



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

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OSA Spring Fix-it 2018:

by Scott Dorencz, Fix-it Chair

The OSA Spring Fix-it was a great success! We were able to fulfill the Ranger staff's main request: installing plywood ceilings at the three camp trading posts. The Kleinfeldt, Joyce, and Cimarusti crews insulated and hung plywood ceilings at Blackhawk, Wolverine, and Reneker trading posts.

The Dorencz crew put the finishing touches on the Blackhawk archery bridge and fencing project. Those trading posts and archery bridge

look great!

A huge thank you goes out to Edgar and Diane Wolff-Klammer who headed up the kitchen crew. No one goes hungry at a fix it when the Wolff-Klammers are cooking! Our mechanic volunteer, Matt Sodaro, repaired the dump truck and tuned up another camp truck. Your expertise is appreciated, Matt. Bob Corrao and Tom Smith serviced the food prep machines. Thanks to all others for lending a hand! ♣



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OSA Fall Fix-it — September 14 - 16, 2017

WE NEED YOU! We will be doing a number of odd jobs & special projects to help get the camp ready to close down for winter ... painting, roofing, carpentry, general repairs, etc. We also need cooks for the weekend.

We will meet at Food Prep for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Michigan (Eastern) time on Saturday morning.

PLEASE RSVP by September 10th to: Scott Dorencz, 708-567-7714 or ScottDorencz@icloud.com.

We need to know who is planning to attend so we can provide lodging, buy enough food and assemble work crews. If you have a cabin preference please let us know.

PLEASE NOTE: Persons under 18 MUST be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
Alcohol is strictly prohibited on Owasippe property.

President's Perspective

by Kyle Nystrom, OSA President

Another camping season at Owasippe has come and gone. Alas, I was unable to make it up for the camping season, but from the many campers I spoke to, the scouts had a heck of a summer! And, obviously, the 2018 staff had a blast too! Though we all had fun being on staff, the fun was always for the scouts!



The contributions we made had a great impact on the programs this year! The addition to the COPE course, donation of paddle boards, the restructuring of the Blackhawk Archery bridge were amongst the many amazing things we provided. And we are only hoping to seek more ways to help improve Owasippe.

It has only been two years since I last worked on staff, and I barely recognize the staff nowadays. I am hoping to connect with the newer staff members and gain some new faces in our organization. We have a great list of names from our OSA Pizza Party at Owasippe this summer and we hope to get them involved.

Looking ahead, I would like to thank everyone for everything on they do for this organization. From attending events, donating time, donating money, or just being a member, you contribute so much! ♣

OSA Bowling Night: Saturday, Oct. 13th

by Doug Lotter, Board member

Striking out on attempts at fun weekend activities? Does it feel like your life is in the gutter and you're just going from one dead-end alley to another? Or maybe you're just stuck in the slow lane? Well, then come have a ball with us at the OSA bowling event! You'll have so much fun and laughs that your sides will be splitting. Okay, I'll spare you the pain of more bad puns and let you know the details of this excitement. Mark your calendars!



Steve Schaefer Fund Recipients

by Kristin Mazanowski (Schaefer)

At the closing banquet on August 5, twenty-five senior staff members each received a \$350 check to help defray college costs. The OSA thanks these dedicated staff members for all their hard work this summer, wishes them the best in school and hopes to see them back on staff in 2019!

We would also like to thank all the OSA members who donated to the Steve Schaefer Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are not possible without the ongoing support of our membership.

To help continue this tradition well into the future, go to owasippe.com, choose the "Ways to Help" tab, click "Donate" and specify the Steve Schaefer Scholarship Fund to make your tax deductible donation.

If you'd like to learn more about the fund please visit: <http://owasippe.com/ways-to-help/steve-schaefer-fund/>



OSA Bowling Afternoon

Saturday, October 13th

3:30-5:30 pm

Palos Lanes

11025 Southwest Highway

Palos Hills, IL 60465

Cost is \$10 per person and includes shoes and two hours of bowling. **All ages** are welcome.

Those interested can also join for dinner and drinks afterward at a location TBD.

Questions? Contact Doug Lotter at doug.lotter@yahoo.com or 303-908-0367 ♣

More Spring Fix-it Pics



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OSA Summer Picnic

We'd like to thank everyone who came out to the OSA Picnic. The weather was beautiful, and we had a great turnout, with lots of food and fun!

The "Minute to Win It" games seemed to be a huge hit. Congrats to our 3 winners who walked away with OSA shirts! ♣



Galloping Grapevine



PO1 John J. Schmidt, III U.S.N. (“Jack”), Chicago Troop 923/Order of the Arrow, has shed his “enlisted” naval uniform to continue the journey he began in 2009 in the U.S. Navy. He has joined a select group at the NSI (Naval Science Institute) to begin the process of becoming a Naval Officer. He has completed two months at the U.S. Naval Base in Newport, Rhode Island and has begun his studies at the University of South Carolina to study electrical engineering where he will be required to complete a normal four-year program in three years. Wishing Jack the best. Keep all of our military in your thoughts and prayers.

Barb (Lea) and Eddy Ojode gave birth to a baby girl named Elizabeth on June 11, 2018 (8 lbs, 3oz; 21.5 inches long) and are excited for her to begin camping at Owasippe!



Laura Chmura (Levan) and her husband Steven celebrate their first child, Charlotte Elaine. Born July 17th, 6lbs 14 oz 19in.



The OSA purchased some tools for the camp rangers earlier this summer. Thanks for all you do, rangers!



Galloping Grapevine, cont.

Former Board Member, Eric Hetland, married Lindsay Roper-Hetland on July 6th!



2018 Staff people of the year: (pictured left to right)

Grant Goodall - Wolverine Youth
Nathan Carpenter - Blackhawk Youth
Nick Udell - Blackhawk Adult
Kyle Peters - Wolverine Adult
Katie Hogan - Reneker
Erik Nyberg - High Adventure



See You at the End of the Trail



We are sad to announce the passing of Craig Johnson.

Craig was born July 31, 1943, and passed away on June 19, 2018, after a bout with cancer. Craig was a continuous member of Boy Scout Troop

923 from the time he joined Scouting in 1954. He served in many positions included assistant

scoutmaster and scoutmaster. During this time he mentored more than 50 Eagle Scouts.

On the district level, he chaired round tables, ran first aid meets, and camporees. He worked for two years at Owasippe Scout Reservation as a senior commissioner a Wolverine (2006) and shooting sports director at Blackhawk (2007). Craig received the Silver Squirrel, Scoutmaster's Key, the District Award of Merit, and the Silver Beaver. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and had recently become a great-grandfather. His sense of humor will be sorely missed. ♣

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- 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

September

- 3..... Labor Day
- 10..... Fall Fix-it RSVPs due
- 14-16 OSA Fall Fix-it Weekend

October

- 15..... OSA Vibrations copy Deadline
- 31..... Halloween

November

- 11..... Veterans' Day
- 22..... Thanksgiving Day
- 23..... OSA Pizza Night

December

- 25..... Christmas
- 31..... New Year's Eve

