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NEWSLETTER

SPRING FIX-IT MAY 15th -17th, 2026!

Mark your calendar for **MAY 15-17, 2026!**

Please request your cabin by email or text to:

Chris Sanchez:

paradise9913@gmail.com

219-775-5340.

Please let us know who will be joining you in your cabin. Meals will be served. More food details to follow.

Projects will include carpentry, Blackhawk and Reneker dining tents, road clean up, putting up all of the picnic tables in Reneker and more. If you are a tradesman, please bring your tools of your trade.

Remember your fishing poles, hiking shoes, and kayaks so that you can enjoy the great outdoors when the work is complete.

Looking forward to 100 strong in attendance to help open our camp for the **115th Camping Season**. Hail Owasippe!!!

Thank you for your continued support of Owasippe!

48th Anniversary OSA Annual Meeting – Brief Recap

By: Mike Dorich

The OSA annual meeting and banquet was held on March 14 from 5:30pm till 10:00pm at the Hickory Hills Country Club with over 70 members attending. It was a beautiful venue with delicious food.

The OSA board elections were held with Kevin Oster becoming our new president. The annual meeting was held and approved.

As always thank you to Ron Derby for publishing the ad book and all of the other support he gives us throughout the year.

We had a silent auction, split the pot, and a slide show of last years events.

Thank you everyone for your donations!

We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the 49th Annual Meeting!



President's Perspective

By: Kevin Oster

Hello everyone! I am honored to serve as the new President of the OSA. I would like to thank Jennifer Kotwasinski for her leadership over the past two years and thank outgoing board member Pat Troy for his dedicated service. Congratulations to our two new board members, Kevin Leahy and Kevin Troy—I'm excited to get started with our new board.



We'll be exploring new and engaging ways to keep our current membership involved with the OSA, while also looking ahead by involving and engaging our current OSR staff. Our Spring Fix-It is right around the corner (May 15th-May 18th). If you haven't attended one in a while, please consider coming out to lend a hand or swing a hammer—and then enjoy some time around the campfire catching up with friends. I hope to see many of you at our events throughout the year.

Membership Input

Hello reader! First, we'd like to thank you for your continued support of the OSA. As a board, we are proud to represent the interests of those who care so much about the Reservation we all hold so dear.

It is that pride that prompted us to think, how can we better serve the general membership of the organization? It has been some time since we took a serious look at our event offering, fundraising opportunities, and general organizational priorities. Through discussion, we have determined that the best way we can continue serving our organization is by asking YOU, the general membership, what you would like to see the OSA accomplish over the next year! If you are interested in sharing your thoughts to guide our direction, please complete the following survey so that we can review, analyze, and act upon your recommendations moving forward! Link below or you can scan the QR Code!



**Scan to take
Survey!**

<https://forms.gle/KHUGk5oSSbax9rSi7>

Membership Updates!

NEW LIFE MEMBERS- Michael Carpenter, Sarah Nizioł Hall, Bethann Lieffers (Egan), Ashley Kaufman, Andrew Kimbler, Charles Kimbler, Megan Kimbler, William Kirby, Paul Peraino, Dale Polson, Jason Roepke, Doug Schumann, Keith Tenczar and Eric Wolff-Klammer

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Andrew Baert, Nicholas Baker, Nathan Carpenter, Emma Case, Clara Fitzer, Megan Friedl, Kevin Hanlon, Colleen Leahy, Troy Lundstedt, Theodore Jonen, Christopher Kenny, William Kirby, Alexandra Kleinfeldt, Erik Nyberg, Alex Parrish, Cathy Parrish, Kristin Parrish, Charles Regan, Joyce Reising, Sophia Schirmer, John Villarreal, and Andrey Wasikowski

