

Spring 2017 Canyon Camp Staff Alumni and Friends Newsletter
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Kiwanis Work Weekend at Canyon Camp
May 6-7, 2010

Scouters, former Staff, and all friends are asked to help at Canyon Camp on Saturday and Sunday May 6th – 7th. This will be the 42st 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 May 6th and 7th for the fellowship, fresh spring air and to see the Camp come to life once again.

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

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US Grant Pilgrimage - April 28-30 in Galena

The US Grant Pilgrimage was a rite of passage for many of us as scouts. Visiting Galena first as scouts and later as Staff members, we assisted with everything from helping at camping sites to running the Trading Post to providing an Indian Dance pageant at the high school to running canoe races and other

competitions. The US Grant Pilgrimage is still occurring – April 28-30 in Galena Illinois. Feel free to get reconnected with these experiences at the US Grant Pilgrimage in Galena this year.

5 weeks of Summer Camp for Scouts!

Believe it or not, the Staff has all been hired for 5 weeks of summer camping at Canyon Camp. Co-Directors Lee Binkley and Dick Reynolds will welcome a full complement of Staff Directors to some early training sessions on June 9 followed by a traditional Staff week starting June 11. Scouts start arriving June 18 for 5 separate weeks of full bore activity and good scouting fun. The last week begins July 15 – so you will want to plan your summer trip now to a Wednesday Visitor's Night or just drop in when you can. This year scouts will have the opportunity to try out a new zip line that has been installed in Camp. Be sure to check-in at the Office when you visit.

Eagle Scout A J Pax

A J Pax was an Eagle Scout in Troop 91 Lena, Il. He died in a traffic accident in 2008. A J's parents, Vern and Marcia Pax, owners of A J's Lena Maid Meats, and have always were big supporters of Scouts in Lena, supporting many to attend Canyon Camp. Vern and Marcia have designated that an annuity set up originally for the purpose of providing Troop 91 Scouts with assistance for summer camp fees be re-directed to provide a \$100 award to recognize the Canyon Camp Staff member of the Year and a \$50 award to the Rookie Staff Member of the Year. Co-Director's Lee and Dick can use an additional \$150 allocation from this fund for supplies, equipment, drums, rattles, and Indian regalia to maintain and improve the Wednesday night ceremony. We are very appreciative to Vern and Marcia Pax for remembering their son through these generous donations to the Staff and scouts who continue to benefit from their experiences at Canyon Camp.

Sing a song...

The next time you are feeling a little blue or just feeling good, why not sing one of the old Camp songs? You don't have to recall all the words when you start and it was never required that you sing on key. Songs are one of the enduring traditions that cross all the decades of Canyon Camp Staff, and I bet you have a few favorites you recall from your days in Camp. So why not breakout into one of the songs below as you remember times at a campfire, in the Dining Hall or around the grill cooking pancakes. I am sure you will remember the person who sang that song from the Staff you worked with – and with a big smile too! By yourself, with your family or friends or in a public space... 'lets have a song from [you]' !!!

Good Morning Mr. Zip, Zip, Zip
Sippin' Cider Through a Straw

Trail the Eagle
Music Conner
If Your Happy and You Know it
The Grand Old Duke of York
Horse Goes Around with His Foot on the Ground
Our Paddles Keen and Bright
Little Rabbit Foo Foo
Taps...and that grand daddy of them all...Green Grow the Rushes Ho

Wood Cutter's Ball
October 7, 2017

Don't forget to put the Kiwanis Woodcutter's Ball on your calendar for Saturday, October 7th. 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 at this event – so why not come to Camp on Oct. 7?