



Spring 2022

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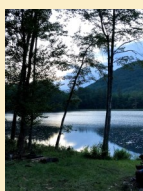
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Roger's Lake at dusk



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Camp Read,

2022 is shaping up to be a great year for the Camp Read Association and for the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation. Having weathered the storms of Covid, the Council merger and the B.S.A. bankruptcy, we have come out of the other side stronger than ever. There is renewed energy within our organization and some exciting things are happening at the Reservation fueled by the Association.

To better serve the Camp and the Council, we have formed a new committee within the Association to identify areas where our funds can be used most effectively. Under Ron Green's leadership as Committee Chair, we are working with the Greater Hudson Valley Council to align the mission of the Association with their present and future goals. This collaboration has already yielded some fruit as some of our members have stepped up and donated to specific projects targeted by the committee. Those donations and the continued support of the annual "Friends of Read" campaign puts us in a good position to help with some major improvements at the Camp. Details of specific projects and their donors will be posted on our website, CampRead.org as they become available.

We held our 2022 Spring Dinner on March 26th. Because of Covid we had to cancel the Staff Appreciation Dinner in December and decided to combine it with our annual Spring dinner. Instead of the usual pot-luck dinner, we had the affair catered, and the Staff came as our guests. We had a good number of Staff attend and no one left hungry! The Association remains committed to honoring the Camp Staff through events such as this dinner and recognizing exemplary staff members with the "Staff of the Year" and other awards.

On behalf of myself, and the Association, I want to congratulate **Bill Langham** and **Simon Riker** for receiving the Camp Read Association Service Award. Bill and Simon are some of our newest additions to the Board, but in their short tenure they have tirelessly contributed valuable time and expertise to improve our communications and grow our membership. Well done and well deserved!

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 10 through Sunday June 12, 2022, for our annual Eager Beaver work weekend. Your help is needed to get Camp ready for summer! Registration for the event is through the Council's website ghvbsa.org. More information and links to the on-line registration are on our website at campread.org/events.

We are planning to have the annual fall hike weekend at Read on September 30th through October 2nd. The Adirondack mountains in the fall are something very special and to share it with our good friends make it even better! Please save the date and join us for what is always an enjoyable event. Check the website and in your email for more information as we get closer to the dates.

Thanks to everyone who have generously supported the Association in 2022! Your donations are greatly appreciated by the thousands of scouts and leaders that benefit from your generosity and the Association's efforts. **Please note that any checks written to the Camp Read Association must have the Greater Hudson Valley Council, B.S.A. (or GHV B.S.A.) as the payee.**

Hope to see everyone at Eager Beaver and in the Fall!

Best wishes for health and happiness in 2022.

Yours in Scouting,
Bill Daley, CRA President

Upcoming Dates: Eager Beaver Work Weekend, June 10th - June 12th, 2022, and the Annual Fall Hike at Read, Sept. 20th - Oct. 2nd, 2022. Save the dates!

Friends of Read 2022

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, Bob Johnson 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.

We continue to support the Camp and your contributions are the only way we are able to do that. In these financially difficult times for Scouting, our support is needed now more than ever as the Association is able to fill needs that otherwise wouldn't be met. For example, in 2020 we provided the funding for a much needed leaf blower that wasn't in the Camp's budget.

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 2021. 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 2022. Your financial support is greatly appreciated by all the scouts and leaders who attend Camp Read and benefit from your generosity.

Russ Borner
Matt Brauner
 Colm Byrne
Ralph Colotti
 Kent Cooper
Thomas Dietz
 John J. Doyle
Dr. William Flank
 Doug Gamble
 Timothy Haag

John Hradsky
William Langham
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 Mark Sikora
Peter Oberdorf
Richard Okrasinski

Andy Poestigiaco
Ronald Phillips
 James Smith
William Tracey
Matt Terribile
 Charlie Uchetel
 Joshua Uchetel
Michael Venuti
Donal Walsh
 David White

Special Thanks to the "Two Guys XVIII Poker Tournament" for their very generous donation!

Shown in bold above are those who have given most generously

THANK YOU!

All donations to the Camp Read Association are tax-deductible

EAGER BEAVER WORK WEEKEND



**Friday June 10 through
Sunday June 12, 2022**
Curtis S. Read Scout
Reservation, Brant Lake, NY

**Support the Greater Hudson Valley Council and Camp Read by
helping them get ready for the Summer 2022!**

Join the Camp Read Association for fun, fellowship and yes – work for this annual event. Lodging and meals for the weekend are offered at no cost. We are looking for help with kitchen clean up and/or food preparation, let us know if you can help. **Please register by June 1** so that meals, lodging and projects can be properly planned. We ask that anyone under the age of 18 to be accompanied by responsible adult leaders. Please go to the Council Website, ghvbsa.org for more information and to register for the event (preferred method) You may also mail in the form below to register.



Eager Beaver Work Weekend 2022 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: Greater Hudson Valley Council, B.S.A.

