amherst returned and defeated the French at Fort Carillon. The British occupied the fort and renamed it Fort Ticonderoga.

Inside the Fort was broken up into several sections. The main building was an extensive museum, and other areas displayed things like officer's barracks, powder storage areas, and a dungeon. The dungeon always impressed me with almost lifelike depictions of long ago prisoners being flogged. Additionally, a list on the wall would recount what punishment was given for various offenses, such as 20 lashes with a cat-o-nine tails for falling asleep on guard duty. Neat stuff when you're thirteen.

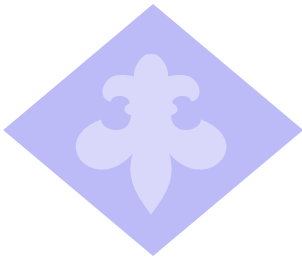
At the outset of the American Revolution a small group of British soldiers still held the Fort. However, all that changed on May 10th, 1775, when a detachment of Green Mountain Boys under General Ethan Allen and troops commanded by General Benedict Arnold crossed Lake Champlain and attacked Ticonderoga in a pre-dawn raid. The commander, roused from sleep by Allen's command to "Surrender in the name of the great Jehovah and the Continental Congress."

I also enjoyed taking a tour by a period costumed guide detailing the history of the fort, but my favorite part however was the arms demonstration. A practiced detail of mock soldiers re-enacted how the cannons and muskets were loaded and fired. There was always this same barrel out in the field maybe 75 yards away. The goal was to lob a canon ball into the open top of the barrel. It was amazing how close they would sometimes get, but I never did see it actually hit the target.

Many years after visiting the fort, as both a camper and staff member, I could finally share my awe and wonder of this historical site with my own children on family vacations up in the Adirondacks.

BITS AND PIECES

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- UPCOMING EVENTS
 - Staff Appreciation Dinner **Tuesday December 28, 2010** . FREE for all 2010 Read Staff members.
 - Spring Dinner: time and place to be announced.
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