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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Camp Read,

For nearly twenty years my family has enjoyed an annual "Winter Weekend" during which we have stayed in various places in New Hampshire, Vermont, Pennsylvania and New York...and for the past few years we have come back to our favorite of places – the Adirondacks. It was hard to believe we had more snow at home in Connecticut when we ventured north this winter! As I look outside the window now and see the grass turning green, the trees leafing out, and the spring flowers blooming, my thoughts turn back to the North Country. After a particularly harsh winter, it is wonderful to see all the signs of life that represent the new season. And the arrival of spring means I will be heading back to the Adirondacks very soon. My family also visits the Adirondacks every May – usually as the temperature is getting warmer and the black flies haven't realized we have returned yet. Before we know it, the Eager Beaver Weekends will be here, and summer camp season will be right around the corner.

In early April we held our Annual Potluck Dinner. It was a wonderful gathering, with over thirty people attending. It is always nice to reconnect with old friends as well as meet some new folks who share our love for Camp Read. A special note of thanks goes to Tripp Hutchinson for his outstanding job coordinating the dinner arrangements. Tripp put together the program which included a YouTube video of a Scouter's experiences at Read in the 1960's. It brought back fond memories for many of us!

As much as I love the winter season with all of the snow, I always look forward to the changes that spring and summer bring. And this means that the summer of 2011 will be here very soon. Camp will be full of Scouts in less than two months. The camp has seen many changes over the past couple of years – there are improvements in all areas of camp. Our Properties and Maintenance Committee continues to do an outstanding job of overseeing a variety of construction projects that will serve our Scouts for years to come. These include a leader's lean-to in each campsite, new shower houses and latrines, a new pole barn at Waubeeka, as well as a number of other projects. Combined with a top quality program and outstanding food, camp is again destined for success. I am again looking forward to visiting Read during the summer season when everything is in full swing.

As many people prepare for the 2011 summer season, please consider how you can help out. There will be two work weekends this year, scheduled for June 3-5 and 10-12. There is always much to do before camp is ready for Scouts; the "Eager Beavers" have always lent a hand on these weekends and that has taken a huge burden away from the staff. Please send in your reservation to help out today! Also, if you are available during the summer, please consider helping out however you can – perhaps driving a transport vehicle in camp, helping with a maintenance project, or assisting with supervision over weekends so that the senior staff can get some much needed time off.

I would also like to thank all those individuals who have provided financial support for the Camp Read Association over the years. Your contributions are helpful in many ways, including building projects (including two lean-tos in the past two years), staff support (scholarships for a "job well done" provided to twelve staff members during the summer as well as one for the "Outstanding Staff Member" given at the end of the summer season), and camp promotion. Our organization couldn't be such a success without your continued support.

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours well. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at one of the Eager Beaver Weekends in June.

Yours in Scouting,
Tim Haag

Outstanding Staff Member 2010



RYAN LYKE was born November 19, 1989, Carmel, New York, the oldest of three boys in a family of five. Ryan attended the Public School system where he excelled academically and athletically. He was a varsity wrestler all four years of high school and was the team captain in his senior year. Ryan also had a perfect attendance record in school from the 5th grade through 12th and was acknowledged for such at his graduation ceremony.

Ryan joined Scouting as a Wolf Cub at the age of 6 and took to outdoor activities as if he was born into it. He attended both Clear Lake Day camp and Cub Resident Camp at Read that same year, and has been going ever since. Ryan earned his Webelos badge and moved onto

Boy Scouts where he advanced quickly through the ranks and served as both a Patrol Leader and as Senior Patrol Leader in the Troop. Ryan achieved the rank of Eagle in December 2007.

During his fourteenth year, Ryan served as a CIT (Counselor in Training) at Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation and was asked to join the paid staff the following year. He has served on the camp staff ever since in various positions and volunteered for many work weekends at both Read and Clear Lake.

Presently, Ryan is a Junior at SUNY Albany University working toward an engineering degree.

From the Camp Read Association: Congratulations, Ryan- for a job well done!

