



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

# Vibrations

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## Call for 2016 OSA Board of Directors Nominations

Being on the Board has its share of benefits and commitments. These people make the decisions about Fix-it projects, event locations, fundraisers, membership and more. The Board's input is needed on many topics and situations. It's not all fun and games; a lot of work goes into running this organization. We need motivated thinkers and doers.

Candidates need to be OSA members in good standing, at least 21 years old and must be available for monthly meetings. The only other requirement is a dedication to Owasippe, the OSA and its members. If you or someone you know has the drive and ability to make things happen, we need to hear from you!

The Elections Committee will contact nominees to see if they are willing and able to serve. The Elections Committee will then review all the nominees and make a slate recommendation to the Board. Slated candidates will then be

contacted to garner their respective bios and goals for publication in the next newsletter.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Nomination does not guarantee a spot on the slate. The Elections Committee will review all the nominees and select a fair and balanced slate.

Please contact Dan Kleinfeldt, 2016 Elections Chairman, at (773) 505-4512 or [DKleinfeldt@oprfs.org](mailto:DKleinfeldt@oprfs.org) with any nominees. Nominations are due by December 14, 2016. Now is the time to step up and show your commitment to Owasippe and the OSA! ♣

### Why should I run?

To preserve and promote the bond of friendship forged through Owasippe; To offer your time, talents, resources, and assets to the OSA and Owasippe; To continue to provide a great experience to Owasippe campers, Owasippe staff and OSA Members; And to HAVE FUN.

Current Board of Directors		Term expires	
Carl Young	Ryan Gust	Blaise Lukasiewicz	2017
Andy Sirota*	Eric Hetland	Conrad Zadlo	2018
Barbara Lea*	Kyle Nystrom	Kurt Wolff-Klammer*	2019

\* Two consecutive term limit goes into effect.

## OSA's Annual Pizza Night - 11/25/16 - details next page



## President's Perspective

by Kurt Wolff-Klammer, OSA President

As the year is coming toward the end, it makes me reflect on this past year and look forward to the next. I am glad with everything we have worked on for camp. I love seeing all the improvements being made to camp. I was excited to see Owasippe and Gerber working together on joint merit badge programs. Along with that, I was happy to see Webelos camp back at Carlen.



While looking forward to the the next year. I am excited to finish the stair project next to the Blackhawk dining hall. This will be a great improvement both to prevent erosion and for aesthetics. We will continue to work with the OSR Properties committee to work on projects to improve Owasippe for the staff and future campers.

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming events Pizza Night (November 25th) and Dinner Dance (March 4th). These two events bring many of our members together for some great fellowship. If you have not seen some of your camp friends in a while, please invite them to join you at one or both of these events.

With the upcoming Dinner Dance comes new board members. The board is currently looking for nominations of people that would like to run. Please let us know if you are interested in running or if you would like to nominate anyone to run.

I would like to wish everyone a good holiday season, and I'm looking forward to hearing from everyone in the new year. ♣

## OSA Dinner Dance Save the Date

On **March 4th**, the OSA will be hosting the **39th Annual OSA Dinner Dance!** More information to come... please start thinking about items you will donate to the silent auction! Direct questions to Kyle Nystrom (nystrom.kyle@gmail.com) or Andy Sirota (A\_Sirota@msn.com).

## OSA's Annual Pizza Night

by Eric Hetland, Board Member

Please join the OSA for its annual Pizza Night. A night of camaraderie and fun times, the OSA Pizza Night will take place on Friday, November 25th, from 7-11 PM at European Chalet Banquets (5445 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago). Please note that this is the Friday after Thanksgiving. For just \$10, enjoy all-you-can-eat, local, delicious pizza while you reconnect with old and new Owasippe friends. Every attendee will be entered into a raffle for great Owasippe items as prizes and other OSA door prizes. The OSA will also have some items for sale and will be accepting membership dues and new applications. A cash bar is available for those 21 years of age and over. As always, we encourage our members to practice safe driving by having a designated driver.

Kindly RSVP via email by Monday, November 21st, to Eric Hetland at hetland.eric@gmail.com. Although we certainly welcome walk-ins, your RSVP ensures that we have the necessary amount of pizza, drinks, and dinnerware. If you are interested in helping with set-up, we will begin at 6:15. Additionally, please contact Eric if you are interested in donating a door prize for the event.

The Board hopes you can join us for one of the OSA's finest traditions. And don't forget to bring a few of your Owasippe friends along for a great night. We look forward to seeing you on the 25th! ♣

## 2017 Reservation Director -

**Anna M. Montes**

Anna has been active with the Boy Scouts for over 37 years and has been associated with Owasippe Scout Reservation for almost 35 of those years. Most recently she served as Assistant Reservation Director in 2016 having last served on the Administrative Staff in the early 1980's.

