



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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Plan on Some Great Programs This Fall

As usual, you can expect some fun and educational programming at the Museum this fall. On October 6, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., girls can come to the Museum for Girl Scout Way Day. During this session, Girl Scout Brownies will have the opportunity to earn their Girl Scout Way badge. Registration is only \$10 per person.

On October 20, the Museum is participating in the international Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). Look for an article discussing the particulars of JOTA in this issue of the *Museum News*.

One of the highlights of our Girl Scout programming the last several years has been a party to celebrate the birthday of the founder of the Girl Scouts in the United

States – Juliette Gordon Low. Girls should sign up early for this popular event. This year Juliette's Victorian Birthday Party will be on Friday, October 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registration is only \$10 per person.

It is simple to register for these great events. Simply call or email Diana Foss at 651-748-2880 or dfoss@nssm.org.

JOTA Returns to the Museum

Do you want to attend a World Jamboree without ever leaving your home town? Well, you can. Simply come to the North Star Museum on Saturday, October 20, 2018 for the Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). JOTA is the largest Scouting event in the world. JOTA involves over 150 countries and typically one million Scouts. It uses modern communication technology to offer Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries from the comfort of a chair. The purpose of JOTA is to enable

and encourage Scouts around the world to communicate with one another by means of amateur radio, providing a fun and educational Scouting experience and promoting their sense of belonging to a worldwide Scout Movement.

When you come to the Museum for JOTA on October 20 starting at 10 a.m., you will have a chance to connect with Scouts around the world through a ham radio operation. As with last year's JOTA, Tim Arimond will be set up with



his friends and radio station KØBSA (Kay-zero-BSA). You will not want to miss this opportunity. Get the word out to every young man or young woman you know.

In addition to the opportunity for kids to become a radio operator and get

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It Was a Grand Opening

On June 28-29, many Museum members and visitors enjoyed the Grand Opening of the Museum's latest exhibit, entitled *In Our Nature: Camping Through the Decades*. The exhibit explores the history of camping in the United States from the early

1900's to today and focuses on the camping adventures of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. If you missed the Grand Opening, you still have an opportunity to enjoy the exhibit. When you go, you will likely see examples of the equipment and tents that

you used as a youth. The cooking portion of the exhibit is so realistic, you might even get hungry—or not. It depends on your memories of camp food. Come camping at the Museum!



It Was a Grand Opening!

Green Hat Society Volunteers to Visit the North Star Museum

On September 8, 2018, a group of Green Hat Society Girl Scout volunteers will be touring the North Star Museum. The Green Hat Society is a Girl Scout alumnae group for women aged fifty and over. It started in 2004 in Ohio when Girl Scout Alumna, Bonnie Hamic, hosted a tea party for her former troop. The invitation read, "Come as you are, but wear a hat." The rest is history.

The volunteers are in Minnesota for the Tri-Annual Green Hat Society Encampment being held at Camp Lakamaga, a River Valleys Girl Scout Camp on Big Marine

Lake. The ladies are from different parts of the United States and local volunteers are trying to show them a little bit of what Minnesota has to offer. What better activity than seeing the unique collections, exhibits, and programs of the North Star Museum.

After the Museum tour, the group heads to Stillwater for a lunch river cruise. Later in the afternoon, the women plan to visit Gammelgarden (a small Swedish farm) museum in Scandia. After a busy day, it will be back to camp. Welcome, Green Hat Society volunteers!



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on the air, the Museum plans to offer other activities to complement and enhance the experience. Earn Citizenship in the World, Communication, and Radio merit badges through the Museum's Merit Badge Workshop program. Stay in touch with the Museum if you would like to sign up for these merit badges because they usually sell out.

Otherwise, we will be on the air all day from about 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Remember, JOTA is not just for boys. Girl Scouts are encouraged to attend so you can talk to your counterparts around the world! See you at the Museum on October 20 for a trip around the world with JOTA!

New Members

- James King
- Edward Chapin
- Chris Lacher
- Nancy Dennis
- Howard Quimby

Returning Members

- The Pommier Family

**Know of anyone
interested in joining?**

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Museum Hosts World Centers Reunion

On September 22 from 1:00-3:30 p.m., the Museum will be hosting a World Centers Reunion. The reunion will be relaxing gathering of travelers sharing their trips and memories. Of course, reunion visitors will also have a chance to enjoy the camping exhibit.

You might be wondering, “what are the World Centers?” The explanation begins with WAGGGS, or World Assoc. of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, which runs the World Centers. WAGGGS, is the largest voluntary movement dedicated to girls and young women in the world. It supports young girls and young women to develop their full potential as responsible citizens of the world.

Now for the rest of the explanation. World Centers offer Girl Scouts and Girl Guides a comfortable and safe place for short stays or long-term accommodations, seminars, training sessions, and international events. Members and their families are encouraged to visit the center, meet girls from other countries and build lasting friendships. They do the same for adults. The World Centers are in Switzerland, Mexico, India United Kingdom, and Africa. Here is a short trip around the world of World Centers:

MEXICO. Our Cabana, located 47 miles from Mexico City, is a beautiful retreat in Cuernavaca.

Our Cabana is the largest of the four World Centers and can accommodate up to ninety guests.



World Center Chalet:
Switzerland

SWITZERLAND. Our Chalet, located in the picturesque Swiss Alps, was the very first World Center to be built. Participants can explore the trails and footpaths that lead to snow-capped peaks, crystal-clear waters, alpine forests and wild-flower meadows. Our Chalet offers a wide array of programs ranging from high-adventure activities to leadership seminars.