Friends of Read

The Camp Read Association wishes to extend a sincere thanks to the following members who have made a contribution to the Association for 2011. 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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THANK YOU!

All donations to the Camp Read Association are tax-deductible

We are saddened to announce the passing of Shirley Boland on Feb. 13, 2011. Shirley was the wife of Read's (Adirondack location) first Ranger, Art Boland. Shirley was much beloved by all that knew her. See the following remembrance submitted by Jim Smith.

Shirley Boland Remembered – by Jim Smith

Shirley was originally from Brooklyn, N.Y. and attended Art School at Cooper Union. Coming out of school one day she literally bumped into Art Boland and so the story began (more details can be found in Art's book "From Early in the Morning," which is available through the Association). After marriage and the 2nd World War they moved up to Brant Lake and so another story began. When Art got the job as the first Ranger at Camp Read they moved into the "old Farmhouse", aka "Boland Lodge" and lived there till the current Ranger's house was built.

Shirley was a good deal more than just the Ranger's wife. The early pre-staff lived in the Farm house and took all of their meals at Shirley and Art's table in the Ranger's House. These meals prepared by Shirley turned into much more than food and drink. Much of the program for camp was developed around that table. Many a night was spent there, both before camp opened, and during and after camp, with singing and charade games, which became pretty intense. Shirley always made sure that everyone was comfortable and welcomed and patiently put up with all the non-sense that resulted.

One could not think of Camp Read without thinking of, and smiling about, Shirley's many contributions to making Camp what it was, and has become. There are so many fond memories it is hard to choose. I do remember the time that Shirley was pregnant with Diane (Tom, the current Ranger's wife) and she was driving out the camp road and was hit by a milk truck. No real injuries, but as I understand it, Diane is now lactose intolerant!

Shirley's abilities with art often came in handy. I remember when the 4th period game was "Foreign Intrigue." Art had a big Caddy at the time and Shirley painted two United Nations insignia and we put them on the Caddy. We then had Harry Moose (a Brant Lake French teacher) drive up to the Tomahawk Retreat Field with a State Police escort and made an appearance as a UN Ambassador to kick off the theme for the 4th period game. It was quite a show.

After Art left camp Shirley did a lot of art work for local causes and taught Art in the local schools. Much of the art work in the Association's book; recently published and available through the Association, is Shirley's as well. For years after the Bolands left camp many, many staff men could not stop by camp without also paying a visit to Shirley and Art. There is no question in my mind that camp would have been very different if it were not for Shirley's many contributions. She will be GREATLY missed and warmly remembered by all that knew her.

If you would like to make a donation to the Camp Read Association or to the Camp Read Improvement Fund for a memorial or tribute to an individual please fill out the form below. The tribute or honor can be for recognition of birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, awards, or in memory of a departed relative or friend. Acknowledgement letters will be sent to you and to the person being recognized or to the family (if the donation is in memoriam).

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Name of individual or group being remembered or recognizes: _____

Reason: _____ Donation amount \$ _____

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Mail it to Bill Daley, 3220 Mohegan Ave., Mohegan Lake, NY 10547.

GAMES

By Tom Hunter

Some will argue that their entire camp experience was made up of nothing but fun and games, others will disagree. I for one have very fond memories of the many "games" that were played over the years. My gaming activities at Read can be divided into two different categories, as a camper and then as a Staff person.

Camper designated games usually came under the broad area of program and included program enhancements such as capture the flag, water polo and the legendary "fourth period games." I can't remember much of capture the flag except for running breakneck speeds through the forest trying to avoid capture or trying to sneak up to an area near the flag. Of course I may be getting this all mixed up with a "Staff Hunt." As an adult looking back on this experience I'm amazed that, at least during my participation, no one was seriously injured. Did I mention the running, forests, big boulders, sharp branches, breakneck speeds? These activities were very similar to 4th period games except the venue was different.

