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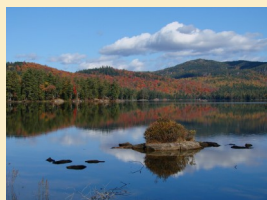
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Camp Read,

For many of us the arrival of spring came late, as winter held on with big snow storms in March and cold temperatures throughout April (for us skiers in the Northeast this was a good thing). But spring did arrive and with it we turn our thoughts towards getting camp ready for the summer season. Kris O'Conner, Camp Manager, and his pre-staff crew, have already been busy with many projects and maintenance work around the reservation.

I encourage our membership to participate in the "Eager Beaver" work weekend on June 8th through 10th. As an added incentive to come to the "North Country" for this annual event, Peter Oberdorf has generously offered his boathouse on Schroon Lake (*with the million-dollar view*) for a Saturday evening of food and fellowship. In Peter's words, "I am undertaking this in recognition of how much the Boy Scouts, Camp Read, the Camp Read Association, and the folks I have met along those trails have meant to me over my vast lifetime of 80 years!!!" The registration form for the event is on page 7 of this newsletter, or you can e-mail me at billskiny@aol.com to register.

The Camp Read Association welcomes the new Scout Executive, Richard Stockton, to the Westchester-Putnam scouting family. I personally look forward to working with Rich to help achieve our mission in the pursuit of scout camping excellence at the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation. My hope is that he will see the value of the experience and dedication of our members as an asset to Camp and the Council.

Our annual Fall Hike Weekend is scheduled for September 28th through the 30th. Come join us for a fun filled weekend exploring the beautiful Adirondacks in the Fall with your friends. Although we're calling it a "Hike Weekend," hiking is not required as some come up to just relax and enjoy the scenery. Save the date and look on our web site, and in your e-mail, for more information as it gets closer to the event.

As our 9th Camp Read Association Reunion approaches, it's time to mark our calendars for June 28th, 29th and 30th 2019. This reunion is going to be the 100th Anniversary of the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation and many special events are planned for this gala Centennial Celebration. Check out page 5 of this newsletter and on our web site, CampRead.org, for more information.

If you have contributed this year to the "Friends of Read" campaign, thank you very much! Your contributions are much needed and appreciated by the many Scouts and Leaders that benefit from our support. If you have not contributed, please consider giving what you can so we can continue to support *our Camp*. Rest assured, every dollar we collect goes directly to helping Camp Read.

I hope to see you at this year's Eager Beaver weekend, the Fall Hike weekend and the Reunion in 2019.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy summer.

Yours in Scouting,
Bill Daley, CRA President

EAGER BEAVER WORK WEEKEND JUNE 8-10 2017

Friends of Read 2018

One of the primary missions of the Camp Read Association, as stated in our Charter, is to assist with camp promotion, staff development, program and financial support, and facility maintenance/development. In order to live up to this commitment your financial support is greatly needed.

Because of the generosity many of our members, the Association was able to make contributions towards a variety of projects and ongoing programs that have and continue to benefit the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation in the areas of infrastructure, program, and staff support. The following are examples of how the Association provided this much needed support over the years: replacement of the roof on the Pearlman Building, major renovations of Boland Lodge (thanks to Peter Oberdorf for his most generous contribution), construction of the two lentos (in memory of Ken Haddermann and Chris Fearon), construction/renovation of the many camp signs throughout the Reservation, much needed program equipment, the annual Staff appreciation dinner, and Staff recognition awards.

To continue our commitment of service to the camp, the Association's assistance will be needed for the following upcoming projects: rebuilding the stone wall at the camp entrance, a new Summit Activities Center, construction of a lean-to for use by the Buckskin Camp Director, financial support towards the renovation Camp Waubeeka Office and program support for new activities such as mountain biking.

If you haven't joined this elite group of dedicated Scouters please give some thought to making a contribution. If you have donated in the past, our sincerest thanks and please consider renewing your support for 2018. Contributions to the Camp Read Association can be considered as a tax deduction. Another way to support camp is to send in a one-time donation either as a tribute to, or in memory of, an individual you would like to recognize.

Forms for donating to the Memorials & Tributes Fund or for The Friends of Read donations can be found in this Newsletter and on our website at CampRead.org.

The Camp Read Association wishes to extend a sincere thanks to the following members who have made a contribution to the Association for 2018. Your financial support is greatly appreciated by all the scouts and leaders who attend Camp Read and benefit from your generosity.

