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NEWSLETTER

Another Successful Fall Fix it!

By Chris Sanchez

They say the 3rd times the charm! It certainly was for the Fall Fix-it, October 2-4!!! Seventy three members and friends were in attendance for the weekend. Projects included: The demo of the existing staff Kybo at Reneker, the demo of the Wolverine South Lodge on Friday by our early arrivals and the framing out of the new inside on Saturday. Reneker's picnic tables were put away and fire extinguishers and batteries were removed from all A side cabins. All transom windows cleaned out and closed. Blackhawk and Wolverine had 4 loggers that cut trees and with the help of 15 others, removed and stacked the fallen trees. Staff Village also had face lifts in some of the cabins. Certain cabins were targeted as needing extra help. Fascia was scraped and painted, screens repaired. The Health Lodge/Bunkhouse now has new paint on all doors and the screen doors on the front are rescreened with bars across the screen hoping to prolong the screens life. 9 camp vehicles were given oil changes and thoroughly checked out. They were also detailed and put to bed for the winter clean. First aid kits and extinguishers were removed. And who can forget the road crew! Russell, Holton-Whitehall, Silver Creek and Owasispe Roads are looking mighty fine. I would be remiss if I forgot to mention the Cooks. Breakfast and dinner on Saturday were delicious! The lunch meal at the Blue Lake Farm was great as always.

We managed to knock the work out the park. Would love to see more of our membership in attendance in the Spring, the dates are: **May 21-23**. We have jobs for all and no job goes unnoticed. To all who were in attendance, thank you a million times over. Update, the Reneker Kybo is under construction and the first leg is looking good. The plumbing of the South Lodge is in place and ready for all of the new bathroom fixtures, etc.

Again, thanks to all! See you in the Spring!!!

See you in the Spring, May 21-23!

Pictures on the next pages!

The newsletter for the members of the Owasispe Staff Association

Another Successful Fall Fix it!

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What a Weekend!

BY: Jennifer Kotwasinski

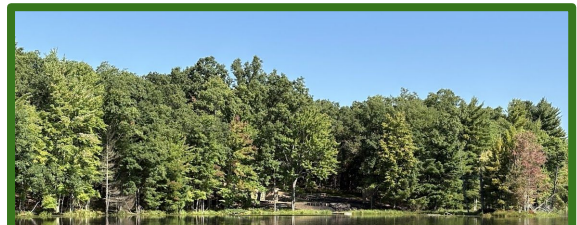
This past Labor Day weekend, both longtime and new OSA members gathered at Owasippe to enjoy one last summer getaway with family and friends. With 26 cabins rented, the camp was buzzing with activity and plenty of smiling faces.

The beautiful weather made it easy to get outside and enjoy everything Owasippe has to offer. Lake Wolverine was filled with boats as families took advantage of the fresh air and scenic views. Judging by the many footprints left behind, the BOGS Trail was a popular destination for hikers looking to explore the outdoors.

A few adventurous campers even grabbed their tubes and headed to the river for some floating fun before the cooler fall temperatures arrive. Others made a trip to the Main Trading Post, where they picked up Owasippe gear, souvenirs, and, of course, a few sweet treats to enjoy over the weekend.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the Sunday evening potluck. Campers gathered to share food, stories, and laughter while enjoying one final evening together before heading home on Monday. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new ones, and celebrate another wonderful weekend at camp.

Whether you spent your time on the water, on the trails, around the campfire, or simply relaxing with family and friends, there was something for everyone to enjoy. We hope everyone who was able to attend had as much fun as we did. And for those who couldn't make it this year, we missed you and hope to see you next Labor Day weekend!



Save the date for the

DINNER DANCE!



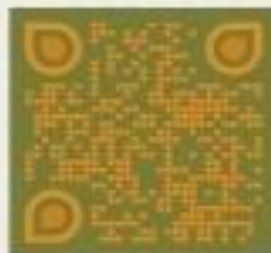
Join us for the OSA's annual meeting and an evening of fine food, cold drinks, and warm company

27 Feb, 2027

Fountain Blue, Des Plaines

Open Bar, Music, Raffles

Want to keep the cost of tickets down?
Donate below!