Anna is currently chair of the Council National Camp Accreditation Program and as such also serves on the Properties and Camp committees. She is a Vigil honor member of the Owasippe Lodge Order of the Arrow. Anna has also had prior experience as an Assistant Director and Camp Director for the Girl Scouts. Prior to her recent retirement she worked for a major global oil company in Portfolio Management, Business Unit Controller and other management roles. ♣

# OSA Fall Fix-it 2016

by Andy Sirota, Fix-it Chair

I am happy to report the 2016 Fall Fix-it Weekend was a success. The camp continues to improve after every work weekend because of our contributions.

First, I would like to thank all those who came up and participated this September. All of this would not be possible without your continued support and service. With the clouds drifting east away from camp and the sun beginning to shine, our hearty volunteers set out completing projects large and small throughout camp, from Phase One of the Blackhawk Dining Hall stairs to painting LC-5.

This fall, our volunteers painted the outside of LC-5. It is now a rustic camp brown with white accents. There was also a large crew working on Phase One of the Blackhawk stairs project. That group is building a set of stairs along the Leaders' Patio side of the Dining Hall, starting from where the Leaders' Patio meets the Dining Hall and ending down the hill to the lake side of the Dining Hall. This project will be finished at the Spring 2017 Work Weekend before camp starts. I know everyone will be impressed when it's finished for the new camping season.

Another work crew rebuilt the Hot Pack Stand at Wolverine site 23. Volunteers helped plant about 20 new trees at Ad Center. Those new trees will add to the beauty of Camp for many years to come. The exhaust fans at the Snack Bar were fixed and the light ballasts at Ad Center and Food Prep were replaced. Lastly, at Maintenance a new wheel bearing was installed on Truck 5 and the Road Grader was fixed. French Press coffee and delicious meals were served on Saturday by the Kitchen Staff.

Thank you once again for all your service and dedication. ♣



OSA Fall Fix-it 2016 (cont.)



# Summer Camp Staff Application Now Open

**W**e are pleased to announce the all new 2017 Pathways to Adventure Council (PTAC) Summer Camp Staff Application Process is now open. PTAC operates eight Nationally Accredited Summer Camping programs: Camp Napowan Boy Scout Camp, located in Wild Rose, WI. Blackhawk Boy Scout Camp, Wolverine Boy Scout Camp, Reneker Family Camp, and Carlen Webelos Camp all located on the Owasippe Scout Reservation in Twin Lake, MI. Cub Scout Adventure Camp located in Rochelle, IL. Cub Scout Family Camp at Camp Betz in Berrien Springs, MI, and Cub Scout Day Camps throughout Chicago and Northwest Indiana.

Our PTAC Summer Camp Staff was the most critical ingredient in our ability to deliver Scout Summer Camp to over 5000 Scouts in 2016. This past summer our campers earned over 10,000 merit badges, made friends, built lasting memories, and had unforgettable adventures. We are aiming to build on this great success next summer in 2017 and to do so we need the finest summer camp staff talent available.

## **Here are the steps to this year's new and improved digital application and hiring process:**

- 1) Go online NOW to [www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camping/campstaff](http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org/camping/campstaff) and fill out the new online fillable application, and then easily upload it at the same webpage.
- 2) If selected (for contracted positions), you will be scheduled a time and notified by email for an interview to be held November 26th. Interviews for Owasippe SR will be held at the Steve Fossett Service Center in Chicago, and Camp Napowan and Cub Scout Adventure Camp Interviews will be held in the Northwest Community Service Center in Arlington Heights.
- 3) If selected for a position you will receive a notification by email and instructions to complete all required paperwork and trainings through a new online process.

## **Timeline for PTAC Camp Staff**

Camp Director Applications Due by: September 1

Camp Staff Applications Due by: November 15

Camp Staff Interview Day: November 26

PTAC Combined Camp Staff Training Summit in Chicago Area: February

Camp Staff Weekend (by camp location on site at each camp): May

Camp Staff Report: June (by contract date)

Camp Staff Released: August (by contract date)

This process applies to **every staff member** (regardless of position), **Counselor in Training (CIT)**, and **summer camp volunteer** (including **Commissioners**) for the 2017 summer camping season. We look forward to another great summer of great things, and hope you will consider joining our great team today! ♣

# OSA Picnic 2016

by Kyle Nystrom, OSA Board member

The picnic saw a large turnout this year! Held at Sundown Meadow on a beautiful day, there was much excitement to be had. Everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves with the activities and the “almost” buffet. Thanks to everyone who brought a treat to share! They were delicious!

