

Fall 2017 Canyon Camp Staff Alumni and Friends Newsletter
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8 become new Staff Members at Canyon Camp

Eight young scouts joined the Canyon Camp Staff for their first year in 2017: Grant Gogin (Monroe), Seth Grass (Machesney Park), Alex Laubenstein (Caledonia), Andrew Nestler (Pecatonica), Louie Nielsen (Wheaton), Watt Schmidt (Preston, IA), Blake Stoner (Shannon), and Michael Watson (Freeport). Remember your first year on the Staff? These young men experienced the same things – sleeping in the Staff area, walking the grounds every day, being mentored by older Staff members, leading their first song, and feeling the Spirit of Canyon Camp being passed to them and passing it in turn to the scouts they interacted with during the summer. A hearty welcome to these eight new Staff members from all of us! We hope you continue to enjoy many years on the Canyon Camp Staff.

Dale Young's encounter...years later

A few years ago Dale Young received an e-mail inquiry asking if I was the Dale Young that was the patrol leader of the Black Hawk Patrol of Troop 84, Platteville, WI. The writer of the e-mail identified himself only as "Chuck" and told the following story:

Chuck had taken a motor bike trip into the a remote wilderness of Northwest Canada when a sudden rain storm raised the level of a stream that he had previously forded. When he tried to cross back, the water level was raging, too high for his motorcycle. He was stranded. He suddenly found himself in "survival camping" mode for several days. Because of the camping and survival skills he had learned in scouting, he was able to manage. During this time Chuck said to himself: "If I get out of here alive, I'm going to try to find my former patrol leader, Dale Young, and thank him for the scouting experience." Chuck did make it out alive, and he found Dale on e-mail. Dale responded and it so happened that he had a professional conference coming up in Albuquerque, NM. Chuck lived in Santa Fe, so they decided to meet for lunch at a local restaurant and catch up on each other's lives. Dale and Chuck reminisced about their scouting experiences and both agreed they felt grateful and blessed to have interacted with one another years earlier at Canyon Camp!

Fall Woodcutters Ball held October XX at Canyon Camp

The fall Woodcutters Ball was a great success with 26 different projects completed and absolutely spectacular weather. A special Thank You to the Monroe Kiwanis Club for 38 consecutive years of providing the food and materials for the Woodcutter's Ball. The photo above shows a large crew of wood cutters. Keep in mind there are projects for all skill levels and levels of enthusiasm. Be sure to plan on attending the 2018 Spring Work Weekend next year – May 6XXXX at Canyon Camp.

2017 Summer Camp Report - by Lee Binkley and Dick Reynolds

XX Spirit Scholarships awarded to 2016 Camp Staff members

The Canyon Camp Spirit Scholarship program began in 1992 with staff alumni contributing funds for the first scholarships. At the 2016 Staff Dinner Camp Directors Lee Binkley & Dick Reynolds presented Spirit Scholarships to:

- : Spirit Scholarship
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- : Troy Larson Scholarship
- : Dennis Pratt Scholarship
- : Lee Binkley Scholarship
- : Ron Spielman Scholarship

Through 2017 scholarships totaling \$XX have been awarded to XXX recipients. The Spirit Scholarship Endowment Fund has grown to over \$80,000 with an ultimate goal to exceed \$125,000 in the endowment.

There are four named scholarships awarded each year: Troy Larson Spirit Scholarship first awarded in 2005, Dennis Pratt Spirit Scholarship first awarded in 2006, Lee Binkley Spirit Scholarship first awarded in 2007 and Ronald Spielman Spirit Scholarship first awarded at the 2012 Staff Dinner.

Scholarship funding 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 ten different prints:

Canyon Camp Bells
Held Nature Center
Stagecoach Trail Sign
Jamboree Cabin

The Chapel
Vickery Health Lodge
Rawleigh Headquarters Building
Hess Farmstead Barn
Founder's Lodge
Dining Hall Historical Signs

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