

# BOYHAVEN BUGLE

FALL 2009

## NATURE LODGE GETS A MAKE OVER

The Nature Lodge as seen many creatures in its time! In the Spring of 2009, it finally was paid its dues.

The first part of the project provided a new metal roof. No more leaks for this building! The old roof was not tossed, don't worry. What material was good, we used to provide a cover on the newly renovated Lower Showers.

The interior walls were removed during our Spring Gopher Weekend. It was decided not to replace them, but rather to paint the interior the way it is. This way we do not have the continual problem of critters make their homes three feet deep in the

walls!!

Electrically, no major changes had to be made other than a new electrical panel. The rest was surprisingly in good shape.

The windows were removed and new screening was placed on the windows. The plans are to provide boards to go over the windows during the winter.

A new eight foot table was placed down there as well.

During the summer new steps were put in place for the front and rear doors.

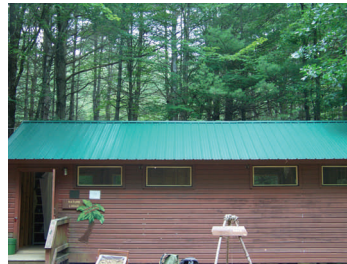
The work has been well worth it and we are not done yet!

This fall, at the Fall Gopher

Day, the Nature Lodge will see a fresh coat of paint on the outside of it to make it shine.

All said and done, the Alumni Association funded the whole project!!!

Now our Nature Lodge is all ready for the upcoming years!



## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS:

- 67 Members
- \$11,270.85 raised to date
- \$655.23 spent on the Nature Lodge to date
- Future Projects include
  - New Signs for the NOVA Center
  - Replace fence and landscaping at the Waterfront

## A NEW HEALTH LODGE EMERGES

Thanks to the hard work of our Ranger, Dan Crumb, and volunteer Assistant Rangers, Anthony Richard and Richard Crumb, our Health Lodge has a new look!

Money donated by the Saratoga Rotary Club

provided the bulk of the funds needed to renovate the building.

Now that it is fully insulated, it is the new home of the anticipated Campmaster Program that will be revived in 2010.



## 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOYHAVEN

Our 2009 fundraiser is still in full swing! We have sold close to half of our items and we still have a long ways to go.

If you have not purchased your patches yet, you better hurry before they are gone! Remember, all proceeds go towards the Alumni Association and the projects we sponsor at Boyhaven.

Currently we have these

items for sale through the Boyhaven website, the council office, and they have made their debut on eBay!

Get them today!!!



## MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION...

Do I have to donate every year?

No. In order to stay on the membership rolls you only need to donate once.

What if I don't donate every year?

If you chose not to donate, you will not receive the membership benefits such as a invitation to the Alumni Dinner, a Summer Alumni Patch, or other perks as they come up year to year. Also the Camp itself will not benefit.

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes it is! Please just let us know if you need a letter.

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONATED THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN 2009, IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE!!

## NOTEWORTHY CALENDAR DATES

September 12th	Fall Gopher Work Day	9:30am to 3:30pm
October 10th	Cub Fun Day	10:00am to 3:00pm
October 11th	Tiger Family Day	12:00am to 3:00pm
May 8th, 2010	Spring Gopher/ Alumni Work Day	9:30am to 3:30pm
June 6th	Summer Camp Open House	12:00am to 3:00pm

*All members of the Alumni Association are always more than welcome to come up to Camp on any one of the events listed or any weekend the camp is open to walk around and see where your support is going!!!*

## A MOMENT FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

Greetings My Friends!

Thank you for your continued dedication, support, and belief in Camp Boyhaven.

We have come along way since we began our trail. We have stabilized the losses of campers and money from the Summer Resident Camp all while making major improvements to our home away from home.

In 2008 the Summer Camp created a excess in revenue for the first time in years. We are on track to doing the same for 2009 as well. Our total year round operation has gone from losses mounting \$60,000 to being cut in half totaling \$30,000 in little more than one year.

We have shown that there is a home for Cub Scouting in this Council, and that home is right here at Camp Boyhaven! Too many people are forgetting that Cub Scouting is the foundation of our great program. Without continued attention and dedication to the Cub Scouts in our area, there cannot be any Scouting.

In any other time, the changes and successes we have had in the last year and half, would be seen has monumental. But the fact of the matter is that Boyhaven is still under intense pressure.

The fiscal climate of Twin Rivers has put us under the

microscope greater than we ever have been.

There is a great need for continued fiscal support and promotion of the facilities and programs we have here at Boyhaven.

The burden cannot be placed on the Summer Camp alone. We must find ways to increase our year round use.

We are currently exploring new avenues for increasing revenue. The historical fall back concept of increasing rental fees will not solve our problems. We must increase year round use by Council Units and increase our ability to appeal to outside rental opportunities such as Community Groups, Youth Groups, Schools, and Church Groups. More use of Camp is the only way to create a lasting revenue stream for continued growth.

In order to help with this we are in the early planning stages of major renovations to our cabins and continuing our efforts to rehab our other buildings. Money is being solicited from local foundations for grants and member items.

In a effort to improve the financial situation of the council, maybe things are being looked at. One, which was approved and already in the process, is the sale of the property across Route 29.

Many of you may not even know that across Route 29, from Boyhaven Road, are two lots that are owned by the Council. These pieces were used as a family camping area and an "outpost" area when it was a Boy Scout Camp. Neither have been used in over a decade with no plans to use them ever again.

I for one, endorse this move as does the Boyhaven Properties Committee. It is the right move at this time for the Council as a whole.

In the mean time we will continue to search for new revenues and possibilities for the camp.

I ask that you continue your support of Boyhaven by:

- \* continuing your donation to the Alumni Association.
- \* encouraging others to donate.
- \* encouraging Troops, Packs, and other organizations to utilized the camp in the year round.
- \* Encouraging Packs to attend summer resident camp at Camp Boyhaven.

Thank you all for everything you do for Scouting and the youth we serve!!

Yours in Scouting,

Drew Chesney

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“BUILDING MEMORIES AND PUTTING  
VALUES INTO ACTION”

Membership Levels of the Association

Level 1– Trolley Believer      \$25.00

*First time members receive a Alumni Patch, all members receive a  
invitation to the Alumni Dinner at Camp*

Level 2– Trolley Passenger      \$50.00

*Alumni Dinner Invitation and a current Summer Camp Patch*

Level 3– Trolley Operator      \$100.00

*Alumni Dinner Invitation, a current Summer Camp Patch, and a Special Alumni  
Summer Camp Patch*

Level 4– Trolley Conductor      \$500.00

*All items given to other levels, plus your name on Special Plaque to be put in the  
White House Front Room. Yearly cumulative donations can be used to add up to  
\$500.00*



The Alumni Association is dedicated to the continuing success and improvement of Camp Boyhaven and the programs it offers.

In times of decline of available money from sources that in the past have been stable and of substantial amounts, we provide supplement money to the Camp's projects that improve facilities and program features.

Started in 2008, the Association looks forward to a long term commitment to Boyhaven and the youth that call it their second home.

If you have any desire to step up and more involved in any aspect of the camp you are encouraged to do so. We are always looking for volunteers to make life even better at Boyhaven.

*Much thanks to Alumni  
Members Amy and Joe  
Semerad for their awesome  
work on our Miniature Golf!!  
Amy and Joe have spent much  
time and personal resources to  
fix up numerous holes.*

*Thanks Guys!!!!*

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