Pax Lodge: England

ENGLAND. Pax Lodge, located in Hampstead Village, is just 20 minutes by train from the center of London. It is an ideal base for exploring the city’s rich history, tradition, and culture. It offers a vibrant selection cultural programs for youth and adults as well as leadership seminars and day activities.

INDIA. Sangam, situated along the banks of the Mula River in

Pune, India, is a few hours from Mumbai. Sangam, which means “coming together” in Sanskrit, engages girls in events from June to March, emphasizing cultural sharing, girls’ interests, and the rich cultural heritage of India.

AFRICA. Kusafiri World Center, is a project exploring how WAGGGS can provide a World Center experience using existing facilities in Africa. The “center” has no fixed site but changes location at every event, bringing international experiences to girls and young women in different African countries.

We hope you enjoyed your virtual World Centers world tour. Hopefully, you now understand a little about the World Centers, how important they are to girls and adults around the world, and how they provide an opportunity for girls and adults to come together and learn from each other. World Centers continues the international movement of caring, supporting, and helping not only Girl Scouts and Girl Guides but the people around them. If you are a World Centers alumni or know a World Centers alumni, get the word out about the World Centers Reunion at the Museum on the afternoon of September 22. Or, if you would just like to meet with a World Centers alumni about their experience, come out to the Museum and take part in the reunion. No reservation or RSVP is required.

Derby Night at the Museum Is Back!

It's hard to believe that it has been almost a year since the first **Derby Night at the Museum**. Mark your calendars now for this year's event—we're back with even more fun and entertainment! Join us on Saturday, November 17, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. for a night of food, friendship and racing—all to benefit the unique and educational programs at the Museum.

If you plan to race, it's not too early to begin working on your car. How about racing a car from your youth to see if it can go faster than ever before? Or join us as a spectator to watch the races and support your friends and the Museum. There will be a new and bigger silent auction, and a wall of wine and beer raffle. We'll serve treats and beverages, and there might

even be a surprise or two in store. Just a reminder that this is an adults-only event. Plan to attend **Derby Night at the Museum 2018**—the ultimate *FUN*draiser!



Our Volunteers Are Coordinated

A major strength of the Museum is its cadre of dedicated volunteers. Our volunteers make the Museum tick. Until he stepped down last year, Gary Gorman ably served as our Volunteer Coordinator. We are excited to welcome our dedicated Board Member Bonna Scherer as our new Volunteer Coordinator. In addition to being an active Board member, Bonna is a part of the Heritage Group that was recently honored at this year's Founders Hall induction cere-

mony. Bonna is also part of our Exhibits Committee and she has helped create and curate many of our educational and historical exhibits, including Round-Up and World Centers. With Bonna's help, the Museum will continue its strong volunteer program.

Bonna is kicking off her tenure on Sunday, October 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for a museum cleaning day. Everything from window washing to deep cleaning to vacuuming. Do you have

some youth who need service hours? Museum Cleaning Day presents a great opportunity for them. Maybe you are looking for a little positive physical activity on a Sunday afternoon. Just RSVP to Bonna directly at 651-429-2162 or email her at bscherer45@yahoo.com. We will have refreshments and snacks to thank you for your dedicated help in making our museum shine.

Best of Luck Mike!

After many years of service Mike Lund has moved on to other projects. He will be remembered as the 2017 Skunk of the

Year and his dedicated volunteer years going back to the beginning of the Museum. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.



New Brochure Makes a Splash

Over the last several years, the opportunities for fun and educational programming at the Museum have mushroomed. In addition, a number of great new exhibits have opened to the public. Our hands-on history center gives kids and adults alike an opportunity for fun while experiencing activities that young men and woman in the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have enjoyed for over 100 years.

The only thing that did not grow or change was our promotional brochure. Not anymore! This summer, our updated brochure was completed and it is now available for wide distribution. As a Museum member and supporter, we need you to be a Museum Ambassador and help us make these brochures available to a wide audience of future members and supporters.

In addition to attractive photographs and a brief description of the Museum's hours and program offerings, the brochure includes a tear-off membership application. The brochure also contains a grid that outlines the various levels of Museum membership, the cost of each, and, most important, the perks that go with each membership level. Membership in the Museum truly has a value to each member regardless of giving level. All membership levels include free admission to the Museum, a discount at the Museum shop, discount pricing for Museum programs and events, priority booking for events and programs of your own, recognition in Museum publications, and more. The levels also include various combinations of free guest passes depending on the level of membership.

So, help us get the word out. Next time you are at the Museum, pick up a few brochures and give them to your friends. Be a Museum ambassador.



Our Merit Badge Workshops Are Super

For the eighth consecutive summer, the Museum offered a full week of merit badges during the three summer months. We call the program Super Merit Badge Weeks. This summer, Scouts could sign up for Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Collections, Personal Management, Communication, Scouting Heritage, Bugling, and Rifle. Sixteen separate classes were offered and a total of 144 boys attended the classes.

None of the workshops would be possible without our dedicated and loyal group of merit badge counselors. Special thanks are extended to our 2018 Super Merit Badge Week counselors: John Kysylyczyn, Dennis Stolp, Bob Elliot, Claudia Nicholson, Will Sulzbach, Mike Fratto, and Kurt Leichtle.

The Museum is presently planning more Merit Badge Workshops this fall. Keep on the lookout for an announcement of the schedule.



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Announcing Our New Hours

The Museum is always looking for opportunities to attract new visitors and groups of visitors. The Museum's educational exhibits and programs are especially attractive to school groups, packs, and troops of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. To accommodate more school groups and daytime visitors the Museum is expanding its hours. Our new hours are:

Wednesday through Friday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tour groups may schedule a tour by appointment.

We welcome your visitation. Come out to the Museum alone or with your group. Enjoy our new hours and see what's new, like the new camping exhibit

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