Charles Agro
 Russ Borner
 Richard Borner
 Matt Brauner
Bill Brucker
Ralph Colotti
 Kent Cooper
Dedrick Damato
 Ed D'Apice
 Tom Dietz
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Matt Terrible
Bill Tracey
Richard Trier
John Tripodi
 Michael Tripodi
Michael Venuti
Don Walsh
 David Winchell
Ron Yaskovic

*A Very Special Thanks to **David Terrible** for His Outstanding Generosity*

Shown in bold above are those who have given most generously

THANK YOU!

All donations to the Camp Read Association are tax-deductible

Far and Wide - Near and Close

By Jim Smith

Camp Read is long behind us although the memories are still here and treasured. So many of the staff have scattered themselves coast to coast. From North and South to distant Alaska and warm Caribbean Shores, up to mile high Denver and across to the Hawaiian Islands. But sometimes fate deals a strange hand!



On February 26, 2018 there was a small assemblage of seven who converged for a very pleasant dinner in South-Central Florida. Most were from the 50's to the 70's and beyond. Bill Riesz ('54 - '59), Doug Gamble ('51 & '52), Mickey ('54 - '60), & Denis ('60 & '61) Venuti, Chuck Kalmakov (brother Andy '53 - '55, '57 & '58), Peter Oberdorf ('52, '54, '57, '58, '98 & '99) and Jim Smith ('55 - '58, Mid '60's & mid '70's) sat around the dinner table and shared some of the great old times that have meant so much to us and in our lives. Mickey, Denis, Doug and Jim shared old school times in North Tarrytown and shared experience of the Venuti's S&M market on Beekman Ave, where Doug grew up living in the VT (Van Tassel Apts.) across the street, and about time shared in the same schools. We were also able to share memories of those who were on our mutual staffs.

All had such fond memories of the things that Camp Read had brought to us and the way that Camp affected all of us. And although when we first left Camp to pursue our various trails in life and moved hither and thither though life, it was somewhat amazing that we found each of us now living in close proximity, and were able to get together so easily. I am sure there are many others, especially the current staff who have left Camp behind, who will find in the future that Camp has a way of staying with you and calling back many fond memories and shared experiences.

Perhaps for the upcoming Reunion we can make the effort to renew friendships of the past. We hope the later staff members will cull up people that they would like to see again and invite them to join us at the next reunion at Camp Read in June 28, 29, & 30, 2019. After all, the Camp Read Association was formed by one former Read Man calling another, who called another, and so on, and so on. What started out as an initial list of 125, has grown to over 800 staff and friends. With the 2019 reunion a little more than a year away, we have another opportunity to re-ignite old friendships and form new ones.

Originally, we only had snail mail and telephones to reach out and "touch someone." Today we also have email and social media to look up and reach out to those "camp buddies" we haven't seen in a while. The reunion also gives us an opportunity to see how camp has grown into a 3 camp Reservation: Summit (formerly Tomahawk), Buckskin, and Waubeeka.

The seven of us got together because one of us started the "contact chain." In preparation for the 2019 Reunion at Camp, we are asking all Association Members to reach out to old buddies they'd like to see. If we all contact 5 people, and only half come, we will fill camp. Let's try for 5 and see what happens.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Reunion (if not before).

BITS AND PIECES

➤ *This issue was sent to anyone who gave to the Friends of Read. If you want to continue to receive copies of the Newsletter, please send in your contribution!*

➤ UPCOMING EVENTS

- Eager Beaver Work Weekend - June 8th -10th, 2018
- Annual Fall Hike Weekend 2018 - Great time always! Sept. 28th - 30th, 2018
- **SAVE THE DATE** - 9th Camp Read Association Reunion - **June 28th - 30th, 2019**
- Anyone wishing to contribute Newsletter articles, anecdotes, pictures, event postings, or general Camp or Scouting info should please send any correspondence to: Tom Hunter - hunteto@gmail.com

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

Curtis S. Read - February 27, 2018 (d)

A recent email to our Communications VP Mark Sikora, from Freya Read (a great Niece or Cousin of CSR), prompted us to remember, celebrate and commemorate the life and death of Curtis S. Read, our Camp's namesake. February 27th marked the 100th anniversary of his death in Dunkirk, France during World War I. Immediately below is the text from our Historical Guidebook and assorted pictures of Read and some of his family.

