



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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Plan to Attend the Camping Exhibit Grand Opening on June 29-30

Some of you have already taken the opportunity to see the Museum's latest exhibit, entitled *In Our Nature: Camping Then and Now*. Regardless of whether you have seen the exhibit, you will want to attend the official exhibit grand opening. There is a special VIP and Member event on the evening of June 29 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The public opening of the exhibit is on June 30 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free for both events.

In Our Nature: Camping Then and Now explores the history of camping in the United States from the early 1900's to today. The exhibit focuses on

the camping adventures of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. As you explore the exhibit, look for the equipment and tents that you used as a youth. A portion of the exhibit emphasizes cooking. So, good or bad, bring you memories of camp food.

In addition to the exhibit, there will be some special camping-related opportunities at the Grand Opening events. Bring your favorite camp recipe. If we get enough recipes, they will be placed on the Museum's webpage. With our recipe collection, you can share your recipe with others and find new recipes for your modern camping adventures.

On Saturday, the cooking emphasis will continue. There will be cooking exhibitions outside. In addition, you will have a chance to test your camp craft skills. Finally, in addition to your camping stories, bring photos of your camping adventures. With your permission, we will scan your photos to grow our already considerable collection of vintage photographs.

There is something of interest for every camping enthusiast at the Museum every day. At the grand opening of *In Our Nature: Camping Then and Now*, your visit will be even more special. See you at camp, ah, we mean the Museum.

Not Just Any Skunk—A Co-Leading Skunk

Fred C. Andersen Camp burst out in mephitic odor when Mike Lund announced the 2018 Skunk of the Year at the Skunk Reunion on June 2. The recipient was none other than the Museum's current Board Co-Chair, Tom Welna.

Tom Welna has served in

nearly every volunteer position you can think of in the BSA. Get ready for quite a list. He served as Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, Unit Commissioner, Venturing Training Chair, OA Lodge Adviser, Cub Leader Training staff, Scout Leader Training staff, (Continued on Page 3)



Mike Lund presents Tom Welna with his Skunk of the Year certificate.

A Stinky Start to the Summer - the 2018 Skunk Reunion



Skipper Jim McKee delivered the keynote at the 2018 Skunk Reunion.

On June 2, nineteen miasmic Order of the Odor Skunks met in the Camp Fred C. Andersen Training Building. As always, the event began with plenty of fun, fellowship, and stories. There were also a number of Scouting memorabilia displays, as members shared items from their own collections.

After greetings were had and tales were told, Russ Edlund called the meeting to order before the stench became unbearable. In the meantime, our fabulous cook Charlie Opp was busy in the kitchen preparing a fabulous lunch, while at the same time attempting to counteract the odor in the adjoining room. Following Skunk tradition, Barb Herrmann led our “counting of the years” introduction. Each person present stated their name and their years in Scouting. The nineteen skunks present for the count represented 858 years of Scouting service, or 45 years per person. Gordy Meeker once again led the way with 83 years!

After the count, Museum Executive Director Brenna Barrett

delivered her State of the Museum presentation. She described the Museum’s many programs and featured upcoming events, such as the Grand Opening of the Camping Exhibit. The VIP and public events are on June 28 and 29, respectively. Brenna also thanked those present for volunteering at the Museum, which included virtually everyone at the event.

Our keynote speaker this year was Jim McKee, the only Sea Scout Skipper in Northern Star Council. He is the Skipper of Ship 248, chartered to St. Stephens Church in West St. Paul. The Ship is coed and serves kids aged 13-21. The highest award in Sea Scouting is the Quartermaster. Jim explained the Sea Scout program, reviewed the great success his kids have enjoyed, and discussed the role of the separate non-profit, Youth Sailing Resources (YSR), which owns a ship called the *Abby Road*. YSR works closely with the Sea Scouting Program to present useful training to engage youth. Youth develop communication, nautical, and leadership skills while enjoying the sport of sailing.

After the keynote concluded, Mike Lund ended a year of anticipation by announcing the 2018 Skunk of the Year. Congratulations to Tom Welna. You can read about him in a separate article appearing in this issue of the *Museum News*.

The formal program concluded with a moment of silence in the memory of those Skunks who passed on during the past year, followed by Scout Vespers. We remembered: Mike Galvin, Howard Guthmann, Ron Philippo, Fred Riehm, Tom Turba, Orem Robbins, and Roland Wilsey.

