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# VIBRATIONS

## NEWSLETTER

### Another Successful Fall Fix-It

*by Adam Keene, Fix-It Chair*



Another successful Fall Fix-It is behind us and I want to give everyone who came out a heartfelt THANK YOU! Your dedication to Owasippe and selfless gifts of your time and energy are truly appreciated! We had a great weekend with amazing weather and super productive projects.

This time we focused some much needed attention to the staff cabins at Blackhawk and Hi-Ad (Tent City). We had a crew at each site and they repaired window screens, shutters, door hinges, front steps, and finished interior painting at Blackhawk. We plan to continue this effort in future Fix-It weekends so that all staff cabins in each of the section camps get the attention they need.

In the Blackhawk Dining Hall basement, additional light fixtures were installed which really brightened the place up. At Ad Center, repair work was done to the outdoor lighting system and some wood panels on the ceiling were replaced. There was also a small crew in the Museum continuing the effort to clean and organize.

Once again we had an awesome Food Prep crew who provided hearty meals, serviced the drink machines, and cleaned and stowed equipment away for the winter. In addition to the three meals on Saturday, they also provided a taco bar dinner on Friday night and a smorgasbord brunch on Sunday. If you haven't been to a recent Fix-It weekend, you are truly missing out! Keep an eye out for next Spring's Fix-It announcement via email, newsletter, and social media.

**The newsletter for the members of the Owasippe Staff Association**

## President's Perspective

by Kevin Harper



Howdy Membership! As the year comes to a close, we as an organization have had a lot of success despite our share of challenges. With much discussion amongst the board we had success in our annual work weekends at camp that assisted in both setup and close down of Owasippe. This was all accomplished with the help of our flexible and dedicated membership and their families. It is my hope that in the spring we can really show our strength as an organization. Hopefully we can all meet again in person at our Annual Meeting in March and do our best to make a HUGE impact at work weekend this spring. The Board and I have already had some good conversations to address some of the needs on the staff rows, maintenance requests, and the continued improvement of camp for the staff & campers. Lastly, I would like to invite any and all members that have an interest in running for the board next year to please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

## OSA's Annual Pizza Night 2021

by Kevin Harper



Please join the OSA for its annual Pizza Night. A night of camaraderie and fun times, the OSA Pizza Night will take place

**Friday, November 26th**  
**7PM - 11PM**  
**at European Chalet Banquets**  
**5445 S. Harlem Ave., Chicago**

Please note that this is the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Every attendee will be entered into a raffle for great Owasippe swag 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 22th, at [osainfobooth@gmail.com](mailto:osainfobooth@gmail.com) or to the survey link (QR Code).

Although we certainly welcome walk-ins, your RSVP ensures that we have the necessary amount of pizza, drinks, and dinnerware. Additionally, please contact Candy if you are interested in donating a door prize for the event. And don't forget to bring a few of your Owasippe friends along for a great night of reconnecting. We look forward to seeing you on the 26th! We will also will have apparel for sale or pickup!

## Help Wanted: OSA Historians

The Owasippe Staff Association is looking for some assistance in digatalizing and scanning a few boxes of OSA Archives including photos and documents to our Google Drive. If interested please contact osainfobooth@g-

## Fund raise a Glass!

by Mike Brus

Back in May, Sawyers Brewing and Blue Lake Hops, a local hop farm owned by OSA life member Jim Sclichting, brewed a beer affectionately called “9900 Pale Ale”. This beer was made with West Michigan grains, Michigan Copper, and Michigan Mackinaw hops. Sawyers Brewing pledged to make a donation of \$0.50 for every pint of 9900 Pale Ale sold. This amounted to a \$952 donation to the OSA! Thank you to Jim Sclichting for donating the ingredients to make this beer! And an even bigger thanks to all of those who supported Sawyers Brewing and the 9900 Pale Ale this summer!



## West Michigan Outpost

by Dalton DeVries

As a staff member you may have explored West Michigan’s local attractions in your freetime. Whether it be an afternoon in Whitehall, Fremont, Twin Lake, or a longer trip to Muskegon, Silverlake, or Grand Rapids we’ve all explored some ‘outposts’ away from camp. Here are updates on what’s happening locally around OSR!



Barrier bags have been in place closing two lanes of traffic at Route US-31 between the Cities of Montague and Whitehall since the Spring of 2020. This month MDOT will be working to remove the bags and reopen the full roadway linking the two towns. The road was closed due to recurring high water levels in 2019 and 2020.

November 19th and 20th Montague and Whitehall will kickoff the 2021 holiday season with Christmas tree lighting ceremonies, free carriage and trolley rides, cocOa, treats, storefront sales, make and take ornaments, and a visit from Santa himself! For more info visit the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page or whitelake.org.