48 th Annual Meeting Raffle Prize Winners

By: Chris Sanchez

52 pc. Cookware Carl Young
Bell's Basket Lorelei Kotwasinski
Carved Chief Plaque Andy Sirota
Carved Chief w/Hymn Plaque
Adam Keene
Multi Cooker Emma Case
Meat Grinder Ron Fox
2.1 quart air fryer Curt Andrigh
Maxam Game Processing Set
George Korzen
OSR Carved Basswood Emblem
Scott Dorencz
OSR Hymn on Basswood
Scott Dorencz
OSR license Plate Jason Gebhardt
OSR Wooden Trail Marker Sign
Jim Marszalek
OSR Cherry Handled Pizza Cutter and Server Adam Keene
22" Scott's Hedge Trimmer
John Kryl
2 Night Stay at Guest Lodge
Vince Rychtanek
2 Night Stay at LC6
Edgar Wolf-Klammer
Bosch Espresso Maker Emma Case
RTIC Cooler Set Jeanne Shotas
Split the Pot \$480 Katie Heffernan

Reneker and Staff Village Roofs

By Edgar Wolff-Klammer

The installation and repairs for 10 new metal roofs at Owasippe have been completed. A total of 29 sheets of oriented strand board (OSB) were used to address areas of rot. The new roofs were installed on: Reneker B2, B19, and Gray Staff 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 16, and 18.

The Owasippe Staff Association paid Werner Roofing a total of \$66,335.02 for the project.

If you would like to support this or future projects, donations can be made in the following ways:

Check:

Make checks payable to the Owasippe Staff Association and mail to:
Owasippe Staff Association
P.O. Box 7097
Westchester, IL 60154

Bank Transfer (Zelle®):

Send to: osainfobooth@gmail.com

Credit Card (PayPal):

Donate online at:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=ZZUV28LZFET6S

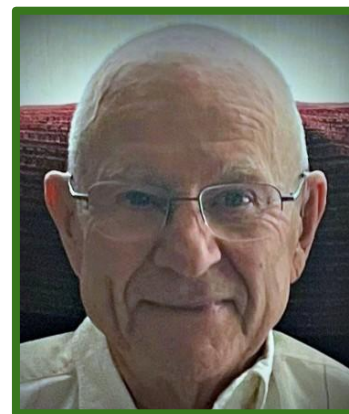
(You will be directed to the OSA's online store.)

Fidelity Charitable Giving:

If you have a Fidelity charitable giving account, search for "Owasippe Staff Association" to make an electronic transfer directly to the OSA.

End of the Trail

Robert "Bob" Bolduc, Jr. passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the age of 86. Bob was an OSA Life Member and supporter of Owasippe. His family was the last owner of the only private home on Lake Wolverine. Our sympathy to the entire Bolduc family. May the great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us until we meet again."



Mark your Calendars!! “OSA Reneker Weekend” is back for a second year

By: Jennifer Kotwasinski

For only \$40 you too can attend the “OSA Reneker Weekend” this Labor Day weekend. The Pathway to Adventure Council has offered the OSA use of Reneker cabins as a thank you for your hard work and dedication through the years. Current (dues paid through 2026) and Life members are offered the use of these cabins Friday September 4th through Monday September 7th, 2026. If you would like to attend, please send an email directly to osainfobooth@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 2026
- 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 are planned
- Reservations are not finalized until payment has been received and cabin number is assigned.
- The pools will be closed
- Wolverine waterfront will be open for use
- **REMINDER:** Owasippe is pet free and alcohol free



Upcoming OSA Dates

May

6..... Board Meeting 7:00 CT
15-17..... Spring Fix-it

June

3 Board Meeting 7:00 CT

July

1 Board Meeting 7:00 CT
25..... Christmas in July

August

5..... Board Meeting 7:00 CT

September

2..... Board Meeting 7:00 CT
4-7..... Reneker Weekend

PTAC needs Volunteers!

If you're bored this summer and looking for a way to give back, or if you're just missing some of that old camp magic, Owasippe is looking for volunteers for all sessions this summer.

You can follow the link below to the interest form!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMvYlmejd0qgtbi2srdXbSGQg8HFDTeYgyArze0llpOYB7Mw/viewform>

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