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Roger's Lake from Campfire Area



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Camp Read,

As we are rapidly approaching the century mark of the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation I reflect on the tremendous talent, awesome spirit and enduring dedication of those who came before me. Some I have had the pleasure to have known and worked with personally, others from the stories I've heard and from historical accounts I've seen. I am humbled to be serving as President of the Camp Read Association in this landmark year and invite everyone to join us in celebrating the 100th anniversary of this very special place.

That celebration will take place on the weekend of June 28th, 29th and 30th at Camp Read. It will be fun-filled event for all ages with many special activities surrounding the Centennial Celebration. We are currently in planning stages and ask that everyone who plans to attend to let us know. More information can be found on page 5 of this Newsletter or on our web site, CampRead.org/reunion-2019.

Speaking of our website, we have recently updated it to make it easier to navigate around and find information about our upcoming events. It's still a work-in-progress but we plan to have on-line forms for membership and event registrations. Please check it out (CampRead.org) and let me know what you think and any suggestions you may have on how to improve it.

Because of the generosity of many of our members, the Association has been able to fulfill our primary mission of supporting Camp Read and the Westchester-Putnam Council. We again sponsored the 2017 Staff Appreciation Dinner in December, contributed our manpower and skills at the "Eager Beaver" work weekend in June and was able to donate \$3500 in much needed funds to complete the roof project for the Farmhouse.

In support of Camp Staff Development, the Association sponsors the "Outstanding Staff Member of the Year" award. This year's award was presented to Bailey Pitonza. Congratulations Bailey and we thank you for service and excellent performance above and beyond the call of duty.

As many of you know the Scouting B.S.A. will soon allow females of Scout Age (11-17) to join the "Boy Scouts" and form their own Troops. This change has created challenges for the Council, particularly for the Camping programs. Fortunately, because of the many recent improvements of the facilities throughout the Reservation, it is up to the task. Through strong leadership by Rich Stockton (Reservation Director), Kris O'Connor (Camp Manager) and all the Senior Management, I'm confident that Read will set the standard for delivering a program of excellence for all.

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.

Please join us for our annual Spring Dinner and make your plans for attending the reunion and 100th Anniversary Celebration!

I would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Daley, CRA President

Congratulations to Ron Green on his recognition of being named a "Distinguished Eagle Scout" by National BSA

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 of 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 three lentos (in memory of Ken Haddermann, Chris Fearon and Bob Johnson), 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 2019. 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
 Roger Benson
 Richard Borner
 Russ Borner
 Matt Brauner
Bill Brucker
Ralph Colotti
 Kent Cooper
Dedrick Damato
 Ed D'Apice
 Tom Dietz
 John J. Doyle
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Frank Graessle

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Christopher Simone
 James Smith
Matt Terribile
David Terribile
Bill Tracey
Richard Trier
John Tripodi
Michael Tripodi
Michael Venuti
Don Walsh
 David Winchell
Ron Yaskovic

Shown in bold above are those who have given most generously

THANK YOU!

All donations to the Camp Read Association are tax-deductible

Letter-to-the-Editor By Bruce Fusillo

To the Editor:

Camp Read will mark 100 years of operation in June 2019! If we all stop and consider the momentous and tumultuous events of the corresponding period it makes the success of Camp Read all the more incredible!

We all share a common bond of experience with Camp Read, regardless of age, background, or tenure. With that in mind, my hope is to start a conversation in the Newsletter whereby readers can reflect on their own experience and share their thoughts and feelings as to why Camp Read plays such a dominant influence in our collective experience.

As I narrowed my own thoughts, I was able to coalesce around three (3) significant areas. First, I thought of the wide range of exceptional people that I had the privilege of working with while at camp. Second, I always enjoyed the songs in the Dining Hall or at camp fires. And third The Curtis S. Read Ceremony, still to this day proves to have been and continues to be a transcendent event since the first time that I experienced it at the end of 4th quarter, 1960.

Please reflect on your experience and participate in a dialogue that reflects why Camp Read is significant to so many.

Bruce E. Fusillo Camper (1960 -'62) Staff (1963 -'72)

Editors Note: We would love to hear from others that will share with us what makes Camp special for them. I'm sure we all have a slightly different view, but with a definite commonality we all feel strongly

EAGER BEAVER WORK WEEKEND 6/8 - 6/10/18

With the arrival of each Spring, the anticipation grows for another Eager Beaver Weekend at the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation. June 9th came fast and that meant it was time to return to "good ole" Camp Read to join a work crew and help get the Camp ready for the Summer season. As always, we would relive old camp stories and of course create new adventures and tales to add to the list.


Each year the number of participants seems to dwindle in numbers but the quality of work still represents the efforts of a dedicated Camp Read staff. Joe Cooke and the many Reservation Directors that followed would have been proud of the work accomplished.