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

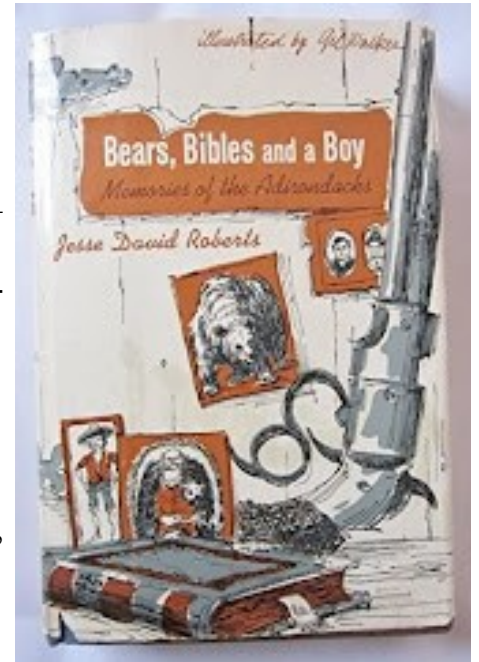
- Eager Beaver Work Weekend at Read: Friday June 10 thru Sunday June 12, 2022
 - Annual Fall Hike Weekend at Read: Friday September 30 thru Sunday October 2, 2022
 - Anyone wishing to contribute Newsletter articles, anecdotes, pictures, event postings, or general Camp or Scouting info should please send any correspondence to: Tom Hunter - hunteto@gmail.com
- The Association web site is campread.org. Please visit our site for the latest information..

Bears, Bibles and A Boy: Memories of the Adirondacks

Reflections by Tim Haag

Camp Read is a special place. When I arrived to work at camp in 1981, never having set foot in the camp before, I was awestruck by the beauty of my surroundings. Surrounded by scenic hills, with two small lakes and a set of caves thrown in, it was a nature lover's paradise. I was intrigued by the buildings – the “Old Farmhouse” for one, as well as some dilapidated foundations of seemingly ancient structures, an abandoned horse racing track and a grave of a previous property owner's beloved horse.

I had heard about a book – *Bears, Bibles and a Boy: Memories of the Adirondacks* – by Jesse David Roberts. The book told of a boy's experiences growing up around Brant Lake, and specifically talked about the area that would become the Camp Read property many decades later. I finally procured a copy of the book, and read it with great interest. A good read is always worth another, and so after what was probably thirty years I recently picked up the book again. My wife and I recently relocated to the Adirondacks, and our drives through the region along with my hiking and kayaking has rekindled my interest in the history – both natural and social – of this beautiful area.



Jesse David Roberts was born in 1882 at Brant Lake. He was one of nine children – six girls and three boys, and his family homesteaded at the north end of Brant Lake. In his book he describes a valley surrounded by **“seven small mountains curved around in the shape of a horseshoe, for good luck – or, as some felt, an oxbow to represent service. First, Second and Third Brothers were on the east side, a mountain for each of the Roberts boys. Thunderbolt stood in the center of the bend, then extending around to the north were Stevenson, Chub-pond and Big Hill.”** This is our camp! We now call Stevenson “Stevens”, we call Chub-pond “Little Stevens” and Big Hill is known as “Number 8”. I heard the name “Thunderbolt” (the hill between Stevens and Third Brother, beyond the reservation boundary at the north end of Summit Base / Tomahawk) when I was at camp, and conclude that this must be a local name as it does not show up on any of the National Geographic, Adirondack Mountain Club or New York State DEC maps that I have found.

Roberts tells of growing up in this valley. His was one of six close-knit families who lived off the land on the property that is now Camp Read. They hunted, fished, farmed and traded to eke out a living.

To better understand the title of his book, Roberts' father was an intrepid bear hunter. His hunting skills were legendary in the Adirondacks and Vermont, and Roberts spins tales of hunting exploits with wonderful ease. His father also set aside time for reading the Bible and praying every day, habits which led Jesse to later pursue a career as a minister. How apropos that this collection of memories emphasizes service and dedication to family, community, nature and God – ideals that have formed the backbone of Scouting for more than a century.

Bears, Bibles and a Boy: Memories of the Adirondacks is a delightful read of a boy's early life in the Adirondacks, and specifically in the Brant Lake and Camp Read areas. I only wish I could have met Jesse Roberts and had the opportunity to swap stories with him while sitting on the shore of Pharaoh Lake.

Bears, Bibles and a Boy: Memories of the Adirondacks may be available as a digital download (see archive.org or kobo.com). Occasionally copies turn up on ebay or on one of the online sellers of vintage books. If you prefer a hard copy and can't find one, please contact me and I would be happy to lend my copy.

Camp Read Stories: www.CampRead.Org/Stories

If you would to read more about Camp Read, it's history and the cast of characters that roamed those hills over the years, please go to our website, [Camp Read.org/stories](http://CampRead.org/stories).

