



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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What Is That Lingering Odor? - Find Out at The Skunk Reunion

Well, COVID-19 put the kibosh on our Spring Skunk Reunion plans; so we have moved to the previously published back-up date. The Order of the Odor smell-a-bration is on Saturday, August 22, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Fred C. Andersen Camp's Swanson Lodge (in the upper camp). The registration fee is only \$15.00. Just follow your nose. If you misplaced your registration form (printed in the April *Museum News*), there is another one in this issue.

We plan to run this event using accepted CDC safe-

ty precautions. Please bring a face covering. We will lay out the room in a socially distanced way. It will be nice to get out of the house, breathe deeply, and pick up that Skunk stench you have grown to know and love. All of the other details of the event are stated in the April *Museum News* article.

As mentioned before, we need an accurate count for lunch; so please RSVP. To let us know you are coming before we can detect your pongy approach, please contact Diana Foss at 651-748-2880 or email her at dfoss@nssm.org.



Barb Herrmann and Jim Rupert lead the program at a past Skunk Reunion.

You can also mail in the registration form in this issue of the *Museum News*. Whether the weather is fair or the stench is foul, join your fellow Skunks at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp on August 22 for the 2020 Skunk Reunion. See you there!

Super Merit Badge Weeks - Register Now

Super Merit Badge Week is the Museum's oldest and most popular educational program. Due to COVID-19, the June merit badges are being run virtually on ZOOM as this issue of the *Museum News* goes to press. We are presently planning on returning to live classes with social distancing and a registration limit of no more than ten Scouts for the July and August programs. However, if that plan

needs to change, we are prepared to run the classes remotely. Please stay in touch.

The schedule and instructions for electronic registration for this summer's Super Merit Badge workshops is now posted on the Museum's website at <http://www.nssm.org/> under the Programs and Events tab. Please review the workshop requirements posted under each

individual class to make sure you (or your Scout) is a good fit for the class. Remember the registration fee for classes is \$12 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Registration for each month opens about a month before the program week so watch for our email alerts and watch the website.

The schedule for Super Merit Badge weeks is continued on Page 2.

Super Merit Badge Weeks Schedule

Week of July 13-18

- 13 – Citizenship in the Community – John Capecci (8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.)
- 14 – Rifle – Dennis Stolp (8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. for the classroom session and the range portion of the class will be from 1:30 to 3:30 the same day at Bald Eagle Sportsman's Club)
– Communications – Bob Elliot (1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.)
- 15 – Citizenship in the Nation – Mike Fratto (9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.)
- 17 – Scouting Heritage – Kurt Leichtle (8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.)
- 18 – Citizenship in the World – John Guthmann (8:30 A.M. to Noon)

Week of August 10-15

- 11 – Personal Management – Will Sulzbach (8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.) (**limit 4**; must be 15-17 years old)
– Communications – Bob Elliot (1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.)
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We Will Be Physically Back Soon and We Are Virtually Back Now!

The Museum's physical doors have been closed since the Governor declared a State of Emergency in March. However, this down time did not stop the Museum from planning for new programs and exhibits. We are working on a new section of the Museum for collectors, opening the much-anticipated winter camping exhibit, putting the final touches on our fully completed Hands-On History exhibit, opening an Escape Room activity, and exhibiting a special Girl Scout uniform from the 1950's, which has a unique history.

Until we open our doors once again, the Museum is working on ways to bring our programs and exhibits to you virtually. The June Merit Badge workshops are being conducted virtually through Zoom. A great deal of preparation has gone into this program capability. Keep an eye on our website at www.nssm.org and Facebook for information on our virtual programs. We hope to see you soon whether it is in person or virtually. Stay well!



When the Museum reopens following the COVID-19 emergency, one of the first new programs kids and adults can enjoy will be our new Escape Room. Pictured above is one of the four rooms. Good luck getting out!

In Memoriam: The Loss of a Founder

Robert (Bob) W. Rosene passed away peacefully on June 9, 2020. He was born on August 27, 1924 and was 95 years old. Bob played a major role in the success of the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting over the past fifteen years. His financial support made possible the purchase of our present headquarters in North St. Paul (the Rosene Center) and his intellectual support played a major role in the development of Museum programming. Bob and his late wife Joyce are enshrined as Founders in the Museum's Founders Hall. What follows includes an excerpt from the obituary published by the Rosene family.

Bob is survived by his brother, Dr. Philip Rosene; son, Richard (Sara) Rosene; daughters, Marilyn (Richard Thompson) Rosene, Barbara (Charles Rose) Rosene, and Laurel (John) Theis; 8 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and many friends. Preceded in death by his wife, Joyce; parents, Windom and Helen Rosene; sisters, Mildred Jackman, Margaret Axford, and infant Shirley Mae. Bob was born in Callaway, Nebraska, and grew up in Callaway and Lincoln, Nebraska. Bob grew up in a Scouting family. His father invited Boy Scouts into the family home to hand build hundreds of canoes over the years. They then took those vessels on camping trips to the BWCA in Minnesota. One of those canoes is part of the Museum's collection and is on display at the Museum.



Bob was in the Naval Reserve and V-12 program at the U of M, earning his degree in civil engineering in 1945 and later his master's in 1948. Bob served in WW II with the Navy SeaBees helping with the reconstruction of Okinawa.

Bob met Joyce at the U of M in 1947 and married in 1949. They were married over 69 years. While in the Navy they lived in Florida and Georgia, and after his service, in Iowa before returning to Minnesota in 1959. Bob and Joyce raised four children and impacted the lives of countless others through activities, mentoring, and welcoming people into their home. Boy Scouting was a large part of Bob's life. Bob enjoyed family visits, reunions, Boundary Waters canoe trips, and time at the cabin on the St. Croix. Bob was a co-founder of Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik & Associates, Inc., and provided leadership in numerous professional engineering organizations. After his retirement in 1992, his volunteer efforts continued at Centennial UMC, Roseville Rotary Club, and Boy Scouting.