A crew of "seasoned" past staff members took on re-building the benches in the Buckskin Council Fire Area. This crew included: Tim Haag, Dedrick "Deeter" Damato, Bill Brucker, Ron Phillips, Jack Neely, Tom Hunter, Bill Daley and Tom Dietz. Jeremy Hughs led the Pre-Staffers to help all the "older staff" along. Many thanks to the Pre-Staffers for they are a good hard working crew! Without their help, the project would not have been completed. One of the "seasoned Staff" was quoted as saying that "they hadn't worked that hard in twenty years"! We'll they need to come to camp more often. "Many Hands Make Light Work" and this project needed many hands and big muscles!

Of course none of the work would have gotten done without fueling the crews. Will Shanahan, assisted by his kitchen staff, did an outstanding job in the providing "first class" eats at every meal. Thanks boys for keeping us full and energized!

Our Reservation Manager, Kris O'Connor, delivered materials in support of the various projects, and came to inspect the project periodically offering words of encouragement and appreciation. The project went into Sunday but was finished in time for lunch. As always, all were left with a sense of accomplishment and the warm rewarding feeling one gets from working with a Camp Read team again.

A great experience was enjoyed by all who came. We missed those who couldn't attend but hope to see them next year! Remember, "many hands make light work" and more tales to tell.

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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

- Staff Appreciation Dinner - **12/27/18**
- Annual Association Potluck - **March/April 2019 TBD**
- Worker's Weekend - **6/7/19 - 6/9/19**
- **SAVE THE DATE** - 9th Camp Read Association Reunion - **June 28th - 30th, 2019**
- Annual Fall Hike Weekend 2019 - Great time always! **Sept/Oct 2019 TBD**
- 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..**

EAGER BEAVER WORK WEEKEND (cont.)

This year the Association's worker's Weekend participants were given the assignment of completely renovating the seating for Buckskin's Campfire area. In very bad repair, the area needed extensive work to get in to first class shape. Thankfully the work days were picture perfect, with a low bug count, a beautiful view and a great bunch of folks all working hard to improve Camp. After Saturday's exertions Peter Oberdorf hosted a get together for all the participants at his lake cottage, to celebrate his 80th birthday. What a GREAT weekend!!



Tom Dietz discussing upcoming day's work with Reservation Manager Kris O'Connor



Campfire seating—Before (center)



Bill Daley and Deidrick Damato leveling a new bench row



Tim Haag was the master of the saw on this project



Bill Brucker and Ron Phillips adjusting the blocks, and those suckers were heavy!!



Almost complete. Built to last another 30 years



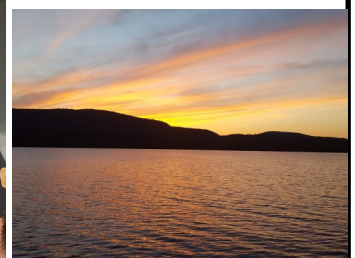
Bill Brucker, Tom Dietz & Peter Oberdorf starting a song fest



Denise Pisanello, Ron Green, Jack Neely & Ron Phillips



Happy Birthday Peter!



Day is done, gone the sun.....

SAVE THE DATE: 9TH Camp Read Reunion June 28 - 30 2019

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 keep in touch with our camp buddies and encourage them to join us for reunions and other upcoming events.

For our centennial celebration we are striving to have representation from all Eras: 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 Platinum Jubilee!

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.

The **next step** is to have everyone who is considering being part of the event to fill out a "pre-registration" form (there is no obligation if you decide not to attend or the counts change). By having an approximate count of how many adults and children (under 13) are planning to attend we can better plan the event. This will also get us your most current contact information for updates, etc. Formal registration, with payment, will take place in the Spring 2019. Please fill in info requested on the form below. Mail completed form as indicated below, or better yet, fill out the form on our web site at CampRead.org/reunion-2019.

2019 Camp Read Reunion Pre-Registration Form

Please submit form no later than January 30, 2019

Name:

E-Mail:

Address:

Home Phone:

City:

Mobile Phone:

State:

Zip:

Adults Attending

Staying In-Camp

Musical Instrument:

Children Attending

Out of Camp

Not Sure

Mail completed form to: Tom Dietz, 28 Englewood Terrace, Mahopac, NY 10541
or fill out the form on-line: CampRead.org/reunion-2019

Memorials And Tributes

In Memory of Tony Paterno
Long Time Clear Lake Campmaster &
Program Director

Don Walsh

In Honor of Bill Gamble
"Bill felt the years running the rifle range as
an active duty Marine were some of the best
years of his life"

Doug Gamble

In Memory of Roger Backus
Clear Lake Scout Reservation Ranger

Don Walsh

In Honor of Ron Green
"In recognition of being named
a Distinguished Eagle Scout"

Dedrick Damato

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).