Here's a list of the stories currently published:

- ♦ **"I Failed Cooking Merit Badge"** by Bill Langham
- ♦ **"How We Found the New Camp"** by John Farley & Bob Johnson
- ♦ **"Fourth Period Games"** by Art Boland
- ♦ **"The First Ranger, Part Two"** by Jim Smith & Art Boland
- ♦ **"The First Ranger & Original Buildings"** by Jim Smith
- ♦ **"Reminiscences & Summer's End: 1961"** by Tom Hanley
- ♦ **"North Country Newt"** by Greg Pitonza, et al
- ♦ **"The Office and Staff" & "Ranger Bob Newton"** by Greg Pitonza
- ♦ **"Adirondack Adventure 1977"** by Bill Daley
- ♦ **"Snorkeling and Staff Hunts in 2021: Things to do in the meantime"** by Greg Pitonza
- ♦ **"Fog in the Kitchen"** by Bob Gwinn
- ♦ **"The Doctor(s) Will See You Now"** by Bill Hamm & Roger Gottlieb
- ♦ **"Gomez Got 'Em!"** by Paul Knudsvig
- ♦ **"When the Turtle Beats the Turkey"** by John Graham
- ♦ **"Limp, Lost and Found"** by Bill Langham
- ♦ **"The Buddy System & Other Stories"** by Mike Adrian
- ♦ **"A Lesson in Site Selection" & "Hatchet Work"** by Albert Koehl

Memorials And Tributes

In Loving Memory of Catherine Dietz

Long Time Association Member, Scouting Wife,
Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother

Don Walsh

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 _____

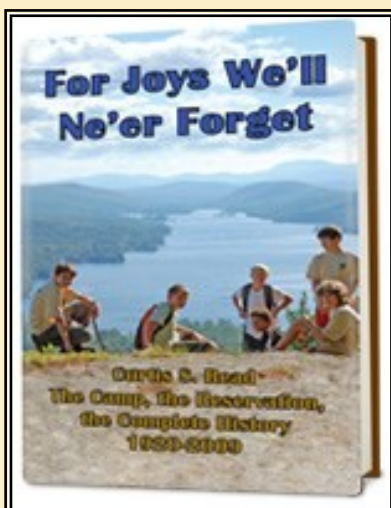
Your telephone: _____ Your email: _____

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 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!

www.xlibris.com/Bookstore

Copies are also available for sale at Association events.

All proceeds from “For Joys We’ll Ne’er Forget” will go to the betterment of the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation, Greater Hudson Valley Council, BSA

2022 CAMP READ STAFF APPRECIATION AND ANNUAL SPRING DINNER

On Saturday evening, March 26, the Camp Read Association held its annual dinner at the Church of the Holy Communion in Mahopac. This year, the dinner was combined with our annual Staff Appreciation Dinner which was cancelled in December due to COVID.

There were approximately 60 attendees, with about two-thirds of them being current staff members. Association members present included individuals who had attended or worked at Camp Read at some point over the past sixty years!

Highlights of the evening included recognition of several 2021 staff members who were honored for their outstanding performance last summer. They are:

Camp Buckskin Outstanding Staff Member: **Daniel Murray**
 Camp Waubeeka Outstanding Staff Member: **Colin Wanderman**
 Outstanding Camp Manager: **Matt Taylor**
 Outstanding Staff Member for the Reservation: **Shannon Lamont**

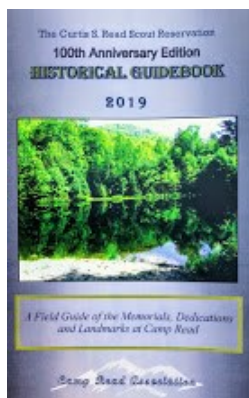


Bill Langham (center) accepting the Association Service award from Tom Dietz (right), Association President Bill Daley looks on (left)

Daniel was present for this recognition. While Colin, Matt and Shannon were not able to attend, the Association would like to extend congratulations to all for a job well done!

Also, the Camp Read Association Thomas Dietz Service Award was presented to Bill Langham for his work as Membership Chairman and excellent compilation of Camp Read stories on the Association website. Another recipient was Simon Riker, who unfortunately could not be present at the dinner. Simon is recognized for his outstanding work on the Association website. The Association extends its deepest appreciation to these two individuals for their exceptional contributions to preserving memories of Camp Read.

The Camp Read Association is pleased to host this annual dinner. Camp Read has a special place in all of our hearts, and it is the lifelong friendships that keep us connected to this beautiful place.



Historical Guidebook 2019 100th Anniversary Edition

The Curtis S. Read Reservation Field Guide contains eighty-eight pages of Memorials, Dedications and Landmarks found at Camp Read. The 2019 edition of the Guidebook celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation. Now in its seventh printing the Guidebook includes all the latest updates. This unique Field Guide, published by the Camp Read Association, can be purchased for \$29.00 which includes postage and handling. All proceeds from the sale of the Guidebook will go to benefit Camp Read.

To purchase a copy please 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 who 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 2022 Change of Address Form

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State:

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