The concept for the games originally developed as a way to get increased camp attendance during historically slow camper enrollment. Families would plan end of summer vacations and also preparations prior to the new school year would contribute to decreased camper turnout. Beginning earlier in the summer a great hoopla was made to spark interest for the event. Sometimes unfamiliar guests would visit camp to assist in the charade and would masquerade as FBI agents or something similar and ask for the camper's assistance to aid in apprehending ne'er-do-wells, pirates, space aliens or foreign spies. One of these mysterious "guests" was Dave Miller from Illinois. He had originally worked with Jim Smith at a camp out there, and actually came back to Read and served on staff the next couple of summers.

The actual game took place during the traditional hike period (usually the first Monday of the second week of the period) out at the lakes (Pharaoh or Whortleberry) with the individual troops battling against the staff. Troops would have some type of treasure that the staff would try and steal. If you captured a staff member you got ramframees (or called something similar, but were usually spent brass from the rifle range) and the troop with the most "loot" at the end of the games won. Most fun was had during late night raids of the troopsites by overzealous staff trying to breach its inner sanctum. Again I'm amazed that everyone came away from the games without any serious injuries. Did I mention darkness, water hazards, booby traps, competitive scouts, scoutmasters and staff?

The staff took these games very seriously. One year I missed the game because my college started in late August, but that particular year the theme was pirates. Some of the staff carried a row boat out to the lakes and dressed it up with black painted plywood sides, a Jolly Rodger flag and cannons. Arrgh!!

A transitional game that I learned while still a camper, but then played as a staff member, was Bridge. Yeah I know, Bridge at a Scout Camp, but we had a real bridge enthusiast at Camp who needed knowledgeable player participants. This "Bridgemeister" was Wyandotte's Scoutmaster Daniel "Doc" Rile. He played Bridge often on the porch of his staff tent. This would attract observers, and from this interest he would start teaching them the game, so I decided to join the world of no trump and dummies (bridge term, not a state of mind). This play continued while I got on camp staff and subsequently served as Doc's assistant.

While Doc's assistant he and I would occasionally spend evenings off over at the Boland's. Art Boland, the retired Camp Ranger, and his wife Shirley lived very near camp on Route 8. Their home had long been a haven for staff to stop by for delightful evenings of Charades. This had been my first experience with the game, and I found the regulars were masterful with their knowledge and cutthroat in their play. Charades is definitely a game that requires some experience to learn the finer points. Shirley would always have a Rhubarb pie or something similar for munchies and everyone had a terrific time, but then a new game drew my attention.

During my first year on staff certain back room activities in the Camp office intrigued me. The little building also housed the staff lounge area where staff could congregate for some evening fellowship. There I first noticed what appeared to be a very odd game of cards being played by my mentor, Camp Director Jim Smith, and a rotating cast of characters on a large old discarded wire spool table. Pinochle looked very strange, requiring a special deck where no card was lower than a nine, but it still maintained a certain similarity to Bridge. This game required far more luck and a lot less skill than bridge, making it instantly more fun. I expressed a certain interest in the game and Jim patiently taught me the intricacies of the play. After my initial card apprenticeship I joined the card world of meld, runs, marriages, aces round, double pinochle and played often with fellow staff during the evenings. From this humble beginning led to a local weekly running game of Pinochle with other Read alums that has lasted for almost 40 years.

What fun game is played during which some basic scouting skills are sharpened? The heaving bar of course. This game was basically a long rope thrown (approx. 20 feet) over a high bar (approx. 10 feet), attaching the end of the rope to a heavy log with a timber hitch and running back to the starting line. The free end of the rope is secured with a clove hitch to a post while ensuring the heavy log is lifted off the ground. All this is timed and the fastest person wins the competition. Again my Camp Mentor Jim Smith took me under his wing and taught me all the tricks of the heaving bar trade. In no time at all I had mastered the skills and could accomplish the "heave" in under 10 seconds besting most of my peers. Although almost lost in Camp history this game is resurrected during each 5 year Camp Staff reunion.

