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NEWSLETTER

New Reneker Fun Weekend in August!

By: Jennifer Kotwasinski

The Pathway to Adventure Council has offered the OSA use of Reneker cabins the weekend of Friday August 22nd through Sunday August 24th, 2025 as a thank you for the hard work and dedication. Current (dues paid through 2025) and Life members are offered the use of these cabins \$30 for the weekend. If you would like to attend, please send an email directly to osainfoboath@gmail.com requesting a cabin. You will be contacted by an OSA board member for cabin availability and payment completion. Cabins are limited so please reserve yours early.

Things to Note when making a reservation:

- Must be either a Life member or dues paid through of 2025
- Only 38 cabins available
- Limit one reservation per member
- Member making reservation must attend weekend (family and friends welcome to join member in cabin).
- Reservations are first come first serve (no special cabin # requests)
- No group activities planned
- Reservations are not finalized until payment has been received and cabin number is assigned.
- The pools will be closed
- The waterfronts will be open (though Blackhawk Beach will not have the dock)
- REMINDER: Owasippe is pet free and alcohol free

*Looking forward
to hanging out
at Reneker with
everyone!*



President's Perspective

By: Jennifer Kotwasinski

Owasippe is bustling with campers as we enjoy these hot summer days! A huge thank you to the 90 volunteers who made Spring Fixit a success. Their hard work on multiple projects helped prepare the reservation for campers and staff. We appreciate their dedication and camaraderie.



Join us for Fall Fixit, September 19-21, 2025.

The board members are working to spice things up for our members, keep an eye out for new opportunities to get together later this year. This year, skip the ballgame and join fellow OSA members for a weekend retreat at Camp Reneker (Go for It!) for only \$30. Find all the details on page one.

Welcome to our New Members

New Members:

Teri Ross

Charles Regan

Michael Gaughan

New Life Member:

Jim Hegwood

Thank you for your support!

Galloping Grapevine

Brother David Relstab (former Wolverine & Blackhawk Staff person), of The Midwest Augustinians, travelled to St. Peter's Basilica in May for the inaugural mass of Pope Leo XIV. Brother David had the honor and privilege to present the newly elected Pope with a gift on behalf of The Midwest Augustinians.



End of Trail

Family, friends and fellow Scouters mourn the loss of Frank J. Chlebek. Husband to Nancy, father to Dan. Frank was a dedicated professional, an integral part to the workings of the Arrowhead District, an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor, Mentor and OSA member. He touched many lives through the C.I.T. program and other positions on camp staff at Owasippe. Memories of his smile and chattiness will be greatly missed. His legacy will live on through those lives he touched. May the Great Scoutmaster of all scouts be with us till we meet again!



SPRING FIX-IT REVIEW

BY: CHRIS SANCHEZ

The 2025 Spring Fix-it brought together 90 of the hardest working members and friends on the planet. We completed 23 projects, ate delicious meals, shared stories and had a group of staff from the 70's together for the first time in a while.

All in all, if you weren't there you really missed a good time. You missed giving back to the camp that gave so much to you as a staff person. You missed your past friends and making new ones. We missed YOU! To each of you in attendance, thank you very much for your service to "*All the Wealth of Earth and Heaven!*"

We would love to have everyone back for the **Fall Fix-it** the weekend of **September 19-21**. We will be housed in Reneker A & B sides. If we need more space for the 100 we're expecting, we will make room. Looking forward to having 100 on hand in the fall to finish up any loose projects, start new ones that can be completed in the spring of 2026, and put the camp to sleep for the winter. If you choose to come up on Thursday, you will be expected to give 6 hours of service on Friday. "A Scout is Helpful!"

Again, thanks to all that were in attendance. The Scouts at camp are enjoying the fruits of your labor. Their smiles tell it all.

Other Ways to help the OSA

Reminders from Edgar Wolff-Klammer

Invite a friend to join the OSA... Membership in the Owasippe Staff Association is open to all friends of Owasippe who are 18 or older at the time of application.

<https://owasippe.com/ways-to-help/membership/>

Keep your membership dues current...

Dues cover numerous operational costs like liability insurance and postage.

We simply cannot carry members that don't keep their dues current.

<https://owasippe.com/ways-to-help/osa-online-store/>

Make cash or stock donations... If you're looking for a charitable tax deduction or a break on capital gains tax, why not make a cash, IRA or stock donation to the OSA? Make checks payable to the OSA and mail to: OSA, P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154. You can also do a Bank Transfer: Zelle® to osainfoboath@gmail.com

Donate old Owasippe & Scouting

Memorabilia... If you just don't have room to display those neckerchiefs or Owasippe mugs, don't throw them away! Donate them to the OSA so that we can sell them as fundraisers. Contact us at osainfoboath@gmail.com for info!

CIT Training went great!