By this point, Charlie Opp succeeded in replacing the odiferous aura of the Skunks with his meal of chicken breast sandwiches, coleslaw, potato salad, potato chips, and freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Skunks really know how to live. It was a great way for Charlie Opp to end his recent career as head cook for the Skunk Reunion. Thank you, Charlie! For Chuck Clausen, our new chef, the bar has been set. Put the 2019 Skunk Reunion on your calendar for next year. And, bring a friend. The stinkier, the better.



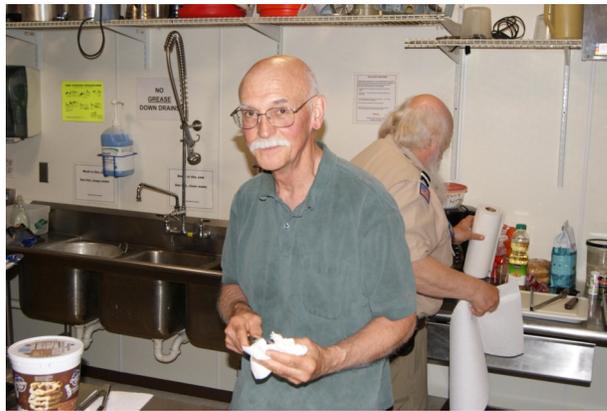
Brenna Barrett delivers her “State of the Museum” address at the 2018 Skunk Reunion.

More Photos from the 2018 Skunk Reunion



Russ Edhlund presides over the 2018 Skunk Reunion. As the Skunks listen, cook Charlie Opp works in the back.

Charlie Opp is shown working on a memorable meal for the Skunk Reunion. Future cook, Chuck Clausen, is in the background helping out.



Skunk of the Year (continued from Page 1)

Regional Powder Horn Training staff, District Camporee staff, and Show and Do staff. In addition to all of these roles, Tom has devoted many hours of service to the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting, serving as Chair of the Museum's Facilities Committee in addition to being Board Co-Chair.

Of course, someone who is as devoted to Scouting as Tom must surely have been recognized for his work. Awards? Just a few. Tom has been recognized with the Scouter's Training Award, Scoutmaster's Key, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award, Bronze Pelican Adult Religious Award, Order of the Ar-

row Vigil Honor, 3 Bead Wood Badge, Heroism Award, and District Distinguished Scouter Award.

Tom is also a devoted community volunteer. He is a member of the Sierra Club and the Citizens for a Better Environment. He has also volunteered on food drive committees at his church. In addition, he has served on his community fair committee and he is a past President and Board member of his home owner's association.

So, the next time you see our putrid Skunk of the Year recipient, all you need to do is hold your nose and offer him your congratulations. Well deserved, Tom Welna!

New Members

- Amy Rolfzen
- Bill Jarvi

In Memory of Tom Turba 2017 Skunk of the Year

- Mike Lund

*Know of anyone
interested in joining?*

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2018 Founders Hall Ceremony and Celebration of Life

On Saturday, April 28, a large crowd filled the Museum for the eighth Davis & Randall Founders Hall recognition event. Three extraordinary honorees were inducted into the Museum's permanent exhibit, which recognizes the unique contributions of those special persons and organizations who have played a transformative role in the ongoing work of Boy Scouting, Girl Scouting, or the Museum. The 2018 Founders Hall event also featured a unique Celebration of Life that highlighted the lives of three Founders Hall inductees who played crucial roles in the success of the Museum and who passed away during a three-month period late in 2017.

The program began with a Celebration of Life that recognized the life-long work of Michael Galvin, Jr., Howard Guthmann, and Ronald Phillippo. Family members and friends got the opportunity to tell stories and relate their memories of these great men. The Museum would

not be what it is today without their contributions. The Celebration also memorialized the recent passing of Founders Hall inductees Jane Freeman and Tom Turba.

After the Celebration of Life, a plated meal was served and three new additions to the Founders Hall exhibit were introduced and recognized. Our Founders Hall is broken into three categories, Founders, Builders, and Trailblazers. This year, the Museum inducted a Founder and two Trailblazers, whose contributions and biographies were detailed in the April *Museum News*. Founder, the Honorable Wilhelmina "Mimi" Wright, delivered an impassioned acceptance of her recognition as she recounted her Girl Scouting connections and the impact Girl Scouting had on her life. Similarly, Trailblazer, Gary Gorman, spoke of the impact of Boy Scouting on his life. Finally, the River Valleys Girl Scout Heritage Group was inducted as



John Andrews memorialized Ron Phillippo at the Founders Hall Celebration of Life.

a Trailblazer for its incredible contribution to the preservation and displaying of Girl Scout memorabilia. Many members of the group were present.