While the traditional bags and softball games were played, the younger participants got to make their own bubble wands from wire hangers and learn to make huge bubbles. I do believe I had more fun than most of the kids though! And if that wasn't exciting enough, there were also “Minute To Win It” inspired games/challenges such as Cookie Face and Pantyhose Bowling to participate in. I am pretty sure most anticipants just wanted to attempt to be silly or to have a cookie. In the end, I am so glad everyone had a great time and hope to see you all at next year's event! ♣



## Galloping Grapevine



OSA Board Member, Eric Hetland, became engaged to Lindsay Roper on September 9th, 2016 at Chicago's Navy Pier. Many in the OSA family will remember Lindsay and Eric frequently being on the dance floor at the last couple of Dinner Dances. They are looking forward to a dance-filled wedding during the summer of 2018.





# It's OSA Ad Book time again, 39 years and still going strong!

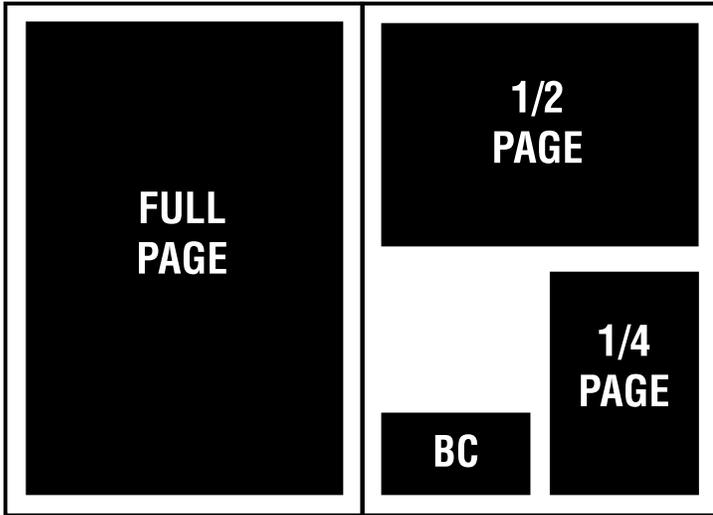
Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are seeking sponsors for the Owasippe Staff Association Ad Book distributed at our Annual Meeting in March of 2017. Here is an opportunity to promote your business, extend greetings to your friends, and/or wish Owasippe and the OSA well. The annual Ad Book is an important fundraiser for the OSA, and its proceeds help us carry on our mission of supporting Owasippe.

As you probably know, Owasippe is located in scenic West Michigan near Whitehall and Montague, and it is the nation's oldest Boy Scout summer camp. Owasippe serves youth and families from the Chicago area and throughout the U.S.

### ONLINE FEATURE OFFERS YEAR 'ROUND EXPOSURE!

The ad book consists of a program for the annual meeting, our annual report and a yearbook of event photos. We have four ad options as outlined below, and each ad lives on in the online Ad Book archive on the OSA website at [www.owasippe.com](http://www.owasippe.com)!



Please respond with your materials by January 15, 2017 using the form provided below.

Enclose your camera-ready art or any message you wish to present and mail it to the address below.

**Email ad submissions (PDFs) are preferred.**

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Derby at (231) 557-0770 or [osa.adbook@gmail.com](mailto:osa.adbook@gmail.com)

The OSA thanks you for your support and reminds you that we are a not-for-profit organization, therefore your participation is tax deductible.

### AD BOOK ORDER FORM

Complete this form and send with a check payable to the Owasippe Staff Association to...  
OSA Ad Book c/o Ron Derby • 510 Holton Whitehall Rd. • Whitehall, MI 49461

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

web address: \_\_\_\_\_

Message (or attach copy) \_\_\_\_\_

Qty.	Ad Description	Size (width x height)	Cost
	Business Card	3.5" x 2"	\$25
	1/4 Page	3.5" x 4.75"	\$40
	1/2 Page	7.5" x 4.75"	\$65
	Full Page	7.5" x 10"	\$100
	Cover Full Page (inside front, inside back, outside back)	7.5" x 10"	\$125

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All materials which the author wants returned must be accompanied by a self addressed stamped envelope.

Deadlines for submitting materials for publication are as follows:

- Spring (Issue 1) January 15
- Summer (Issue 2) April 1
- Fall (Issue 3) August 7
- Winter (Issue 4) October 15

## *Dates of Interest to OSA Members*

### *November*

- 11..... Veterans' Day
- 24..... Thanksgiving Day
- 25..... OSA Pizza Night

### *December*

- 14..... OSA Board Member Nominations Due
- 21..... Winter Solstice
- 25..... Christmas
- 31..... New Year's Eve

### *January*

- 1..... New Year's Day
- 15..... Ad book Deadline
- 15..... Deadline for Spring Vibrations Submissions
- 16..... Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

