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Founding Father

Joseph R. Cooke



Old Root Cellar near Summit before cave-in (was eventually torn down for safety reasons)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Camp Read,

As I approach my tenth year of service to the Camp Read Association as your President, I have reflected what it has meant to me, the Camp, and our Association. First, let me say it has been an absolute honor and pleasure to serve you. My hope is that I have been able to continue the good work of the previous Presidents and have helped make the Association better than when I took office. Our motto, "Many Hands Make Light Work," has rung true time and time again during my tenure, helping make my job much easier. Thanks to everyone who has served on the CRA Board and those who have volunteered on our committees and at our various events.

As an example of how the Camp has benefited from the efforts of the Association; by the start of the 2023 summer camp, we were able to complete the fishing dock projects for both Camp Waubeeka and Camp Buckskin. Funded completely by generous donations from Association members and the Fishing Committee, these became a reality for the camp. Special thanks to Mike McCabe for coordinating the project and his family for their very generous donations. The Buckskin dock was named for Mike's father (also Mike) in a ceremony that took place during the Fall Hike weekend. This was the largest undertaking of the CRA to date, and we came through it with flying colors. Kudos to everyone that made this a reality! (see recap page 4)

Our ongoing support of the Camp Staff is evident in our sponsorship of the yearly Staff Awards and annual Staff Dinner. I feel it's very important to recognize the current staff members for their efforts, inform them of what the Association does for their Camp and invite them to join our ranks. Bill Langham and Tim Haag were able to represent the CRA at the Staff Banquet where the Staff Awards were presented. Thanks Bill and Tim for helping getting the current Staff involved. The annual Staff Dinner is going to be at Durland Scout Reservation on Friday, January 5, 2024. All current Staff members are invited to join us for this event as a guest of the CRA. This will be another opportunity for our members to interface with current Staff and show them that they are appreciated.

One goal of my Presidency has been to increase our membership from more diverse groups. As we have always been open to anyone who has an interest in Camp Read to join our ranks, the majority of members are from the Camp Staffs of the 50s, 60s and 70s. To that end, we have reached out to several key people from the more recent eras to help with planning and running of our next Reunion in September, 2024. Tom Dietz and Tim Haag have agreed to co-chair the event. Joining the committee is Mike Tripodi, Bailey Pitonza, Liam Montgomery and Jim Morgan. Liam and Jim are on the current Camp Staff. My hope is that they will infuse new ideas into the Association and help to bring more people from their prospective eras into our ranks.

We are also working with the Greater Hudson Valley Council Leadership to identify projects that we can support and other volunteer opportunities that will be helpful to the Camp. Since its inception, the Association has worked closely with the Council and tries to align our efforts with their needs. Check your email and visit our website, CampRead.org for upcoming projects and information on upcoming events.

Thanks to everyone who have given so generously this past year and please consider your continued support in 2024. The thousands of Scouts and Leaders that benefit from our ongoing efforts appreciate it!

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season and health and happiness in the new year.

Yours in Scouting,
Bill Daley, CRA President

Upcoming Dates:

Staff Appreciation Dinner at Durland, Jan. 5, 2024, Worker's Weekend at Read, June 7-9 2024, 10th Reunion at Read, Sept. 20-22 2024 ...Save the dates!

Friends of Read 2023

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 leantos (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 help us 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. We are working closely with the Council to determine where we can provide support according to needs of the Camp in line with Association's missions.

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 2023. 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 2023. Your financial support is greatly appreciated by all the scouts and leaders who attend Camp Read and benefit from your generosity.

Lou Alagno

Russ Borner

Matt Brauner

Bill Brucker

Ralph Colotti

Kent Cooper

Tom Dietz

John J. Doyle

Dr. William Flank

Doug Gamble

Frank Graessle

Ron & Kathy Green

Tim Haag

John Hradsky

Richard Lutmonski

William Langham

Tom Liberati

Ward Lyke

Albert Massimi

Michael McCabe

Michael McCabe

David Morris

Peter Oberdorf

Raymond Naldini

Richard Okrasinski

Ronald Phillips

Denis Pisanello

Reid Reynolds

James Smith

Charlie Strohman

Matt Terribile

Bill Tracey

Richard Trier

John Tripodi

Michael Tripodi

Michael Venuti

Donal Walsh

Gary Wiesendanger

Ron Yaskovic

Shown in bold above are those who have given most generously

A Special Thanks to all those who have contributed to the Fishing Dock Project:

Lou Alagno, Matt Brauner, Bill Brucker, Tom Dietz, Dr. William Flank, Friends of Rye Scouting, Doug Gamble, Ron Green, Bill McCabe, Christiane McCabe, Eileen McCabe, Edward McCabe, John McCabe, Patti McCabe, Rich McKim, Peter Oberdorf, Richard Okrasinski, Denis Pisanello, Reid Reynolds, Chris Simone, Ricard Trier, The Walsh Family, Gary Wiesendanger, David Winchell & Ron Yaskovic.

