



CAMP BABCOCK-HOVEY

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FALL 2016



JOIN US FOR A DAY FOR ALUMNI WEEKEND JULY 21-23rd!

You may be saying to yourself what am I doing July 21-23rd 2017? The answer is: Babcock-Hovey Alumni Weekend. We are hoping to see you there this year. This year we are hoping to have great weather and planning many great activities. As a Paid Member of the Alumni Association you can come down and camp for free (Friday and/or Saturday if you wish), and you can bring your entire family for free. If it has been a few years we have many new improvements to many areas of camp. You may take the kids fishing at Pooler's Pond, a beautiful walk down by the lakefront, or maybe some star gazing at night? As usual when you come down to camp we will feed you a bounty of food. So please join us for Alumni Day 2017 and have a great time. Please RSVP to Matthew Crance.

Written by Justin Kuczma aka Sir Chicken Man

ANNUAL BABCOCK-HOVEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING JULY 22nd at NOON FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

2015-2016 Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association Executive Committee

- President – Alexander Peck alexanderpeck417@gmail.com
- Vice President – Jason Mellen jason.mellen@gmail.com
- Secretary – To be appointed TBD
- Treasurer – Hank Roenke hroenke@verizon.net
- Social Director – To be appointed TBD
- Member at Large – Matthew Crance matthewcrance@gmail.com
- Member at Large – Bill Tilley NA
- Member at Large – Bob Purvis repurvis@aol.com
- Immediate Past President – jlaitenberger@gmail.com

Don't forget to visit our website at www.BHalum.org

Sponsor Improvements at your Favorite Campsite

Have you ever wanted to improve your favorite campsite? Now you can. We are now accepting donations for an opportunity to dedicate shelters, tents, campfire rings, and flag poles. Donations levels vary but I am sure there is a sponsorship level available to everyone. Want to help even more? How about working with your District and Sponsor an entire Campsite. What about a shelter in Mohawk donated by the Mohawk District or a shelter in Seneca donated by the Seneca District Key 3. See the attached insert for more information.

Written by Matthew Crance aka "PAWN"

The Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association is Going Green

In an effort to reduce waste, all paid members can now request to receive their newsletter electronically. This not only saves the environment but also saves money in mailing costs. Please send an email to matthewcrance@gmail.com telling him you would like to go green and he will make it so!

Summer Camp Attendance Numbers Summer 2016

We had a great Summer Camp Season this year. Below are the attendance numbers for 2016

Eagle Flight - 96
Traditional Boy Scouts - 580
Expedition Week - 114
Cub Resident Camp- 215
Scouting Total - 1,005
Onseyawa - 100
Grand Total - 1,105

Written by Jay Laitenberger aka Spinner

Staff Anniversary Gifts Now Available to General Alumni

The Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association is pleased to announce that the new Summer Camp Staff Retention Program was a resounding success. Those Camp Staff that have served for 2 or more summers each received a gift from the Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association. The gifts varied by experience level, but include a Babcock-Hovey Mug, a Babcock-Hovey Hat, a Babcock-Hovey Backpack, a Babcock-Hovey Cardigan, or a Babcock-Hovey Blanket.

Starting now, all Paid Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association Members will be able to Purchase these items if they would like. All proceeds will be reinvested into the program for gifts for next year. See attached purchase form.

Written by Jason Mellen aka "Mellen" or "Radar"

Donor Spotlight Area

Ray Howard donated a new Speaker System and Sound System for use at the OA Stage. It was in place in time for the Challenge Trophy Camporee this fall and was well received. THANK YOU!

Bob Purvis donated a new Heater Stack for use in the Kitchen. It has yet to be used this year but will be a great addition for next camping season. THANK YOU!

David Hackett, Noel Kessler, and Conrad Wedding donated a large amount of their time this fall installing a new light outside of Eagle Lodge, Fixing electrical service to Delaware Campsite and starting the electrical upgrades for Onondaga Campsite. THANK YOU!

