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NEWSLETTER

Another Successful Fall Fix it!

By Chris Sanchez

"85" OSA Members, their friends and families attended the 2024 Fall Fix-it.

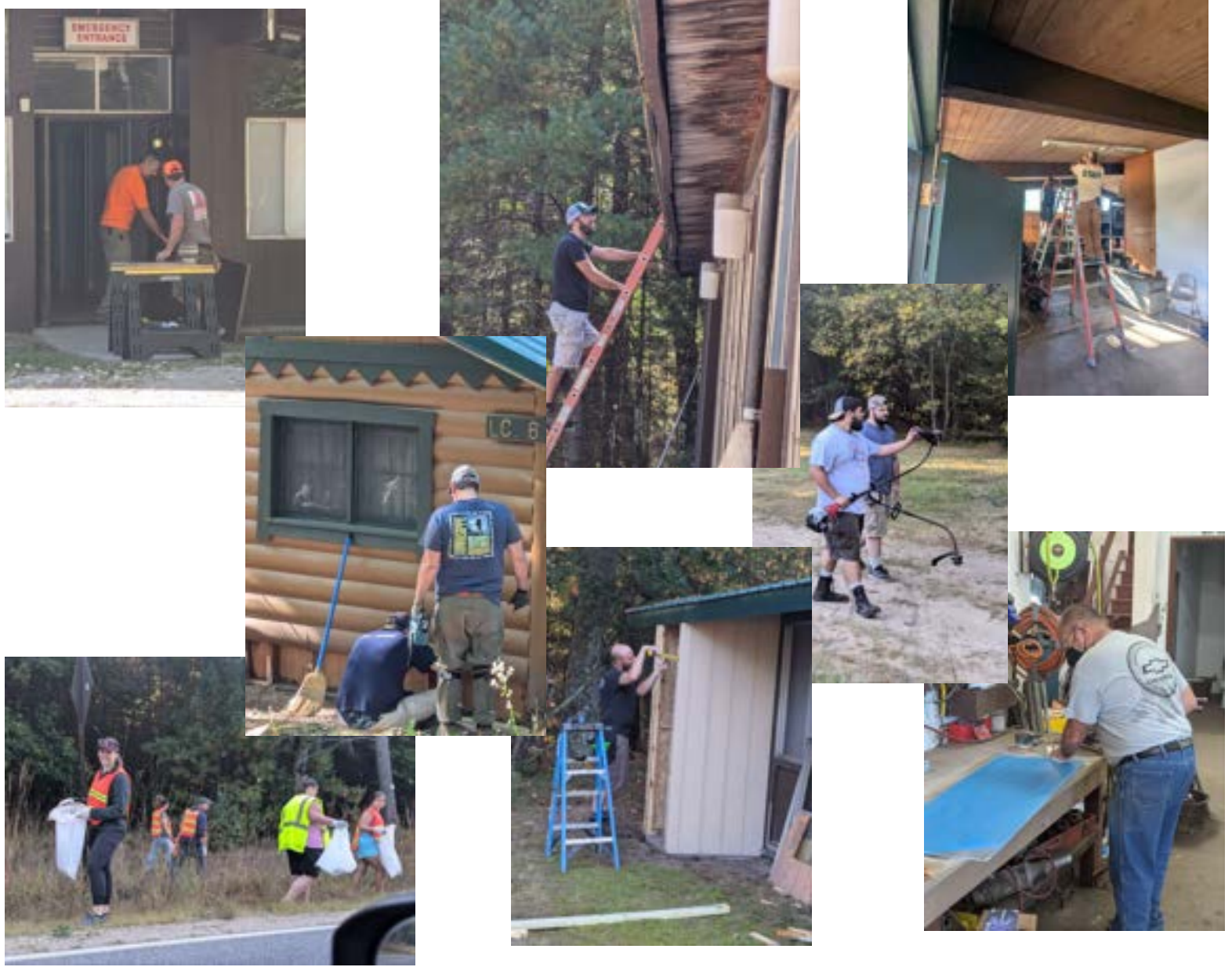
A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the attendees. You all deserve a **Class A Cheer** for jobs well done!

Hopefully you have put May 16-18, Spring 2025 Fix-it, on your calendar. Reach out to the Staff of your era and bring them with you. Let's see which decade can have the most staff in attendance!!!