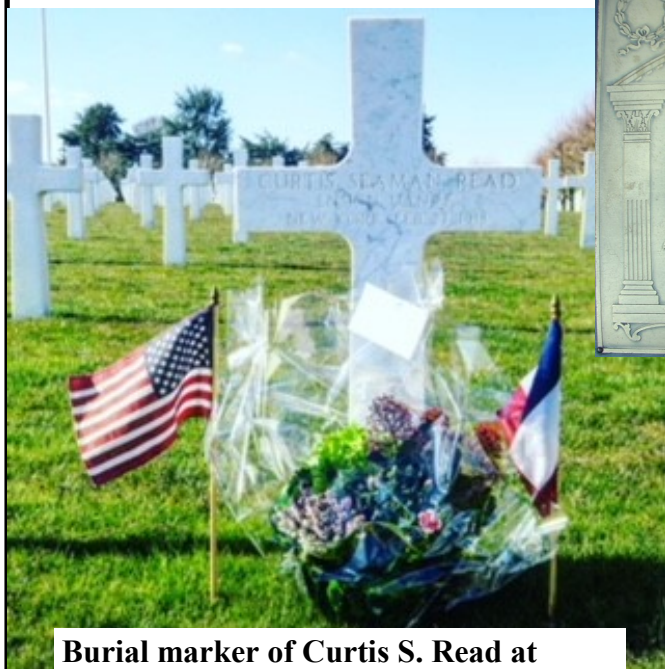
Eagle Scout, **Curtis Seaman Read**, an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve Force attached to the U.S. Naval Air Force Foreign Service, died from injuries received in a seaplane accident while on active duty on February 27, 1918. He was the first U.S. Officer killed in World War I. He was buried on February 29, 1918. A personal letter from a fellow officer to his mother said, in part:

“An armed escort of American seamen led, followed by the colors and guard. A British Chaplain preceded the remains, which were carried on a field gun carriage. Six of his fellow officers acted as pall bearers. One hundred men from the station marched as mourners, followed by the station officers, and then, the foreign officials, including military officers from the British and French Navies and the British and French Air Service. The French people lined the streets, standing at ‘attention’ and the greatest homage was shown by everyone to the first American Officer to give his life for our Country and our Allies in France. Nothing could be more impressive than to see a French General, an Admiral, British Staff Officers and many other officers of the two nations paying homage. He was buried in the Dunkerque cemetery just outside the city on the so-called Furnes Road. No soldier could ask for any greater honor than to be one of the very first to die for his country in this cause and to join the ranks of the best French and British blood.”

Before college, he was very active in the budding Boy Scouts of America as an assistant scoutmaster in Rye, NY. **Camp Curtis S. Read** was established through the generous donation of thirty-three acres on Long Pond in Lake Mahopac, N.Y by his mother Mrs. William A. Read upon his passing, as a memorial to his memory.



THE LATE ENSIGN CURTIS S. READ



Burial marker of Curtis S. Read at Sommes American Cemetery in France



Plaque dedicated by the Village of Rye, NY in 1919 and resides on the Purchase Town Hall



L. to R. – William Augustus Read, Russell Bartow Read, Caroline Seaman Read, Curtis Seaman Read and Duncan Hicks Read (circa 1917)

SAVE THE DATE!

9th Camp Read Reunion

June 28-30 2019

Yeah, it's over a year from now, but it's a **BIG one!!**

Dear Friends of Camp Read,

On behalf of the Camp Read Association, I cordially invite you, your family and friends to the:

100th Anniversary Celebration for the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation, B.S.A. Brant Lake, NY June 28th, 29th & 30th 2019

*(To keep the record straight, Camp Read was established at Long Pond, Mahopac NY in 1920
and moved to its current location at Brant Lake in 1949)*

We plan to hold our traditional reunion at camp with many of the usual activities: Cracker-barrels, Hiking, Fishing, Swimming, Boating, Field Sports and Saturday night Campfire, just to name a few. We are also planning some special events and surprises to commemorate our camp's 100th Year, 70 years in the Adirondacks and celebrating 30 Years for the Camp Read Association. This will also mark our 9th Camp Read Reunion (starting in 1979 and every 5 years through 2019). One of the key reasons for the Association's longevity is that we kept in touch with our camp buddies and encouraged them to join us for reunions and other upcoming events.

For our centennial celebration we are striving to have representation from all Era's: 1940's – 2010's; and all Camps past and present: Tomahawk, Summit, Buckskin, and Waubeeka. In that spirit, we are asking each of you to contact at least 5 of your buddies from camp and ask them to join you at this milestone event. Our goal is to fill the Camps for this Grand Celebration!

