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SUMMER CAMP 2009 FAST APPROACHING!

Camp Directors Lee Binkley and Dick Reynolds have recruited a full staff in preparation for another camping season at Canyon Camp. As is the custom, the staff gathered in Galena for a cold & wet US Grant Pilgrimage, and then spent the weekend together at Camp doing some initial preparations for their summer together.

The staff will report to camp on Sunday, June 14th for staff week. There will be six weeks of traditional summer camp for troops. Plus, an additional seventh week devoted to Venture Crews.

If you have a chance this summer, stop at camp to check out the new Pavilion, chat with Lee, Dick and members of the current staff and see the Camp in full operation with Scouts and leaders.

Wednesday night remains the traditional Family Night with BBQ, Open Camp, Indian Ceremonial and OA Tapout. Family nights will be June 24, and July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th. Everyone is welcome to attend a Family Night. Call camp at 815-492-2175 if you have questions.

NEW STAFF CABIN READY FOR 2009 SUMMER

A new staff cabin dedicated to the Alumni and Friends of Canyon Camp is ready for use this summer. Contributions for this project were received from John Etter, Bill Kubly, Gene Nott, Mike Beeth, the Monroe Kiwanis, and some anonymous donors. Construction of the cabin was completed under the guidance of John Wurtzel and Gene Nott, with the assistance of a large crew of very dedicated friends and alumni. This is the first new staff cabin in a very long time, and will be occupied by senior staff (of course!). It sits in the small woods below the current Staff area and the Cooks Cabin. Many thanks to all who contributed their time, talents, expertise, and financial resources to the Alumni and Friend Staff Cabin.

NOVINSKI PHOTO EXHIBITION AT UW PLATTEVILLE

KOREA REMEMBERED, an exhibition of the photographs of Lyle Novinski will open on July 10 with a 5:30 PM reception in the Harry Nohr Gallery at the University of Wisconsin Platteville. The Exhibit will run into September.

Lyle was a member of the Canyon Camp Staff from 1948 until 1960, with time out for a stint in Korea. Lyle served as Camp Director in the summers of 57, 58 and 60 before joining the fledgling University of Dallas as a Professor of Art. His photo exhibition on Korea displays a record of the four areas the young artist/soldier recorded during his time in the service in Korea. The exhibition focuses on four areas, Military life, the Land, the people of Korea, and the City of Seoul, which at that time was war blasted, and in ruin from the several movements of both sides of the conflict moving through, taking and liberating the capital city. Originally shown at the University of Dallas, the show received a warm reception from the Korean community in Dallas, many said that they were too busy trying to survive during this time to take pictures. Many recounted for their families their place in the ruined city.

There is a second accompanying exhibit, KOREA TODAY, large color photographs supplied by the Korean Institute of Architects in Seoul, some of which were purposely matched with Novinski's wartime views of the same sites. The two exhibits offer a contrast between the war torn country and the burgeoning economy of Korea today, all skyscrapers and modern buildings.

The photos are displayed as 20 by 30 inch color prints from 50 year old photos taken in the course of daily observation. Novinski says, "I was an artist, drafted in my senior year, and I took what I thought were a record of what I was witnessing for the folks back home. Fifty years later in viewing the images I discovered that they were works of art, my eye, even at that age, was the eye of an artist." The exhibit of nearly 50 images was selected from a body of work of nearly 300 photos taken during his service tour in Korea. The camera was a fine German Kodak, the film was slow, and each shot had to be measured with a light meter in the days before fast film and point and shoot photography. As a result the focus and depth of field are sharp and clear in the large prints.

Novinski returned to the University of Wisconsin Platteville to finish his senior year as a double major in English and Industrial Arts, and under the guidance of Professor Tom Hendrickson in the Art Department entered the Graduate Program at UW Madison, where he completed the MS and MFA in Art. A career at the University of Dallas followed, where he is a Professor Emeritus, teaching one course each semester.

SPIRIT PAVILION

A project that has been discussed the past few years is now nearing completion. The Spirit Pavilion is now sited between the Parade Field and Chapel and between the Vickery Health Lodge and the Office. The original health lodge is but a memory. The

cement pad for the new pavilion was installed last fall and is oversized to extend beyond the 24 foot by 40 foot shelter house.

