

Spring 2016 Canyon Camp Staff Alumni and Friends Newsletter
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2016 Staff and Friends Reunion scheduled for
July 6-7, 2016 at Canyon Camp

The Canyon Camp Staff Alumni and Friends will gather July 6-7, 2016 for our next reunion -- so save the date!! You and your family are welcome to join us at this reunion as we celebrate the 80th year of great summer camp programming at Canyon Camp!

This reunion is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday July 6-7 so you can see Camp in operation with Scouts, sing songs in the Dining Hall with the current Staff, and partake once again in the Wednesday Visitor’s Night and Indian Dance pageant. While we will have plenty of time to reminisce with alumni and friends at Camp once more, we are also inviting former Scoutmaster’s to come and re-union with us at Canyon Camp! Scoutmaster’s Rod Simenson (Freeport), Dave Griffin and Art Whipple (Monroe), John Eversoll and Glenn Shaw (Elizabeth), Red Tyler (Savanna), Leon Bauer (Kieler), and Robert Fetty (Chicago) are just a few of the folks we expect to join us at this reunion. We are intent on getting as many alumni, friends, and past Scoutmasters to join us at the reunion on July 6-7, 2016 - so please feel free to forward this message to anyone you know who brought Scouts to Camp or helped in other ways.

The reunion will start with a welcome and Scoutmaster's coffee at 9 AM on July 6 and conclude after lunch on July 7. In addition to reminiscing, we will provide updates on Camp issues and you will have the opportunity to visit program areas, tour the (not so new) Wiley property or just wander the grounds. Throughout the reunion there will be an auction of items related to Camp - including benches made by John Weber and a bench made and signed by the late Dr. Harold Held, and we will experience the barbecue dinner and the Indian Dance pageant along the banks of Coon Creek.



You can camp overnight at the unimproved Wiley property – portable toilets and water will be provided - bring a camper or tent if you like. A block of rooms has also been reserved at the [Country Inn and Suites](#) in Stockton with a special rate for those who would like to sleep in a real bed! When making your reservation mention you are with the “Canyon Camp Staff Reunion” (815-947-6060).

Experiencing Canyon Camp vibrant and filled with Scouts engaged in learning outdoor skills is sure to bring back fond memories of our days working together as a Staff and our interactions with so many of those who are the friends of Canyon Camp!

A registration form for the 2016 reunion will be sent at a later date. For now, be sure to mark your calendars for the July 6-7, 2016 Reunion of Canyon Camp Staff Alumni and Friends!

Spring Work Weekend at Canyon Camp April 30-May 1, 2016

Scouters, former Staff, and all friends are asked to help at Canyon Camp on Saturday and Sunday April 30th-May 1st. This will be the 41st annual Kiwanis work weekend at Canyon Camp.

Volunteers are needed to work together with area Kiwanis’s as we open camp and prepare for another summer of outdoor programming and adventure for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

You are invited to join us in helping prepare camp for the summer season. We will be doing the usual spring maintenance including painting, plumbing and wood construction projects. No matter the skills you possess, our primary work criteria is enthusiasm for service to the Scouting program! Bring your favorite gloves, painting equipment, and tools and we will definitely find a project for you!

The Monroe Kiwanis Club will provide meals throughout the weekend. Whether you can stay only a few hours or all weekend, you are welcome to join us April 30th-May 1st for the fellowship and fresh spring air.

Please call or email Lee Binkley with your questions and to let us know how many volunteers we can expect!

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Terry Williamson authors:

“Rocks and Fists: The Decimation of the 141st NVA Regiment”

Staff Alum Terry Williamson published a factual account of the hand-to-hand combat between US Marines and the North Vietnamese Army during the Tet offensive in 1969. Terry was a commanding officer during this battle and provided support services to the battalion in the field. Rocks and Fists is available from Amazon, all proceeds from this book go to the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund – Terry is the President of this organization.

**Wood Cutter’s Ball
October 8, 2016**

Don’t forget to put the Kiwanis Woodcutter’s Ball on your calendar for Saturday, October 8th. The day starts with a Continental Breakfast from 8:00 – 9:00 AM. Enthusiasm for supporting Canyon Camp and the desire to be in the outdoors are the things you need to bring to the Woodcutters Ball – although there will be work projects from 9:00 – 1:00, a lunch and social time from 1:00 – 2:00, and additional work projects continuing through the afternoon. We could really use your support and enthusiasm – so why not come to Camp on Oct. 8?