After the event concluded, many remained to tell stories and to tour the Museum. Of particular interest was the new camping exhibit. Docent volunteers were available to conduct gallery tours. Before the event, during transitions, and after the event, guests enjoyed music provided by Mary McMenemy. Founders Hall 2018 was a memorable and moving event.



The children of Mike and Frances Galvin stand in front of Mike Galvin's Founders Hall plaque after the celebration of his life. From left to right, Kathleen Walker, Mary Galvin, Margaret Galvin, Nora Galvin, and Sean Galvin.



Gary Gorman stands before his new Founders Hall plaque. From right to left is Nick Garcia, Gustavo Lopez, Graciela O'Gorman-Smith, Gary Gorman, and Carlos Campos O'Gorman.

More Photos from the Founders Hall Ceremony



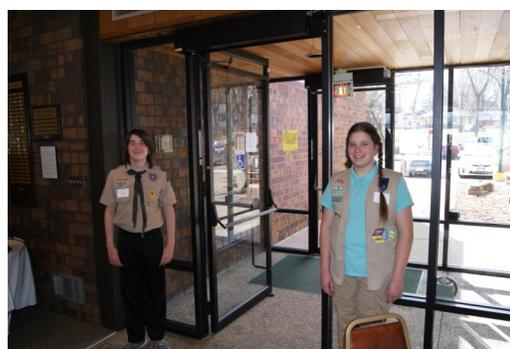
Emily White accepted the Founders Hall honor while flanked by her Girl Scout River Valleys Heritage Group compatriots.



Chuck Dietz shared his memories of our late Founders Hall honorees at the Founders Hall Celebration of Life.



Judge "Mimi" Wright stands next to her Founders Hall plaque with her husband, Dan Schmechel.



Boy Scout Sean Goolsby and Girl Scout Greta Engelstad greeted guests at the door.

Museum Featured on TV!



Mike Marcotte interviews Brenna Barrett for the "Twin Cities Live" segment shot at the Museum.

Many of you may be regular viewers of the KSTP weekday afternoon show, *Twin Cities Live*. Well, on June 21, the North Star Museum was featured on the show. Producer and reporter Mike Marcotte was present at the Museum to film the exhibits and to interview staff and visitors. If you missed the show and would like to see the segment featuring the Museum, here is a link to the *Twin Cities Live* website: <http://twincitieslive.com/article/stories/s4959126.shtml?cat=10692>. Now, a broader segment of the community knows about the

educational and informative exhibits and programs of the North Star Museum.



Mike Marcotte interviews four Boy Scouts by the Museum's Pinewood Derby track while taping a segment for KSTP's "Twin Cities Live."

If It Is Summer, It Is Time for Super Merit Badge Weeks

Super Merit Badge Week is the Museum's oldest and most popular educational program. We learned years ago that camp is not the only place that boys yearn for advancement during the summer. There is plenty of time to fill during the other weeks of summer.

In the summer of 2018, the Museum is once again making available a broad array of workshop opportunities. As always, there is a week packed with merit badge classes during the months of June, July, and August. The June offerings are done and they were extremely successful. As the Museum News goes to press, registration for the July classes is open. Seats fill fast, so make sure to sign up if you are a youth or get the word out to the youth you know and support if you are an adult.

The 2018 offerings include at least fifteen classes and eight separate merit badges. More sessions may be added. Here is the remaining schedule, including the date/time, the badge, the counselor, and the registration limit, as we know it today:

Week of July 10-14

- 10 – Communications – Will Sulzbach (9:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.) (limit 10)
 - Rifle – Dennis Stolp (1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.) (limit 10) [the range portion of the class will be from 8:30 to 10:30 the following day on July 11 at the Bald Eagle Sportsman's Club]
- 11 – Citizenship in the Community – Kurt Leichtle (1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.) (limit 15)
- 12 – Citizenship in the Nation – Mike Fratto (8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.) (limit 15)

Week of August 7-11

- 07 – Citizenship in the Nation – Mike Fratto (8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.) (limit 15)
 - Communications – Bob Elliot (1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.) (limit 10)
- 08 – Rifle – Dennis Stolp (8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.) (limit 10) [the range portion of the class will be from (8:30 to 10:30 the following day on August 9 Bald Eagle Sportsman's Club]
 - Bugling (second session) – Will Sulzbach (1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.) (limit 10)
- 10 – Personal Management – Will Sulzbach (9:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.) (limit 10)

Get the word out about Super Merit Badge Weeks at the Museum. Encourage all you know to watch for the registration announcement so the boys you know don't miss out. Registration opens about a month before each week of sessions, so if you have not been notified, call the Museum to see if registration is open. Or, with our efficient online registration system, you can go directly to eventbrite.com and search on North Star Museum to find our workshops. The base cost for each session is \$15 per youth, or \$12 for Museum members. Some merit badges may carry a slightly higher cost due to material or lunch expenses—these additional costs will be listed on the page for sign-up. Sign up as soon as you can. As we always say: "Don't be left out in the cold during the heat of summer!"