The games even extended to the senior Staff's off time or work time between periods. The classic game was soap hockey played on the wet dinning hall's floor during its semi-monthly cleaning. This has been described in past newsletter articles but was considered a period highlight for many of the participants. Other after hours type games are best left to the imagination. Most involved copious consumptions of alcohol and will remain undocumented.

Although the joy of teaching and hopefully inspiring young Scouts was very rewarding, the games proved a very necessary diversion for many of us during a long summer up in the mountains.

2010 THOMAS A. DIETZ SERVICE AWARD REICIPENT

April 3, 2011

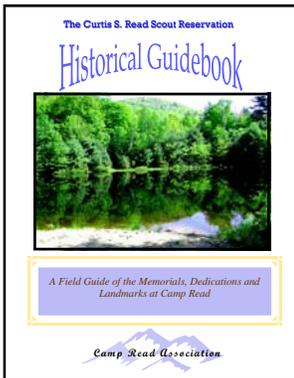


Pictured is Tim Haag, Association President and recipient of the 2011 Service Award. Congratulations Tim!

Since joining the CRA, Tim has served on the Association Board in many capacities including most recently as Executive V.P. to our Immediate Past President, Denis Pisanello. Whenever asked to help out, whether it be for chairing one of our events or serving on a committee, Tim has always enthusiastically stepped up and skillfully handled the task. In the tradition of our first President, Tom Dietz, Tim will continue to serve as President and beyond.

The background is an example of Shirley Boland's artwork depicting Lester Lodge, a log cabin mansion that was part of the old Collins' estate. It served as the original "main" building of Camp up to about 1964, locating at the east end of what is now Camp Summit's parking area..

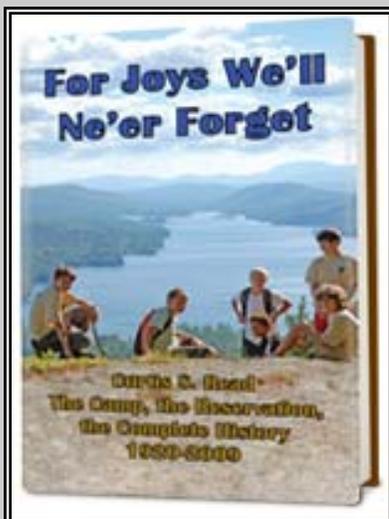
HISTORICAL GUIDEBOOK



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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"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 Oder 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

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

Help Improve Our Camp At The **EAGER BEAVER WEEKENDS**

**Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation
June 3-5 & June 10-12, 2011**

Each year hundreds of hours of volunteer labor are needed to open our camps. Please consider taking another weekend of your busy schedule to ensure that the Read Scout Reservation is the best it can be for our Scouts this summer.

Visit the council website at www.wpcbsa.org for a list of the projects. If you see a project you are interested in, please e-mail readsupport@wpcbsa.org.

Lodging and meals for the weekend are offered at no cost. Please send in the registration form below by May 28th so we can accurately prepare for both meals and projects. For safety reasons, we ask that all participants be at least 18 years of age.

Please respond by May 28, 2011

2011 Read Eager Beaver Weekend

_____ June 3-5

_____ June 10-12

Name: _____ Scouting Position: _____ (Camp Read Assoc.)

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (H): _____ (B): _____ E-mail: _____

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Check one or more skills: ___ carpentry ___ mechanics ___ equipment operator ___ electrical ___ plumbing ___ painting ___ just plain old work ___

Please send to: Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA, Attn: Camping Dept.
41 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY 10532

Update.....Read Support.....Update Spring 2011

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 continues to improve.

The major work that was planned for Camp Buckskin involving replacing the camp office, building a new handicraft pavilion and renovating the Pearlman Building has been moved back to the fall because of unforeseen issues. The committee decided it better to delay to project than to risk not being completed when the campers arrive.

The work crews will now be concentrating on completing the Waubeeka pavilion, the shower house by Teheco and the four new latrines. There will be still be plenty of work for the volunteers with the ongoing maintenance and the usual camp setup procedures. So come on up for either or both of the work weekends and join in on the "fun"!