Once again John Wurtzel and Gary Hollister have devoted hundreds of hours towards the completion of the project. The original plans were shared with us by the City of Galena, and John Wurtzel has shepherded the process from the detailed plans to: support beams, trusses, roofing, shingles, lighting and soon a ceiling to prevent birds and bats from creating their own homes. Tim Holden has installed lights and will complete the wiring.

The Pavilion will provide another place where scouts and leaders can meet on rainy days for merit badge work and for Wednesday Night family potlucks. With the OA Sectional Conclave at Canyon Camp this September the Spirit Pavilion will provide another location for break out sessions.

Memorials given in recognition of Denny Pratt, Dr. William Gillies and others have made it possible to construct the Spirit Pavilion. Materials have also been purchased and cut to construct ten new picnic tables that will be housed in the Spirit Pavilion.

Summer Camp will soon be starting and this functional structure is an aesthetically pleasing addition to central camp.

SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Canyon Camp Spirit Scholarship program began in 1992 with staff alumni contributing funds for the first scholarships. In recent years an endowment has been accumulated to generate a portion of the scholarship funding distributed each year. At the 2008 Staff Dinner Lee & Dick presented seven scholarships. Through 2008 scholarships totaling \$22,550 have been awarded to 77 recipients.

There are now three named scholarships awarded each year: the Troy Larson Spirit Scholarship first awarded in 2005, the Dennis Pratt Spirit Scholarship first awarded in 2006 and the Lee Binkley Spirit Scholarship first awarded in 2007. Funding for these scholarships comes from staff alumni, Scouters, and Friends of Canyon Camp. Individuals making tax deductible contributions may select prints of pen and ink drawings of Canyon Camp scenes. To date, artist Elaine Bethke of Monroe has generated eight different prints including:

Canyon Camp Bells	The Chapel
Held Nature Center	Vickery Health Lodge
Stagecoach Trail Sign	Rawleigh Headquarters Building
Jamboree Cabin	Hess Farmstead Barn

If you are interested in supporting the Spirit Scholarship Fund contact Ron Spielman @ 608-325-6490 or spiel335@tds.net

LEE BINKLEY RETIRES FROM TEACHING

Lee Binkley was recently recognized at the Monroe Education Association Spring Banquet for his 33 years of service to the Monroe School District. Lee has decided to join Nina as a retiree.

Lee received his BS Degree from UW Platteville with ample encouragement, prodding and support from Denny Pratt. Lee taught 6th grade at both Northside and Abraham Lincoln Elementary schools in Monroe, and his final 29 years have been teaching 5th grade at Northside. Lee contributed to the formal education of literally hundreds of youth in Monroe during his years as a teacher.

Lee's announced intentions for retirement include the expansion of his collection of Scouting memorabilia by attending trade-o-rees with son Matt. Retirement Congratulations to Lee!

WOODCUTTER'S BALL **Saturday, October 10, 2009**

The thirty-first annual Woodcutter's Ball will be held at Canyon Camp on Saturday, October 10, 2009. The Monroe Kiwanis Club is again sponsoring this event and is inviting scouters and friends of Canyon Camp to participate. This annual workday has the primary focus of cutting, splitting, and delivering the winter supply of firewood to the cabins used by Scouts throughout the winter months. Scouters are asked to bring chainsaws, splitters, and appropriate work clothes to work in the woods.

For those who cannot work in the woods, attendance is still encouraged as this workday is used as a time to do routine maintenance to buildings and to ready the camp for the winter camping season. Hammers, saws, and paintbrushes are all tools to be put to use this workday.

Fall is a great time to visit Canyon Camp. You will enjoy the clean fall air and enjoy the fellowship of others interested in perpetuating the Spirit of Canyon Camp.

Breakfast and lunch for all volunteers will again be provided by the Monroe Kiwanis Club. We'll plan to start at 9:00 a.m. and break for lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Kiwanians, troops, and individual scouters are invited to participate! Contact Ron Spielman with questions or reservations: home 608/325-6490.

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