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President's Perspective

By: Kevin Oster

As I write this, we just completed another successful Fall Fix-It. Over seventy members came out to lend a hand and show their love for Owasisippe. I am very excited about 2 of the projects that got started this weekend. First off is the renovation of the Reneker Staff bathroom. It was completely gutted this weekend, leaving only the 4 exterior walls and roof. Over the next few months this will get a complete makeover. It will have two new shower stalls with room to change and exterior doors for each of them making it YPT compliant. Same with the toilet stalls getting exterior doors. When finished it will also have a washer and dryer inside for the staff there to use.



The second is the renovation of Wolverine South Lodge. The OSA has partnered with the camp on this project. The building was in dire need of some TLC. The new floor plan will have an expanded office and new washroom. This will become Wolverine's new camp office. I should have more exciting information about this project in the next newsletter. We look forward to doing more projects like these going forward. Hope to see many of you at our upcoming events like Pizza Night and the Banquet.

Upcoming OSA Dates

November

4.....Board Meeting 7 PM CT
28.....Pizza night 5 PM

December

2.....Board Meeting 7 PM CT

January

6.....Board Meeting 7 PM CT

February

3.....Board Meeting 7 PM CT
27.....Annual Meeting TBD

Welcome to our New Members

Jill Peraino
Michael Pfeffer

And congratulations to our New Life Members

Tyler Haas
Jay Sullivan
Joe DeLago

We're excited to have you
join the OSA!



Pizza Night!

Our Annual Pizza Night will be held on Saturday, November 28th, from 5:00pm to 9:00 P.M. This year's Pizza Night will be held at last year's location: **Moose Lodge 424**, 3625 Harlem Avenue, Berwyn, IL 60402.

For just \$20, 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 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 [this link](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/hb4gxss/lp/e2130ea3-2d6e-4c8b-bcf5-a8e373e04493),

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/hb4gxss/lp/e2130ea3-2d6e-4c8b-bcf5-a8e373e04493>, or the QR code beside. 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!

Time to Renew Your OSA Membership!

Your support keeps the Owasippe Staff Association strong—funding alumni programs, camp projects, and lifelong connections.

Annual dues are just **\$20** and can be paid online at

<https://owasippe.com/ways-to-help/osa-online-store/>, by sending a check in the mail, or at the next OSA event.

You can also consider upgrading your annual membership to a lifetime membership and show your lasting commitment to the OSA and Owasippe.

Thank you for helping us carry on the Owasippe spirit!

Jacob Ross

Membership Chair

2027 Nominations and Election: Dan Kleinfeldt, Elections Chairman

Join the OSA Board! We are seeking enthusiastic and dedicated members to run for the OSA Board!

Serving as a board member is a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in our organization and community. Board service involves a personal commitment to helping ensure that OSA operates effectively and efficiently. Responsibilities include serving in a specific board position, participating in committees, and providing valuable input on important organizational decisions and initiatives.

We will have openings for the following roles: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, membership chair, fix-it chair, event chair, fundraisers, and more.

Candidates must:

- Be an OSA member in good standing, with dues current through 2027.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be available to attend monthly meetings.
- Have a genuine dedication to Owasippe, the OSA, and its members.

Whether you have served on a board before or are interested in getting involved for the first time, we encourage you to consider running. Your ideas, energy, and involvement can help strengthen OSA and make a positive impact.

Individuals selected for the slate will be contacted to provide a short biography and their goals for OSA, which will be featured in an upcoming 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.

To nominate yourself or someone you feel would be a great addition to the OSA Board, please email the OSA at osainfoboath@gmail.com. Nominations are due by December 9, 2026.

Term Expires 2027	Term Expires 2028	Term Expires 2029
Paul Kerchberger	Mike Dorich	Kevin Leahy
Kevin Oster	Jacob Klein	Kevin Troy
Chris Sanchez**	Jason Roepke	Edgar Wolff-Klammer**

**Two term limit goes into effect

Event updates!

By Jason Roepke

Hello All! You may have noticed that we have changed how we handled registration for the Fall FixIt. We've started using a digital registration tool hosted by Constant Contact. For all events moving forward we'll have a link to a landing page with basic event information. What does that mean for you, noble OSA member?

You'll need to:

1. **Follow** the link
2. **Click "Register"** on the landing page
3. **Add tickets** and add ons – simply increment the ticket counter for everyone you're registering. Sometimes there will be add-ons like "Split the Pot" you can also add.
4. **Click "Continue"** after you've added all of your tickets and add ons
5. **Fill in** your attendee information (and any info for people in your group)
6. **Click "Complete Registration"**
7. **Send the fee** through Zell to osainfoboath@gmail.com. Some events will have fees, so please double check the landing page.
8. And **That's It!**

After going through these steps you'll get an email letting you know we've received your registration. If you want to test it out you can sign up for the Pizza Night on Nov 28th. We hope to see you at our events in the future!