Projects that were completed include:

- Reneker Staff Row beautification. Sides A & B were also trimmed back to give greater walking ease. Brush was cleared away from all hydrants and water lines to help with shutdown. The trading post got a new door!
- LC-6 saw new glazing and painting of all the windows. The bottom boards of the cabin are now all replaced. The rock that was laid a year ago was redistributed.
- Wolverine Boat docks also got a face lift! The area 6 ft. from the docks was cleared of brush and small trees. The grounds were patrolled for garbage, fish hooks and line. The tube where dangerous lures can be placed was emptied. The boat house was rearranged Boats and canoes were placed back in their respective areas.
- Russell Rd., Silver Creek Rd., and Owasippe Rd. were cleaned of all debris.
- The stairs down to the basement of the museum saw a check dam put in place to stop the erosion. Now for a new door in the spring!
- Signage is a BIG task at camp. New signs were and are continually being made. Many road signs also got painted. Look for green and white signs as you enter the property.
- The Cooks cabins are in the process of being completed! Both should be up and running for the 2025 season. This project will continue in the off season.
- The Health Lodge got a lot of attention this time! New fascia boards, doors shaved to fit their openings, brush cleared for at least 6 feet around the entire building, roof clear of leaves, new locks and it was prepped to be painted in the spring
- Our chefs did an outstanding job feeding us both at camp and at the Blue Lake Farm.
- Lastly, screens were made for food prep and all buildings that needed screening were measured as we will continue our screening of the buildings in the spring.

The newsletter for the members of the Owasppe Staff Association



Night at the Ballpark

By: Jennifer Kotwasinski

Thank you to all that were able to come out in the rain to enjoy Elvis night at Ozinga Field on Saturday August 17, 2024. It was great to see so many families enjoying the game and maybe a hotdog or two. Fireworks were great as always. Hope to see you again next year.



President's Perspective

By: Jen Kotwasinski



As many watch the leaves fall from the trees, I wanted to thank all of the people who came out to the fall fix-it this past September. We saw many new and old faces that weekend, as well as marked Multiple tasks of our growing list of updates.

Thank you to all the people that helped make the weekend a success.

If you are looking to get more involved and would like to help organize future fix-its as well as one of our other events, please contact us at osainfobooth@gmail.com and we would love to have you join one of our committees.

Hope to see you at one of our other upcoming events.

Upcoming OSA Dates

October

28.....Board Meeting 7:00 CT

November

30.....Board Meeting 4:30 CT

30.....Pizza night

December

23.....Board Meeting 7:00 CT

January

19.....Wolves Game 3:00 CT

27.....Board Meeting 7:00 CT

February

24.....Board Meeting 7:00 CT

March

08.....Annual Meeting TBD

Welcome to our New Members

Brice Beutin

Steven Mangas

Alan Michalski

We're excited to have you

join the OSA!

Pizza Night!

Our Annual Pizza Night will be held on Saturday, November 30th, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at European Chalet Banquets. 5445 S. Harlem Ave. Chicago, IL 60638



For just \$15, 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 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 20th, to osainfoooth@gmail.com. Although we certainly welcome walk-ins, your RSVP ensures that we have the necessary amount of pizza, drinks, and dinnerware. Additionally, please contact our shared inbox if you are interested in donating a door prize for the event!

Chicago Wolves Hockey Game Sunday January 19, 2024

The Chicago Wolves will be playing the Bakersfield Condors at 3:00 P.M. At Allstate Arena 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL 60018 (located near the intersection of Interstates 90 and 294) Registered OSA Members and their families and friends are invited to attend. The cost is \$22 per person

Attendance is by RSVP only by December 3rd accompanied by payment by:

Mail a check to the OSA ... P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154

Zelle (use osainfoooth@gmail.com)

Bring cash or check to OSA Pizza Night Saturday November 30th

PayPal payment at via the OSA Online Store <https://owasippe.com/ways-to-help/store/>

Tickets will be available on the day of the game or arrangements can be made for advance pick up by contacting Jennifer Kotwasinski (224) 223-3489. All ticket purchases are final and non-refundable.



2025 Nominations and Election: Dan Kleinfeldt, Elections Chairman

We are looking for members to run for the OSA Board. Board members make a personal commitment to help the organization run effectively and smoothly. This is done by holding a position, helping with a committee and providing input on topics and situations. The positions we need filled are: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, membership chair, fix-it chair, event chair, fundraisers and more.

Candidates need to be OSA members in good standing, dues paid up to date (2025), 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 email the OSA at osainfobooth@gmail.com with any nominees. Nominations are due by December 9, 2024.

Term Expires 2025	Term Expires 2026	Term Expires 2027
Michael Brus	Jennifer Kotwasinski **	Paul Kerchberger
Ryan Carlson	Pat Troy	Kevin Oster
Kevin Harper**	Edgar Wolff-Klammer	Chris Sanchez**

**Two term limit goes into effect

Save the date!!
Annual Meeting will be held Saturday March 8, 2025
Location to be announced soon

Owasippe Summer Camp 2024 Recap

By: Pat Troy

Let us first acknowledge the 2024 Staff Members who were voted by their camp to be the Staff Person of the Year. This is a long standing tradition for the Owasippe staff for each staff to recognize those people who they thought contributed most to the success of their camp.