Hank Roenke donates his time at least two times each week to camp and 1 day a week to the council service center doing various tasks. From cleaning up the landing area to pruning trees, to leaf blowing leaves, hank does it all. THANK YOU!

Presenting Your 2016 Summer Camp Staff



Alumni Milestones

Did you get a cool new jobs, maybe got married, graduated west point, died, became grand dragon in their clan, had a child, etc. If you know anyone who did something notable this year let Alex Peck know, and it may be featured in the next article.



Matthew Crance, P.E. of Liverpool NY (AKA “PAWN”), started a new job this year as a Senior Engineer at Parson’s Corporation. Matthew specializes in the design, implementation, and optimization of reagent injection technologies, such as in-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO), in-situ chemical reduction (ISCR), and enhanced bioremediation in order to clean up Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Waste Sites.

Debito Arudou of Honolulu HI, formerly Dave Aldwinckle of Geneva (AKA as Bullwinkle), describes the subtle racism in Japan in his highly acclaimed book, “Embedded Racism: Japan’s Visible Minorities and Racial Discrimination.” More Information online at www.debito.org.



Anthony Peter Senecal of Palm Beach, FL, formally from Plattsburgh NY, is featured in a New York Times Article. Anthony was a butler at President Elect’s Donald Trump’s Mar-A-Lago property in Palm Beach, becoming the unofficial historian of the Mar-A-Lago in his retirement. The New York Times article can still be found online.



FL before retiring and

Tom Langley of Oaks Corners (AKA Water Buffalo) started as a city carrier assistant this year with the United States Postal Service.



Now Accepting 2016-2017 Membership Applications

We have a current total of 55 lifetime members and 9 regular members for the 2016-2017 financial year. This is the largest the Alumni Association has ever been. The Alumni Association funnels our membership fees directly back into Camp Babcock-Hovey through projects and program supplies. Every year members receive several cool newsletters, get to attend Alumni Day for Free, receive invites to a Winter Gathering, and usually a small gift from the Alumni Association in token of our appreciation. Please note that membership expires each year on May 31st (just before Raccoon Work Weekend). New memberships after March 1 run through May 31st of the following year. Please send in your membership forms today! Please forward this newsletter on to anyone that you think would like to become a member today.

Camp Improvements 2016

Besides the PF Area Camp saw many other improvements in the spring of 2016. I wish we could show you pictures of them all but space is limited. So if you would like to see more Like the Camp Babcock-Hovey Facebook Page and Join the Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association Group for the most up to date information. Some of the additional Camp improvements in 2016 include a climbing iceberg and trampoline with log roll added to the Lakefront Area, new knee boarding board for the motor boats, renovated coffee mess area, many new improved camp directional signs, metal roof on Penn Yan Lodge, Metal roof on just about every Lean-to in Camp, new flag pole in the NAC Area, new

yellow chain to demark the shooting sports ranges, gravel road from South Showerhouse out to Oneida Campsite just to name a few! Thanks to everyone that attended Raccoon Work Weekend and especially to others that have been work behind the scenes to make Camp Babcock-Hovey the Premier Scout Camp in the Finger Lakes Region.



State of the Alumni Association

We have a great Alumni Association. Our beloved camp's Program, Facilities, Endowment and Staff are improved by our support. I am very proud of all that this association has accomplished. But, our association has one massive flaw. Most of the organization, effort, and are done by those who are currently active in the summer-by-summer, weekend-by-weekend, day-by-day functions of Camp Babcock-Hovey. Our last Alumni President was also Camp Director, I am presently also Head Chef at summer camp. In both cases, both the jobs have suffered because it is the same people doing the same things. So as Alumni President my chief goal is to not be Alumni President nor have Matthew Crance, Jason Mellen, Hank Roenke, or Jay Laitenberger do it either. As we are presently still actively selling the program and making the memories for future members of the Alumni Association.