I Did Not Know That!

A number of Skunks attending the 2018 Skunk Reunion brought items from their personal collection. Jim Rupert brought a Rover Scouts display. Did you know that there was a B.S.A.-sanctioned program called Rover Scouts? Rover Scouts were the most senior of all the Senior Scout programs. Boys could become apprentice Rover Scouts at 17, becoming full members at 18. Adult leaders had to be 25. The program was intended as a service and leadership program for the oldest boys, in some ways similar to a college fraternity or service club.

Rover Scouts was based on the ideas of Robert Baden-Powell himself, who developed the program in England for older boys in 1918 and wrote a book for it called *Rovering to Success* in 1922. In the United States, Rover Scouts started in 1928

and its stated purpose was to encourage “service, friendships, progress, and citizenship.” A Rover Crew was the equivalent of a Scout Troop and it was divided into teams which corresponded to patrols.

By 1932, there were 36 official experimental crews, with 27 of them in 15 New England councils. Finally, in May 1933, the National Council approved the program and started planning literature and other helps for leaders. According to some sources, a Rover Wood Badge course was run in 1935, proba-

bly following the British syllabus.

For a standard uniform, the Rovers used the basic Scout uniform. At the outset, Rovers were identified by a special pocket patch, and by a program strip that read “Rover Scouts” instead of “Boy Scouts of America”. Later, the B.S.A. provided hat pins similar in design to the pocket patches. The program ran until 1955 when it was terminated due to dwindling membership and a major restructuring of the older boy programs. Who knew?



These Rover Scout patches from Jim Rupert's collection were on display at the 2018 Skunk Reunion.

Service Learning: A New Museum Opportunity

The North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting has a new endeavor. As a forward-thinking institution recognized for expertise in the key areas of education, citizenship, community service, and personal integrity, we are initiating an ambitious agenda to serve the public beyond Girl Scouting and Scouting BSA through an initiative currently in development—the Service Learning Program.

A key value of Girl Scouting and Scouting BSA is empowering young people to face a world filled with complex challenges as active, caring citizens. The North Star Museum's new Service Learning Program uses the history of these two organizations to promote to all youth the values of citizenship, ethics, mentorship, and service.

Once the Service Learning Program is fully funded, the Museum will ensure that no participant faces a bar to entry. Guided by a self-directed youth board, participants will identify, develop, and implement service projects in their communities. The youth board will be mentored by the Museum's Board of Directors and Advisory Board, allowing

access to CEOs, judges, political figures, and other civic leaders. The youth board will maintain both a database of service learning opportunities and connections with community partners. Youth will predict, examine, and evaluate their experience in gaining knowledge and using methods to improve future projects.

The Service Learning Program provides an opportunity to develop multiple capabilities. These include complex cognitive skills like reflective thought and critical thinking, knowledge acquisition and application, intrapersonal and interpersonal development, practical competence, civic responsibility, academic achievement, and persistence.

The North Star Museum Service Learning Program standards are based on the National Youth Leadership Council Standards for Quality Practice. The completed project will allow the youth to fulfill their service requirements for schools, churches, Boy Scout Eagle Projects, Girl Scout Gold Awards, or other purposes. The experience will allow youth to gain a

greater understanding of their communities and master skills they are not exposed to elsewhere. In order to measure the progress of participants and the program as a whole, Service Learners will:

- Collect data of progress toward achieving specific service goals and learning outcomes from multiple sources throughout the service learning experience.
- Collect data on the effectiveness of service learning implementation.
- Use data to improve service learning experiences.
- Communicate evidence of progress toward goals and outcomes with the community, including policymakers and educational leaders, to deepen service learning understanding and practices.
- Collect data to evaluate the growth of the program and meeting of program goals for stakeholders.
- This cost-free forward looking program is a win for all.

We look forward to your assistance and participation as the Service Learning Program is implemented.

Staffing Update

The Museum would like to announce some staffing changes to make sure all members are up to date. Many of you had a chance to meet or work with our Service Learning Coordinator, Tig-

ger Lunney. Unfortunately, he has decided to leave the Museum for other opportunities. We wish him well in his future endeavors. Tigger's last day at the Museum will be June 26.

The Museum also wishes to hire a part-time administrative assistant. If anyone is interested, please email Brenna at: barrett_brenna@yahoo.com

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