- Blackhawk Youth Staff Member of the Year - Locklin Bell
- Blackhawk Adult Staff Member of the Year - Justin Schaaf
- Reneker Staff Member of the Year - Joyce Reising
- High Adventure Staff Member of the Year - Jonah Linko
- Wolverine Youth Staff Member of the Year - Joe Howley
- Wolverine Adult Staff Member of the Year - Brendan France

At camp this summer, there were over 5,000 adults, scouts, and Reneker campers. Certainly, the highest attendance in recent years with scouts coming from all over the Midwest and as far away as Texas and the Far East Council to attend. Blackhawk has over 500 campers in each of Week 4 and Week 5. The Cub Scout program at Wolverine in Week 7 had record attendance. The High Adventure program saw increased usage, completely filling all available program slots in numerous programs even after adding additional program opportunities for the campers. Reneker had weeks when every cabin was booked.

Every camp innovated on new program ideas or expanded on existing programs. These additions were noticed and appreciated by the older campers and leaders. Feedback was that the campers truly enjoyed their time at camp and couldn't wait to return on 2025.



2024 Schaffer Fund Recipients

Nick Baker, Nathan Brodsky, Emma Case, Christopher Chambliss,
Melania Danikovas, Brendan France, Liam Harper, Salma
Hummos, Ian Kells, William Knogl, Samuel Lask, Harvey LeBeau,
Michael Magruder, Megan Mandrelle, Joyce Reising, Jessica
Richards, Ryan Riley, Evan Sarasin, Jake Sawin, Suki Somyoo,
Daniel Stull and Raymond Stull



Galloping Grape Vine



Dr.. Katie Heffernan recently traveled to Tsinjoarivo, Madagascar funded by a research grant. She is currently a professor of Biology at Richard Bland College of William & Mary.



Congratulations to Caitlin Boline, her husband Pat Dospoy big sister Cahill on the brith of Chloe Nora Dospoy. 10-8-24, 7lbs 12oz. The new family of four will be relocating to Washington D.C. in January.



Dannielle Carroll is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army and her family currently resides in New Jersey (wife Mariya, daughter Ariel, and son Simon)



Congratulations to Anne and Paul Kerchberger on their marriage on October 19th.



Rachael Seida (Belka) and her family recently relocated to Pensacola, FL after 2 years in Germany where her husband serves as a Commander in the military.

Please Consider Donating to the OSA

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or donated money, supplies and materials this past year.

As a loyal friend and supporter of the OSA, you know that our mission is to provide assistance in the maintenance of facilities and in service to the program of the Owasippe Scout Reservation.

Here are the ways you can make a donation:

Checks: Made payable to the Owasippe Staff Association and mailed to Owasippe Staff Association, P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154 or bring to pizza night.

Bank Transfer: Zelle® to osainfobooth@gmail.com

Credit card: Please go to <https://owasippe.com/ways-to-help/store/> . Here you will see the [OSA's online store](#) and you can choose from a list of fund options. **General Donations help the most.**

Purchase an ad in our Annual Dinner Ad Book (form in this newsletter)

**Thank you again for everything you do to support us
and to give back to Owasippe.**



Photo by Jason Kulak

It's OSA Ad Book time again, 47 years and still going strong!



- Promote your business
- Give out coupons
- Thank someone
- Remember someone
- Encourage someone
- Say happy birthday
- Say happy anniversary
- Say I love you or I miss you
- Share a joke or a story

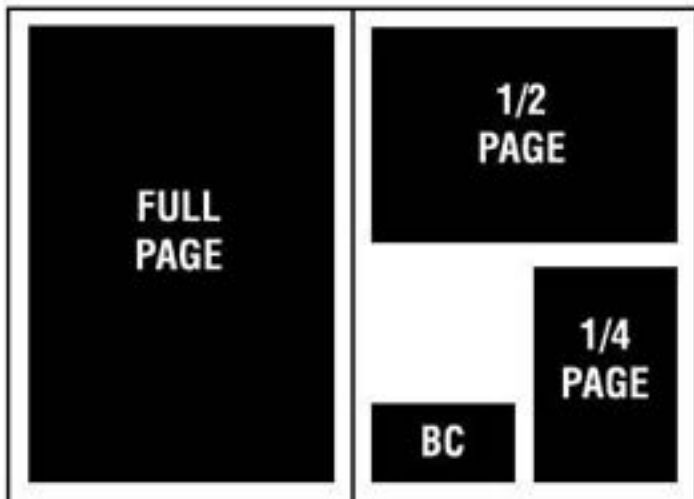
Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are seeking sponsors for the Owasippe Staff Association Ad Book distributed at our Annual Meeting in March of 2025. 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 thousands of youth and families from the Chicago area and throughout the U.S. each year!

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!



Please respond with your materials by January 15, 2025 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

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: _____

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State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Date: _____

Business Name: _____ web address: _____

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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

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