This will be the 80th anniversary of Camp Babcock-Hovey. We will make note of that here and there, I will probably make a cake for it this summer. But, beyond that we are not doing much to celebrate or commemorate this event. One reason, is the 85th seems like a much cooler number and a massive party should be then. The other reason is we just don't have the person available to throw a party this year in my opinion.

If you are a bit perturbed or agitated by this decision, then you have my apologies and nomination for Alumni President next year. The qualifications for Alumni President are simple: you love camp and want it continue to be ridiculously awesome. The job is also relatively simple figure out what is currently going on at Camp, what help it may need and relay that information on to other people who still love camp after all these years.

Lastly, If you were a part of Camp in 2002, 2007, or 2012 frankly, I miss you and would like to know how you are doing email me or find me on Facebook and let me know what's new, maybe we could have a bit of a reunion this coming Alumni weekend. Either way, I would love to hear from you.

Yours,

Written by Alexander Peck aka Scoops

KIDS PAGE

Camp Babcock-Hovey Campsites

A A O B T P K D T S I O X C A
B K U D A N I U Q N O G L A C
P F O L A N S S K Z J F G Y B
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Can you find the names for all the summer campsites listed below in the above puzzle?

ALGONQUIN MOHICAN

CAYUGA MOHAWK

CHEROKEE ONEIDA

DELAWARE ONONDAGA

LAMOKA SENECA

TUSCARORA



Camp Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association

Providing "Spirit, Service and Support"
Membership Application

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail Address _____ Phone _____
How many and what years (if any) as a camper? _____ on staff? _____
Occupation _____ (you never know what talents we might be needing!)

____ Check here if we may list your name and years at camp on our future web site.

Eligibility requirements: Must be at least 21 years of age, interested in supporting the purposes of the Association, and in good standing with (but not necessarily a current member of) the BSA and the Seneca Waterways Council. Current Camp Staff may join at the age of 18.

Type of membership (choose one):

_____ \$20.00 – Alumni member (1 year membership June 1-May 31 of the following year)
_____ \$160.00 – Lifetime Membership
_____ \$????? – Additional Donation for any Camp Babcock-Hovey Project
Total Donation \$ _____

(For office use only #1-2306-765-00)

Please make checks payable to Seneca Waterways Council, and indicate "Babcock Hovey Alumni" in memo of check.

Membership includes three newsletters annually and notification of upcoming events. Membership expires each year on May 31st. New memberships after March 1 run through May 31st of the following year.

For Additional Information go to **www.bhalum.org** or to check your dues status contact:

Matthew Crance at matthewcrance@gmail.com or 315-246-8156

Hank Roenke at hroenke@verizon.net

Alexander Peck at alexanderpeck417@gmail.com or 315-744-3709

Your help is needed! Please list on the back of this application any addresses/emails/phone numbers (with names) that you know for other past staff members.

Please send this form and payment to- Seneca Waterways Council, 2320 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road, Rochester NY 14623
If payment is made by credit card please fill out below and mail to above address, or fax to 585-256-8533

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____ (must have)

American Express/Visa/Master Card/Discover # _____
(Please circle one of the above cards)

Exp. Date _____ Signature of card holder _____

ALUMNI GEAR FUNDRAISER



Eligibility requirements: Must be a paid Alumni Member (Lifetime or Regular)
NOTE: All profit goes back into providing staff gifts to the Staff each year

Item	Cost	x	Quantity	=	Total
Babcock-Hovey Staff Hat (2 years)	\$15	x		=	
Babcock-Hovey Staff Mug (3 years)	\$20	x		=	
Babcock-Hovey Staff Backpack (4 years)	\$40	x		=	
Babcock-Hovey Staff Cardigan (5 years)	\$50	x		=	
All items listed Above	\$120	x		=	
Shipping within the United States	\$20	x		=	

OR Will Pick Up at Camp or Council Office

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TOTAL	=	
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POSTAGE



Advice from a Tree

- Stand tall and proud
- Sink your roots into the earth
- Be content with your natural beauty
- Go out on a limb every once in a while
- Drink plenty of water
- Remember your roots
- Enjoy the View while it lasts