“The meeting place of two waters” – A Fort Ticonderoga Rambling (Part III)

By Don Walsh
Program Director-CRC/CSR

The two-part piece in the Newsletter written by sages Tom Hunter and John Farley was a great introduction to alumni and current staff alike of one of the Adirondacks major historical attractions. However, the saga doesn't end with personal family visits, it continues as a regular part of the Cub Resident Camp Program, run at Waubeeka in early August each year!

By way of background, as many including all good Waubeekans know, CRC works on a rotating theme basis, with a scout program, a staff skit and a major day trip integrated to provide cub attendees with an introduction to scout camping in the Adirondack Park at Read Reservation. We rotate four basic concepts: Sports, Scoutcraft, Heritage and Conservation. So in four years of attendance, a cub can experience a variety of programs, not to mention staff costume dramas!

In ten years of program planning for CRC, Ticonderoga has been the trip destination three times. In 2001, we hiked the property, viewing the battle sites and museum areas alike within the Heritage theme. The 2005 ‘Rogers Rangers’ Leave No Trace scoutcraft theme was naturally amplified by a Ft Ti visit. And finally, last summer, our re-done ‘Leave No Trace’ program featured both a trip to the Fort and, in cooperation with The Pell Restoration authorities, the Cubs from Waubeeka did their camp-wide “LNT” project on the Fort grounds, cleaning both the trails and the picnic area. The visit by nearly 100 campers and staff, including Tom Holls’ contingent of Green Mountain Boys, was cited by the Fort Administration as a model of group interaction with the restoration.

Of course, the professional re-enactors at the Fort are always amazed by the Waubeeka staff costumes, but whether the staff comes as Redcoats, Rangers, GMBs or colonists, they are always welcomed by all concerned...as are the cubs by the gift shop managers!



We were invited back to do another project in 2011, but that will wait a bit since the next three years will see a Lake George steamboat trip this summer followed by reprises of the Adirondack Museum in 2012 and the Lake Placid Olympic Training Center in 2013. But we shall return!

For the record, on occasion staff week overlaps with the Ft Ti French and Indian War re-enactment encampment in late June every summer. When teaching the ‘Instructing the Instructors’ course for Ed Lacey a few years ago, I had the opportunity to slip away one Saturday to Ti with our son Don, then the Waubeeka Commissary Director, and the late Don Andre, beloved former scoutmaster of Tarrytown scouting. More than 1000 costumed ‘soldiers’ put on a performance for the ages: topped off by a visit from the officers of the actual (though amalgamated) 42d Foot, or ‘Black Watch’ Highland Regiment... whose bagpipe-enhanced visit to the site of that regiments gallant-yet-futile charge in 1758 was a highly-emotional yet ghostly moment for observers.

Ticonderoga is one gem of a plethora of Adirondack 1700s-era historical sites, including Whitehall (birthplace of the American Navy), Ft William Henry of ‘Last of the Mohicans’ fame, and Crown Point. All are on the CRC trip list and all provide both fun and learning experiences for young and slightly-older, alike!

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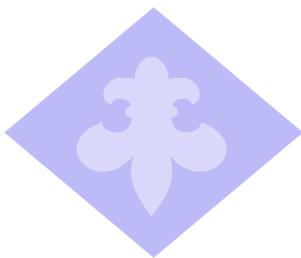
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➤ UPCOMING EVENTS

- Eager Beaver weekends **June 3-5 and June 10-12 2011.**

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➤ **The Association web site is campread.org. Please visit our site for latest information..**



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Annual dues are requested by the end of March each year (We will however gladly accept dues anytime throughout the year). **For those that supported the Association in past years, our most sincere thanks. Member who enjoy this publication, and wish to continue to hear from us, your financial support is needed.** The Board of Directors feels strongly that membership in the Association NOT be tied to dues payment. However, those not making an annual contribution will only receive major mailings for reunions etc. The only qualification for membership is your dedicated interest in Camp Read. As such, dues may be considered a tax-deductible contribution.

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