THANK YOU!

105TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION - **SAVE THE DATE!**

SEPTEMBER 20 - 22, 2024

Join Us at Camp Read

To Celebrate the:

**105th Anniversary of Camp Curtis S. Read
35th Anniversary of the Camp Read Association
10th Reunion at Camp Read**

Stay tuned – more Information to come!



BITS AND PIECES

➤ UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual Staff Appreciation Dinner at Durland Reservation: January 5, 2024
 - Eager Beaver Work Weekend at Read: Friday June 7 thru Sunday June 9, 2024
 - 2024 Reunion at Read: Friday September 20 thru Sunday September 22, 2024
- 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..

Fall Hike Weekend 2023

(Excerpted from full article on the website CampRead.org/events, be sure and check it out)

20 years ago, the Fall Hike Weekend started as a Back to Camp retreat for about a half dozen guys who had remained friends through the Camp Read Association. Hiking and fellowship provided a temporary reprieve from the real world and opportunity to rejuvenate ourselves before returning to the reality of daily life. Over time the group of attendees has grown in number, adventures, and fond memories. The Adirondacks in the Fall are perfect for hiking (and fishing) with cool yet mild weather, and colorful vistas of the lakes and mountains. Besides, there aren't any black flies, no-see-ums, or mosquitos.

The 2023 Fall Hike Weekend included recognition of the newly installed Fishing Docks, dedication of the Buckskin Fishing Dock to Mike McCabe, a huge thank you to Peter Scott Oberdorf for funding the Hermitage Stonewall restoration, and a salute to Jim Smith for developing Camp Staff and Professional Scouters.

This year's group numbered 44, including 13 from the McCabe family and felt more like a mini reunion than a Fall Hike Weekend.



The weekend included Hiking, fishing, dedications, recognitions and much good eating and fellowship.

- Buckskin Fishing Program Docks - Michael J. McCabe Dedication

On Friday night (of Hike Weekend at Read), the McCabe family hosted a lively dinner with lots of good cheer at the Odd Duck in Chestertown, celebrating the life of Mike McCabe, long-time Scoutmaster and Friend of Camp Read, in whose honor one of the new Fishing Docks would be dedicated. Guests were asked to donate the cost of their meal to Phase II of the Fishing Program.

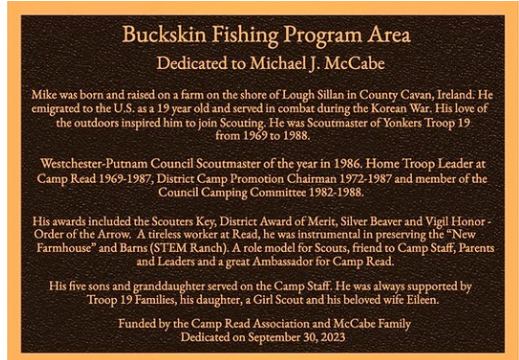
Following dinner Mrs. Eileen McCabe spoke eloquently of her husband and the impact he had on the family, the camp, and many others who had the privilege of knowing him. Among the stories Eileen told was that Mike grew up on a farm on Lough Sillan outside a small town in County Cavan Ireland. He emigrated to the US in 1950 at age 19. He served in the US Army combat infantry in Korea. He had fished as a boy and got a fishing license each year in New York. He liked the quiet of fishing; it gave him space to think. Another story told of a visit to Camp to see Mike and her boys. Mother & daughter Patti were put up in the Health Lodge – when Mike checked to see how they fared the next day, Eileen complained that a field mouse scampering about made it difficult for them to sleep. Mike responded, “Well, you should have been in my tent – I had a raccoon!”

Following breakfast all gathered at the Lake Waubeeka Fishing Dock. This dock was funded by donations from numerous Association Members. Tom Liberati, Chairman of the GHV Council Fishing Committee, sent his “Thank You” to the McCabe family and the Association for funding the Docks and for seeing that the docks were installed for use during the 2023 Summer Camp season. Unfortunately, Tom couldn’t attend because he was running the annual Fishing Derby that raises funds to stock the Camp Read lakes with fish each year. And thanks to Tom for what he and the Committee does for Camp Read and the Council.

Thirty-five of the most and least spry Camp Read Association members, guests and lots of McCabes crowded onto the fully handicapped accessible and as-yet unnamed fishing dock at Lake Waubeeka for photos and speeches. CRA is looking for the right person to honor with a dedication of this beautiful dock.