What should you do to prepare for the event (besides contacting 5 friends)? You can save the date, sign-up to help on a committee and/or activity if you wish, and check our web-site: www.campread.org periodically for updates.

Our Reunion Co-Chairs are: Tom Dietz, (dietztom@aol.com; 845 598-2072) and Tim Haag, (tjhaag@msn.com; 203 645-3121). They would be happy to hear from you if you have any questions, want to volunteer or have any suggestions for the event.

Our next step is to send another notice in the Fall 2018 with more information and request "pre-registration" info from you. Formal registration will take place in the Spring 2019.

I look forward to seeing you and your buddies at the reunion if not before at one of our other Association events.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Daley
President, Camp Read Association



Some pics from the 2014 Reunion; riflery, heaving bar, climbing wall, campfire, seeing old friends and much, much more!!

Memorials And Tributes

In Honor of Peter Oberdorf's 80th Birthday!

*Recognizing His Generosity, Dedication
and of a Lifetime of Service to Scouting,
Camp Read and The Association.*

Bill Daley, on Behalf of the Camp Read Association

If you would like to make a donation to the Camp Read Association 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).

Your name: _____ [] I would like to remain anonymous.

Your Address _____

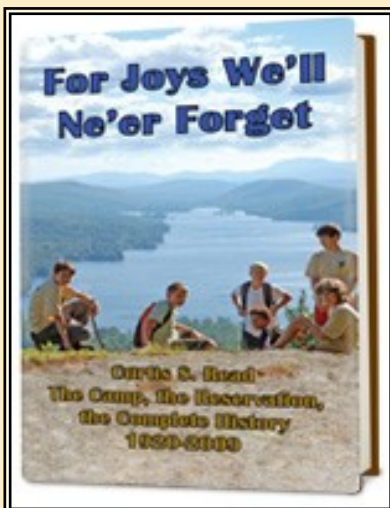
Your telephone: _____ Your email: _____

Name of individual or group being remembered or recognizes: _____

Reason: _____ Donation amount \$ _____

Name and Address acknowledgement should be sent to: _____

*Please make your check payable to Camp Read Assoc. Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA.
Mail it to Bill Daley, 3220 Mohegan Ave., Mohegan Lake, NY 10547.*



“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 the 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 reading!

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

Copies also available at the Council Service Center

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

EAGER BEAVER WORK WEEKEND



**Friday June 8 through
Sunday June 10, 2018**
Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation, Brant
Lake, NY

**Support the Westchester-Putnam Council and Camp Read by
helping them get ready for the Summer 2018!**

Join your fellow "Friends of Camp Read" for fun, fellowship and yes- work for this annual event. Lodging and meals for the weekend are offered at no cost. Please send in the registration form below by **May 21, 2018** so that meals, lodging and projects can be properly planned. *For safety reasons, we ask all participants be at least 18 years of age.*

Eager Beaver Work Weekend 2018 Registration Form

Name: _____ Scouting Position: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Time of Arrival: _____ Friday PM _____ Saturday AM

Lodging at Camp: _____ Yes _____ No

Meals Attending: _____ Sat Break _____ Sat Lunch _____ Sat Dinner _____ Sun Break _____ Sun

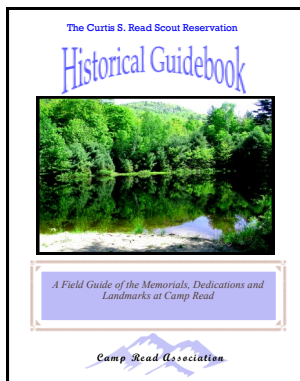
Lunch

Special Skills: _____ Carpentry _____ Electrical _____ Plumbing _____ Painting _____

Auto Mechanics _____ Equipment Operator _____ Just Plain Old Work _____ Other _____

Please send this form to: **Bill Daley**
3220 Mohegan Ave.
Mohegan Lake, NY 10547

Please visit wpcbsa.org or campread.org for more information



HISTORICAL GUIDEBOOK

The Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation Field Guide contains seventy pages of Memorials, Dedications and Landmarks found at Camp Read. The 2014 edition of the Guidebook is now in its sixth 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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Dues Policy:

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. Members 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.

Dues 2018 Change of Address Form

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E-Mail:

Address:

Phone:

City:

Contribution:

State:

Zip:

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