# CALL FOR 2022 OSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

by Kevin Harper

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 and conference calls. 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 for 2021 OSA Board of Directors Nominations 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 email the OSA at [osainfobooth@gmail.com](mailto:osainfobooth@gmail.com) or Dan Kleinfeldt, Elections Chairman, at (773) 505-4512 or [DKleinfeldt@oprfs.org](mailto:DKleinfeldt@oprfs.org) with any nominees. Nominations are due by January 4th, 2022. Now is the time to step up and show your commitment to Owasippe and the OSA!

## Current Board Term Expirations

2022	2023	2024
Adam Keene	Henry Nakazawa	Michael Brus
Candy Merritt	Michelle O'Conner	Chris Sanchez
Kevin Harper	Jennifer Kotwasinski	Wally Kleinfeldt

\* Two consecutive term limit goes into effect.

## Holiday Shopping with OSA Amazon Smiles!

Do Your Holiday Shopping with [Smile.Amazon.Com](https://smile.amazon.com) and Help the OSA

You can give a gift to Owasippe at the same time you buy anything from Amazon! When signed in on Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), and in the drop down menu underneath the search bar, choose Owasippe Staff Association.

A percentage of your purchase will go toward the OSA.

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# Owasippe to Keep Camp Napowan's Legacy Alive

by Dalton DeVries

Pathway to Adventure Council has made the tough decision to sell its other summer camp property - Napowan Adventure Base in Waushara County, Wisconsin. Now its legacy will be kept alive at OSR.

With 2022 interviews around the corner Owasippe hopes to provide a new home to many of Napowan's staff who still have a passion for scouting. Additionally much of their equipment will be brought over to support Owasippe Programs. One of Napowan's most popular program areas, 'Flintlock Village', is being rebuilt in the Wolverine south loop. At Napowan, this frontier style program hosted blacksmithing, pulp and paper, candle making, basketry, The 'Mercantile' Trading post, and more. The Reservation Ranger Staff are already working hard on the structure that will house the Forge. All involved, including the Napowan Staff, are hoping to see Napowan's legacy live on.



An additional week of camp has been added to the beginning of the summer to accommodate Napowan troops who traditionally begin their summer a week earlier than those at OSR. At Blackhawk this will be an additional week of Scouts BSA Program, Wolverine will move a week of their Cub Scout Program (Opening up another Scouts BSA week later in the summer), and Reneker cabins will be available as well. More information will be available on booking soon.

## Additional Fall Fix It Photos



# It's OSA Ad Book time again, 44 years and still going strong!



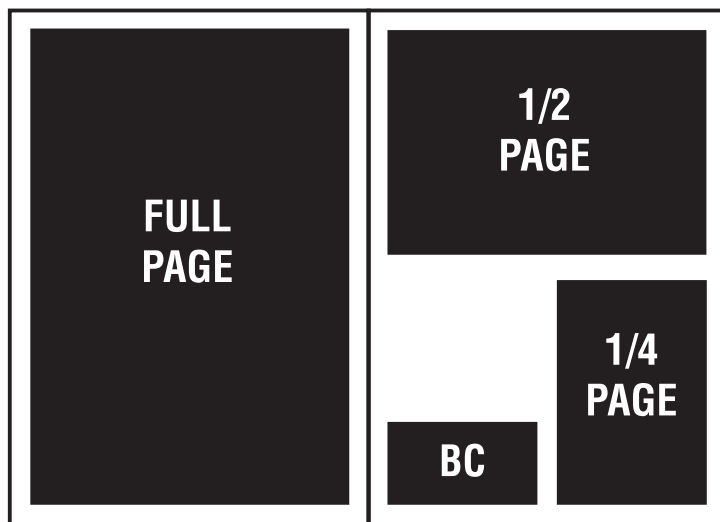
Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are seeking sponsors for the Owasippe Staff Association Ad Book distributed at our Annual Meeting in March of 2022. 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, 2022 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

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Qty.	Ad Description	Size (width x height)	Cost
	Business Card	3.5" x 2"	\$30
	1/4 Page	3.5" x 4.75"	\$45
	1/2 Page	7.5" x 4.75"	\$70
	Full Page	7.5" x 10"	\$105
	Cover Full Page (inside front, inside back, outside back)	7.5" x 10"	\$130

# Upcoming Dates of Interest to OSA Members

## November

14th OSA Board Meeting  
 22nd RSVP for Pizza Night deadline  
 26th OSA Pizza Night

## January

4th Board Member Nominations Due  
 9th OSA Board Meeting  
 15th Ad Book materials deadline

## December

12th OSA Board Meeting

## February

13th OSA Board Meeting

## OSA APPAREL NOW AVAILABLE!

Shipping is NOT included if you wish to have it delivered.  
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**F**  
 Hoodie - Black/Green  
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