By: Kevin Oster

There were a total of 21 CIT's that went through the training this year. We were set up in site 15 at Wolverine. They hiked to the Bogs, Paradise Valley, Owasippe Grave and through each of the sub camps. We also took them on a canoe trip down the White River. They also got to do some low COPE stuff. This group did a terrific job with their campfire building and programs.

None of this would have been possible without the help of the CIT trainers. I'd like to thank Chauncey Niziol, Pat Troy, Max Zelenka, Blaise Lukasiewicz, and Christina Pronger for volunteering to help with this program.

If interested in helping with this program please contact Kevin Oster. Please continue to support this important program with your generous donations to the **CIT Staff Development Fund.**



Summer Camp Programs 2025



By: Pat Troy

Who is who? “You can’t tell the players without a Scorecard!”

For Summer Camp 2025, the Owasippe leadership will be led by Reservation Director **Dalton DeVries**. Dalton worked at OSR since 2015 and served as Assistant Reservation Director last year and previously was the Blackhawk Camp Director. Dalton is committed to “developing the best outdoor adventure that scouting can offer”.

This year’s Assistant Reservation Director is **Alex Steinhaus** who is joining the Owasippe Summer Camp staff for the first time. Alex has worked at other scout camps in various leadership positions since 2017 most recently as program director at Cub World in Loveland, OH.

Rounding out the Reservation Services Staff are **Charlie Pronger** as Reservation Commissioner, **Jessica Reichard** as Business Manager, **Keith Tenczar** overseeing Trading Post Operations, **Tyler Voigt** as Health Officer, **Chris Sanchez** and **Jessica Fitzgerald** as Transportation Managers, and **Evan “Kirby” Saracin** as Reservation Schlepper. The reservation staff is supported by **Shelby Nuckolls**, the PTAC Director of Camping Services.

At Camp Wolverine, “ZAXIE!”, **Joe Vitti** will be returning as the Zaxie Camp Director. Joe has worked at summer camps since 2017 and this will be Joe’s 4 th summer at Owasippe. **Katie Hogan** will be this summer’s Wolverine Program Director. This will be Katie’s eighth summer working on camp staff and her sixth summer working at Owasippe. **Michael Magruder** will be returning as the Wolverine Camp Commissioner. This will be Michael’s fifth summer working on camp staff with four of those 5 years being at Owasippe.

At Camp Reneker, “GO FOR IT!”, **Sophia Finley** will be returning for her second summer as the Reneker Camp Director. This will be Sophia’s sixth summer working staff both inside and outside of camps for Scouting America. The Reneker Program Director will be **Kasper Farmer** who is working her first summer at Owasippe. **Elie Udell** will be the Reneker Camp Commissioner this summer. This is Elie’s 5th summer working on the Owasippe Summer Camp Staff.

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Summer Camp 2025 Programs Cont

At Camp Blackhawk, “GO!”, **Kyle Peters** will be returning as camp director. This will be Kyle’s 10 th summer working as camp staff. **Emma Case** will be the Blackhawk Program Director this summer. This will be Emma’s 6 th summer working on Owasippe Camp Staff. **Tyler Youngdahl** will be returning as the Blackhawk Camp Commissioner this year. This will be Tyler’s seventh summer working at Owasippe.

For High Adventure, “CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!”, **Laurel Hemmer** will be leading the program for her first summer at Owasippe. Laurel has worked at various council and high adventure bases since 2013. **Javier Montano** is the Assistant High Adventure Director and is in his 11th summer on a summer camp staff with 9 years at Owasippe. The leadership team at Owasippe has many years of experience that will well-serve the scouts attending camp this summer.

The enthusiasm and attitude of all the senior leadership is high as expressed by **Emma Case**, “I am beyond excited to step into this leadership role and be a part of a team that is truly dedicated to creating a one-of-a-kind experience for our scouts. I can’t wait to work with the team to create a fun, engaging, and remarkable program for every amazing scout that comes to our camp.”

This summer marks the 100th anniversary of Camp Blackhawk, 1925 – 2025. To highlight this, the staff are performing a vintage Blackhawk camp song, The Blackhawk Artillery March, during the opening campfire. Blackhawk is also using a music concert theme for various camp events that they are calling Owasapalooza and have included a mini dance rave in the dining hall as part of the Monday night Hawaiian themed event called the “Tiki Tide Wave Rave”.

For the Cub Scout program during the 7th week of camp, Wolverine will be leaning into the theme of superheroes with staff shirts borrowing from The Incredibles.

The Reneker theme this summer is Enchanted Reneker, a Medical Place. The 2025 Staff shirt is pictured in the banner.

The High Adventure staff shirt celebrates their connection to Camp Robert Crown.

All shirts are pictured in the banner at the start of the article.

Upcoming OSA Dates

July

25..... Christmas in July

August

6..... Board Meeting 7:00 CT

22-24.....Reneker Weekend

September

3..... Board Meeting 7:00 CT

19-21.....Fall Fix-It

October

1..... Board Meeting 7:00 CT

11..... Trivia Night

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