A Celebration of the life and legacy of Bob Rosene will be at a later date when family and friends can gather safely. Bob, we will miss you.

Tribute in Honor of Roy and Glenn Greider

- Jane Greider

Tribute in Honor of Bob and Joyce Rosene

- Mary Jane Okan

**Know of anyone
interested in joining?**

Contact:

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Greetings to all Museum Members, Veteran Scouters and Skunks!

2020 Skunk Reunion

It's time to get together, swap stories, and report on the progress of the Museum



Who: People who are Museum members and have been registered in Boy Scouting or Girl Scouting for 15 or more years.

When: Saturday, August 22

Where: Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp, former St. Croix River Camp. This year, we will be in the Swanson Lodge.

Times: 10:30 am Fellowship, beverages provided
11:00 am Program
12:00 noon Lunch

Cost: \$15.00 per person. **Pre-registration is mandatory.**

Directions: Take Minnesota 36 across the new St. Croix River crossing and proceed on highways 35/64 to the Andersen Scout Camp Road (follow the signage). The camp is 1.2 miles further. Once in camp, follow the signs.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday, August 19, 2020

My name is _____

Yes, I'm coming! Put me down for the reunion. Here is my \$15.00

I will be bringing guests Number of guests _____ x \$15.00

These are the names of the guests who will be attending with me.

I need a ride

I can pick-up supplies and/or help by driving. Please call me at _____

Please fill in the form and return with your check to: North Star Scouting Museum
2640 Seventh Avenue East
North St. Paul, MN 55109

Join Our Virtual Founders Hall Recognition Event

As you know, COVID-19 forced the postponement of our Founders Hall event in April. At the time, we set August 8 as the new date and we were optimistic that the event could be held live at the Museum. However, looking at our world realistically, it will not yet be safe to have a large number of people sitting close together at tables enjoying a wonderful catered lunch. Without an option to social distance, the Board of Directors decided to hold the Founders Hall event as a virtual Facebook extravaganza. The Museum has never been afraid of “firsts.”

Our virtual Facebook Founders Hall event takes place on August 8 from 11:00-11:45 a.m. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors and hold a “watch party.” Since this is our primary fund raiser for 2020, the

event is important to our ability to continue providing the quality programming and events the Museum is known for. Our 2020 honorees are the late Jon Pederson and Tisha Bolger. Both honorees are long-time supporters of the Museum and the programs offered by the Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations.

Prior to the event, you will receive an invitation with infor-

mation on how to connect to our virtual event and support the event and the Museum. Instructions will also be posted on our website. We are planning a very special program, which will include something we have never done before to introduce the Museum to new friends. Tune in on August 8 to see the surprise. We are very excited about the possibilities and we hope you are too.



We already had the flowers when the April Founders Hall date was postponed to August 8. The flowers, in honor of Jon Pederson and Tisha Bolger, are now planted beneath our sign.

Museum Benefits from Federal Program

COVID-19 severely impacted our national economy starting in February. Most of you know about the incredibly high unemployment rate and the closure of many businesses. These events have hurt most all non-profits because they rely on the generous donations of others to survive. The Museum is no exception. Fortunately, Congress passed emergency legislation to make funds available to non-profits and small businesses. The law is called the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act. Loans under the act are called

PPP loans. Under the program created by this law, organizations are eligible to receive up to 2.5 times the amount they spend on such items as payroll, employee benefits, and utilities over an eight-week period. A majority of the funds must be spent on payroll and employee benefits. If the money is used for these authorized purposes, the loan is forgiven and does not have to be repaid.

As a qualifying non-profit, the Museum applied for and received a PPP loan. Our \$8,300 loan was

received in May and is being put to good use. Every little bit helps.



Our Little Free Library is Back and Better Than Ever

At the Museum's Annual Meeting on October 11, 2014, we unveiled a Little Free Library made and donated by North Branch Girl Scout Troop 55712. What is a Little Free Library, you ask? Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. Children growing up in homes without books are on average *three years behind* children in homes with lots of books. So, what better way to improve the reading achievement of children than to increase their access to books? Little Free Library book-sharing boxes play an essential role by providing 24/7 access to books in areas where books are scarce.

After proudly standing outside our front door on Seventh Avenue for five years, the weather and heavy use got to our Little Free Library and its own front door fell off. Until then, our staff and volunteers inside the Museum often enjoyed watching as people walked by, many with children, and they stopped, picked out a book, or left with a book.

This past month, Mike Herrmann, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 91 in St. Paul, reinforced the door and hinges while sealing any places where water could leak in. He returned the Little Free Library to its rightful place and it is now ready for "action." We invite you to stop by the Little Free Library any time. Once the Museum is open



With thanks to Mike Herrmann, the Free Little Library is repaired and back in position outside the front door of the Museum.

again you can combine it with a visit to the Museum.

Welcome Jon France



Jon France

In mid-May, the Museum hired University of St. Thomas graduate Jon France to work fifteen hours per week on a number of important projects. He will be with the Museum for eight weeks.

Jon's responsibilities include setting up our Zoom system so we can conduct merit badges and other programming remotely and serve as on-site manager of our remote June Merit Badge Workshops. His primary job will be to complete our plan for evaluating and managing the tasks performed by our volunteers. The

work involves completing a project management chart using existing and new tasks, provide a timeline, and identify persons responsible for each task.

Jon is a California native. He has lived in Minnesota for the last six years. As a youth, Jon participated in both Cub Scouts and in Boy Scouts. His favorite part was camping. When you come by the Museum after it reopens, give Jon a nice welcome.

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