The party then moved by the camp vans up to Rogers Lake at Buckskin. Three trolling motor-equipped rowboats ferried Eileen McCabe and several others across the lake to the site where the second dock is installed. The balance of the party, including three dogs, hiked out of the Buckskin Waterfront and made their way on the John R. Farley Memorial Trail through the woods and arrived at the Porcupine Lodge ruins above the dock. The dock easily handled the 30 or so supporters who ventured down the steep slope to the gangway to board the 12 x 16-foot dock. The Buckskin Fishing Program Area and dock were dedicated to Scoutmaster Michael J McCabe with more speeches and good cheer. Mike loved to fish here and at Pharaoh Lake when he brought Yonkers Troop 19 to Camp Read.

A restoration of the Porcupine Lodge, including steps leading down to the dock, is also under consideration. A renewed Porcupine pavilion will expand Camp Read’s program area and add 4-season activities such as mountain biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and of course, fishing from the new McCabe Fishing Dock.



JAMES J. SMITH RECOGNITION

The first order of business was to recognize Jim Smith, whose influence on his Camp Staff was profound and long-lasting.

Former Professional Scouters and Camp Read Staff whom had worked with Jim presented him with the plaque below in appreciation of the positive influence he had on their lives. The Professionals included: John V, Aliberto, Dick Trier, Bill Brucker, and Ron Green. Ron Green also spoke on behalf of Ken D'Apice whom we lost in 2022. The Staff included: Denis Pisanello, Ron Phillips, Dave Miller, Charlie Strohmman, Peter Oberdorf, Bob Kneely, Rich Lutomski, and Tom Dietz.

Each of the professionals wrote how Jim had influenced them. These brief essays were read as part of the presentation. The words were warm and sincere, and from the heart. Some even

got a few laughs. Ron Green then called Jim up in front of the group and on behalf of the Camp Read Association, presented him with the plaque..



James J. Smith

Creator of Camp Read Culture of Quality Program and Camaraderie

In Grateful Appreciation for your Leadership, Mentorship, Influence and Impact in Developing Professional Scouters and Camp Staff Members

Presented by the
Camp Read Association
September 30, 2023

Jim thanked everyone for the kind words. He really appreciated the plaque and remembrances of the many good days he spent with, as Bill Brucker said, "the band of brothers". He was very proud of the fact that we all stayed together as friends and of what we continue to do for Camp Read.

He ended by saying: "no matter what these guys were asked to do, they didn't question it, they just did it". True, loyal Camp Read Staff Members all!

Hermitage Gates Restoration

During Hike weekend, all gathered at the Ranger's Shop to recognize Peter Scott Oberdorf for initiating and funding the restoration of the Hermitage Gates (stone walls adjacent to the shop).

Peter kept his own remarks modestly brief, but several CRA members (including Tom Dietz, Reid T. Reynolds, and Ron Green) enthusiastically shared words in honor of Peter and his tremendous positive impact over 72(!) years of involvement with Camp Read, and 34 years with the Camp Read Association, a founding father.



Peter and Ron Green



Tom Dietz addresses the crowd

Memorials And Tributes

In Memory of Ken D'Apice

Long Time Service to Scouting
& Camp Read
Matt Brauner

In Memory of Bob Newton

For His Outstanding Service
to Camp Read
Roberta and Dick Trier
Denis Pisanello

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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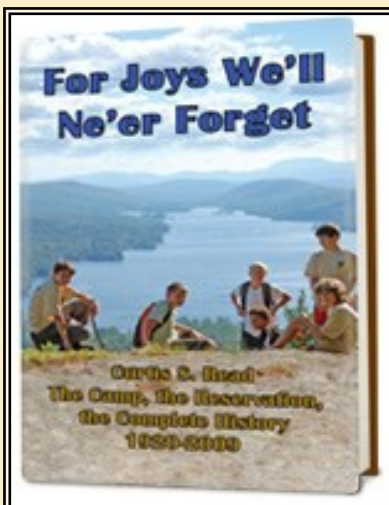
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Name of individual or group being remembered or recognizes: _____

Reason: _____ Donation amount \$ _____

Name and Address acknowledgement should be sent to: _____

*Please make your check payable to Greater Hudson Valley Council, B.S.A. (Camp Read Association in the memo line)
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



CAMP READ ASSOCIATION

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.

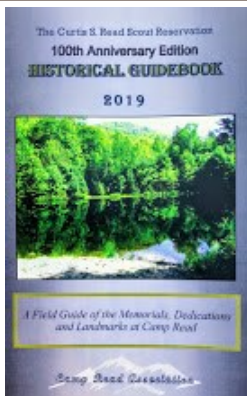
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Many Hands Make Light Work



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 it's 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.

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