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

Your Address _____

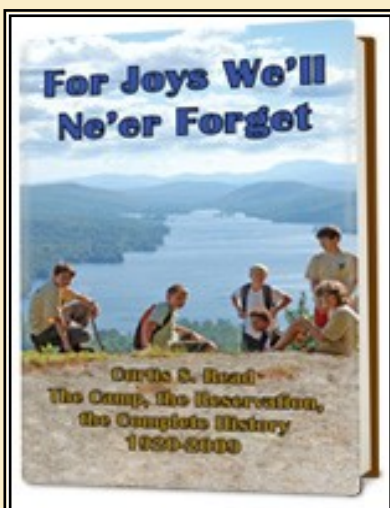
Your telephone: _____ Your email: _____

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 Order 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

Camp Read Association Fall 2018 Hike Weekend

The Fall Hike Committee

Thursday 9/27: Early Bird Special: Start at Buckskin Office hike up Camp Road to Summit and back. Saw Bear poop in middle of road. No other signs of Bear. Reminiscid about the old days from mid-sixties working in Camp Tomahawk together. Hikers: Rich Lutomski, Tom Dietz. Est. 2 miles.

Friday 9/28: Pharaoh Lake via the road: Overcast day but still a great place to be. Ran into a wolf that, lucky for us, was a dog escorting a runner. Had lunch at the peninsula across from the islands after the 2nd lean-to (Site 2). Hikers: Ron Green, Rich Lutomski, Tom Dietz. Est. 9 miles round trip.

Saturday 9/29: First, Second & Third Brother portion of Camp Read Rim Trail:

A very challenging and picturesque hike right in our own front yard. The hike starts at the Waubeeka parking area going straight up First Brother at a steady incline to about 1,600 feet. Beautiful view of Brant Lake from the top looking south west. We encountered three hikers who had ascended First Brother from Palisades Road. Apparently, this hike is listed as one of eight or so hikes "to do" in the area.

Hiking east and basically parallel to the camp road, we bush-wacked down First Brother and up Second Brother which is about 1,800 feet. You can still see Brant Lake but it is more distant and thus looks smaller. However the view of Gore Mountain and the surrounding area is more prominent and very picturesque.

Still heading east, we descend down Second Brother to an open ridge, picking up the marked trail again and then on to Third Brother, where the final ascent is straight up an open rock face on the SW side to the 1,975 foot summit. In the Col between Second and Third Brother, two hikers had had enough (Tom mainly, and Tim without too much arm twisting) and turned left (north) and went down into the valley, picking up one of the logging roads that lead to the clearing by the old Tomahawk Dinning Hall. The remaining three continued up Third Brother for some spectacular views of the Camp Read valley and beyond. They returned to Camp retracing their steps down Third Brother and using the same valley trail to the logging road.

The overall hike is pretty rugged and the trail is not well marked. Hikers: Tim Haag, Ron Green, Bill Daley, Tom Dietz, Dedrick Damato. Est. 5 miles. For reference, Mt. Stevens is 2,100 feet.

Saturday Evening Pizza Party at Peter Oberdorf's Boat House on Majestic Schroom Lake.

Thank You Peter for your most gracious hospitality; again!!

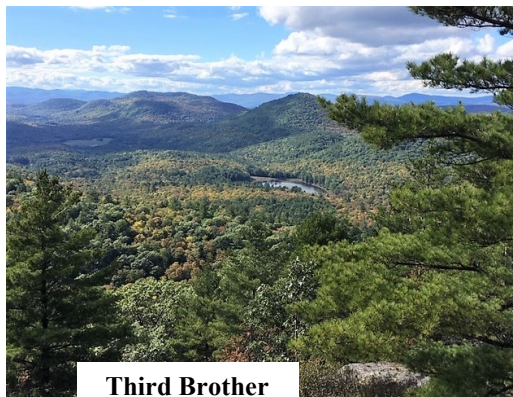
Sunday 9/30: For the record, a small black bear was spotted by Rich and Ron crossing palisades Rd. near the camp entrance.



Pharaoh Lake



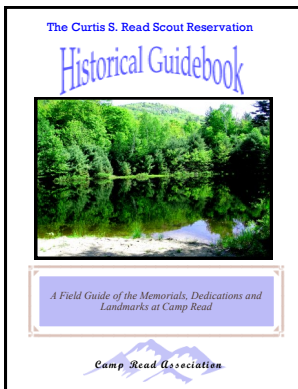
First Brother



Third Brother



Second Brother



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 2018/2019 Change of Address

Name:		E-Mail:	
Address:		Phone:	
City:		Contribution: \$100 ___ \$50 ___ \$25 ___ \$15 ___ Other \$ _____	
State:	Zip:		
<input type="checkbox"/> check here for change of address			

Make Checks payable to: Camp Read Association, Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA
Send To: Bill Daley, 3220 Mohegan Ave., Mohegan Lake, NY 10547