Owasippe 2027 Staff Applications

By Kevin Oster

They are now accepting applications for all positions for the Owasippe 2027 Staff. This also includes CITs (Counselor in Training) for those interested. Here is a link to the application: <https://pathwaytoadventure.org/owasippecampstaff/>. If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a member of the 2027 Owasippe Staff please have them fill out an application.

Please Consider Donating to the OSA

On behalf of the Board of Directors, **THANK YOU** for your continued support and participation. Your commitment, generosity, and involvement are truly appreciated and make a meaningful difference to the OSA and the Owasippe Scout Reservation.

To continue the OSA's mission of helping maintain the facilities and supporting the programs at **Owasippe Scout Reservation**, we **PLEASE ask you to consider making a donation this year**. Every contribution, large or small, helps us preserve the camp, support its programs, and ensure that future generations of Scouts can continue to enjoy the traditions and experiences that make Owasippe so special.

Over the past year, we have been fortunate to support many important projects throughout camp. This includes providing more than **\$65,000 toward 10 new metal roofs**, over **\$700 to the CIT program**, and more than **\$3,000 for Fix-its**.

Additionally, the OSA has committed to helping finance the **Reneker Staff Kybo renovation** and the **Wolverine (South) Lodge renovation**. Both of these projects are long overdue, and we are proud to help move them forward.

As we are all aware, the cost of materials, food, and day-to-day operations of the OSA continues to increase. These rising costs also impact the expense of hosting our upcoming **Annual Meeting**.

Donations to the **General Fund** are especially helpful and allow the OSA to direct support where it is needed most. However, you may also choose to make a specific donation to the **CIT Fund, Memorial Fund, or Annual Meeting Fund**.

You can also support the OSA by paying your annual dues or upgrading to a **Life Membership**. Every contribution and membership helps us continue our mission of maintaining the facilities and supporting the programs at Owasippe Scout Reservation.

If you're considering making a donation, here are the ways you can contribute:

Qualified Charitable Distribution: To support the OSA, consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This allows you to transfer funds directly from your Traditional, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA without incurring any tax liability.

Checks: Please make them payable to the Owasippe Staff Association and send them to Owasippe Staff Association, P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, IL 60154. You can also bring them to pizza night.

Bank Transfer: You can use Zelle® to send funds to osainfobooth@gmail.com.

Credit Card: Visit <https://owasippe.com/ways-to-help/store/> to access the OSA's online store, where you can choose from various fund options. General donations are especially impactful.

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

Thank you once again for all that you do to support us and give back to Owasippe. Your contributions are invaluable!

It's OSA Ad Book time again, 49 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

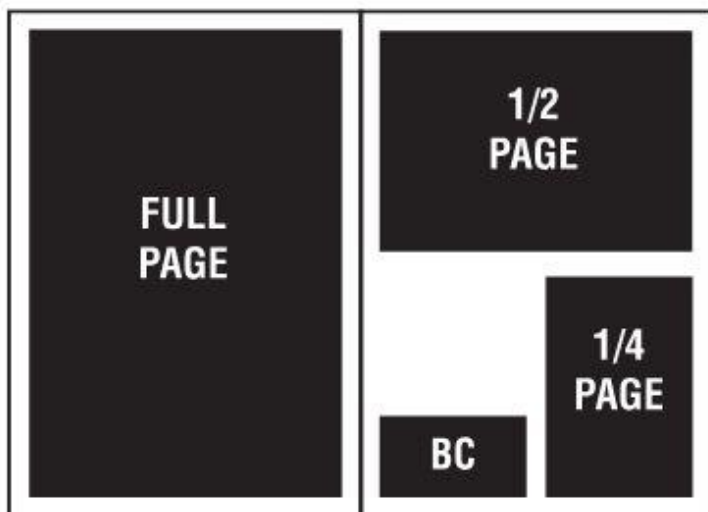
Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are seeking sponsors for the Owasippe Staff Association Ad Book distributed at our Annual Meeting in March of 2027. 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 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, 2027 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.



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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
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	Full Page	7.5" x 10"	\$105
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