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# VIBRATIONS

## NEWSLETTER

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> through Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. If you would like to attend, please send an email directly to [osainfobooth@gmail.com](mailto: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



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





## President's Perspective

*By: Jennifer Kotwasinski*

Well, Owasippe is in full swing for 2026. The staff is energetic as always and delivering a fun filled program for all the scouts attending. The new print shop building at Flintlock Village is exciting to see. Owasippe Maxed is starting this summer as well. Hopefully many of you can get to camp this summer and experience all it has to offer.

The OSA had a tremendous turnout for the Spring Fix-IT, with over 100 participants. Thanks to everyone who came out to help get camp ready. Our Fall Fix- It is only a couple months away, so mark your calendars and come out and lend a hand **October 2nd - 4th!** We have a few more events in the works, details coming soon.

If you have some time that you would like to use towards volunteering with the OSA, we could always use help with our various committees. This includes fundraising, recruitment, events, newsletter, etc. Please reach out to any board member if interested in lending a hand.



## Welcome to our New Members

### New Members:

Adam Bielawski  
Locklin Bell  
Bill Schade

### New Life Members:

Keith Tenczar  
Dale Polson

Thank you for your support!

# PIZZA *night*



*When*

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 6pm

*Where*

Berwyn Moose Lodge  
3625 S Harlem Ave,  
Berwyn, IL 60402

Hosted by the  
Owasippe Staff  
Association

Open to all who love  
Owasippe and Pizza



*we hope to see  
you there!*

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE



## *Annual Meeting*

*to take place on*

FEBRUARY 27TH, 2027

*at the*

FOUNTAIN BLUE  
2300 MANNHEIM ROAD  
DES PLAINES, IL 60018



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## You should have been there!!!

BY: CHRIS SANCHEZ

On May 15, 2026, 105 Owasippe Staff Association members and friends joined together for the Spring Fix-it to spruce up “All the Wealth of Earth and Heaven,” for the 115th Scout Camping Season. Projects included: tent set up at both Blackhawk and Reneker. Brush and branch clean up across the Reservation. Stabilization of the posts to the Blackhawk Dining Hall Porch. Stair repair at the Blackhawk Dining Hall. 3 new Staff Cabin doors at Blackhawk Staff Row along with a prototype for a screen door on all cabins in the future. New shutters, ropes, pulleys and screens as needed on staff cabins rows across the reservation. Cabin cleaning in the Staff Village. New lightbulbs and smoke detector batteries in all Reneker cabins. LC6's new gutter system was laid underground to keep the water off the cabin base. LC8 saw all leaves removed from the perimeter, thinning of the trees around the building. A total rebuild of the picnic table. Cleaning and organization of the screen porch and its contents. New fishing/boat docking docks at LC6 and LC8. Bob Halston in the shop fixing vehicles, (imagine that?).

It also brought together about 20 staff members from the 70's. The highlight of the attendees was Rangers Ray Hale, Roger Bevans, Orville Hawk and Bob Halston.

The Museum also got a face lift and what a difference a wall gone makes! You gotta see it next time you are at camp.



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# You should have been there!!!

BY: CHRIS SANCHEZ

Meals were provided in a makeshift kitchen as food prep was being painted for the arrival of the summer crew. (It really looks fantastic thanks to the tireless work of Karol and Marty Schaner along with a few other helpers.) The food was delicious as always. Jim Schlichting provided a fantabulous lunch at his farm. He is always a wonderful host.

I have to say that this was a true labor of love and comraderies amongst all. Oh and YES, Wolverine Lake has a few less fish!!!

I want to thank you all again for your hard work! Camp works better because of our efforts. Hope to see 100 Strong this fall.

**FALL FIX-IT WILL BE THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 2ND - 4TH!**

Sign up Here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/d42adk7/lp/df65cbf1-5e7e-4eac-865f-39d2d1bcafd4>



You can also email [osainfobooth@gmail.com](mailto:osainfobooth@gmail.com) to sign up.

The fall colors should be visible! We have planned some surprises and beefed up the dinner menu! Hope to see all of you there. If you cannot attend, maybe you would like to send a donation for the weekend!

Thank you all for all you do to support Camp and the Owasippe Staff Association!

Chris





## CIT Training went great!

*By: Kevin Oster*

This year's CIT group was a lot of fun to work with. We had 16 participants go through the staff week training. There are a few more that are joining the summer staff that were unable to attend staff week. A big thank you to the CIT Training team, without all of your help this would not be possible. This year's team was Andy Lukasiewicz, Blaise Lukasiewicz, Joyce Reising, Sara Hall, Chauncey Niziol, and me. We hiked them to Paradise Valley, Quaking Bogs, Hiawatha Beach, Owasippe's Grave, and all the program areas on reservation. They took a canoe trip on Lake Wolverine and got to experience Low COPE. We are already discussing tweaks to the program for next summer.





## 1976 Owasippe Staff

*By: Edgar Wolff-Klammer*

Can you believe it? Nearly half a century has passed since the Owasippe Staff Association was founded in 1978!

As we begin planning for our 50th Anniversary Golden Gala, we thought it would be fun to take a look back at the 1976 staff photos from Ad Center, Blackhawk, Outposts, Robert Crown, Reneker, Stuart, Wolverine North, and Wolverine South.

We will also be posting these photos on the Owasippe Staff Association Facebook page. We invite everyone to help identify the staff members pictured and share any memories or comments there.





## 1976 Owasippe Staff cont.





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# WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME

By: *Chris Sanchez*

I'd like to introduce to you the new Head Ranger at Owasippe Scout Reservation, Mr. Robert Cook. He comes to us from Camp Roosevelt and Camp Hi Adventure in Maine. He has worked previous to Maine at Camp Little Sioux in Iowa and Camps Cedar and Eagle in Nebraska where he began his Camp Ranger Career. Robert is driven and eager to learn. He likes to work with others and is a great breakfast cook on his Blackstone.

Robert is married to Stephanie and they have a one year old daughter (future Scout), Rosie. He and his family are a great addition to the Owasippe Family!





## Upcoming OSA Dates

### July

25..... Christmas in July

### August

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

### September

2..... Board Meeting 7:00 CT

4-7..... Reneker Weekend

### October

2-4..... Fall Fix-it

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

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