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Beaver Weekend 2002

Save the dates! May 31st, June 1st and 2nd is Beaver Weekend! In the tradition started 2 years ago, the Massawepie Staff Alumni will be teaming up to take on several projects! This is a great time to get involved and contribute to the Camp that has given us some great memories! We have four areas we are looking for help on: remodeling a couple of cabins on cabin row, assisting Brett Elliott with the Ropes Course construction, assisting Pete Collinge with trail maintenance, and sprucing up the campfire circle in anticipation of much use during the 50th Anniversary Campfires. We're looking for skilled and barely skilled volunteers! The more the merrier!

To invest in a great time showing Scouting Spirit and camaraderie, please contact Mark Pulvino at mpulvino@rochester.rr.com or at 671-3961 to sign up for this fun filled weekend!

Important: The Massawepie Staff Alumni Association also holds its Annual Members meeting after dinner on Saturday; all members are encouraged to attend!

World Famous Staff Alumni T-shirts

A must have for every Massawepie Staff Alumni member! This T-shirt is famous!! (Check out our Beaver Weekend group photo on the Massawepie Staff Alumni Web Site).

This t-shirt can be yours for only \$12.00 per shirt. If you need the T-shirt mailed to you, please add an additional \$3.20. To order one, please write us with your name, address, t-shirt size (XXL, XL, L or M) and check made out to Otetiana Council. Available to duespaid members only, so add \$10 membership dues if you haven't paid them already.

Sure, I go to a



Thanks to all who made the 2nd Annual Picnic a big success!

Massawepie Scout Camps 50th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, August 3, 2002

Enclosed with this newsletter is a brochure, containing a registration form, which is your formal invitation to join the Council in its celebration of Massawepie's 50th anniversary on Saturday, August 3, 2002. This special event will take place on the camp property. This event is being organized and run by the Alumni Association. Festivities will start at noon and conclude with an evening campfire.

The registration fee of \$15 per person covers the Saturday evening banquet and a special 50th anniversary commemorative patch. A Sunday morning brunch will be offered for an additional \$5 per person. Extra patches will be available at the event for \$5 with a unique larger patch commissioned by the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association available. Registrations and payments for this event must be made by May 31, 2002.

You can get more information about this event by visiting the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association web site at MassStaffAlumni.org or e-mailing the Association at MassAlumni@aol.com. We hope you can join us for this special celebration.

Campfire Survey

We want to put on a special campfire for the 50th anniversary on August 3rd where the all-time greatest openings, songs, skits, stories and closings from the 50 years of camp are performed - hopefully by the original cast who made them popular. If you have a nomination for your favorite(s), please fill out the enclosed form and return it to: Massawepie Staff Alumni Association, c/o Don DeClerck, Camp Cutler, 7131 Gulick Rd., Naples, NY 14512.

Volunteers Still Needed

We are still looking for Alumni members to help us with 50th Anniversary activities. Each volunteer will need to register and pay for the weekend by May 31. Registration forms can be found on our website. If you can help on August 3rd, please e-mail the Association at MassAlumni@aol.com or call Don DeClerck at (585) 374-5770.

Massawepie Staff Alumni Association 50th Anniversary Patch

Attention patch collectors, patch traders, and other friends of Massawepie! As part of the celebration of the camp's 50th anniversary in 2002, the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association will be issuing a special, limited-availability 50th anniversary patch. This unique patch was designed by Mark Arlauckas, based on a contest-winning design by Life Scout Brian Trovato of Troop 320. The patch is oval-shaped and includes a star-spangled number "50", the traditional Massawepie Beaver, and a gold metallic-thread border.

Proceeds from this patch will be used to support the 50th anniversary celebration and the Alumni Association's projects at Massawepie such as the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle and the Camp Pioneer Rifle Range (coming in 2003). Patches will cost \$10 each during the August 3 anniversary celebration, but may be pre-ordered until June 15, 2002, for \$8 each, or \$7 each for orders of 5 or more. Pre-orders may be submitted using the dues renewal form enclosed with this newsletter. Note that Alumni Association members in good standing will receive free shipping on any order of 50th anniversary patches. So order now, and be the first one on your block to sport this unique Massawepie memorabilia, while helping the Alumni Association to support our favorite camp!



Massawepie 50th Anniversary Patch Show and Trade Event

Patch collectors and traders should not miss this special event during Massawepie's 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday August 3rd, 2002!!!. On the afternoon and evening of August 3rd the Massawepie Scoutmaster Lounge will be reserved for a fabulous patch show and trade event. We expect to have memorabilia from all of the 36 Scout camps that have ever operated in the Adirondacks - from Sabattis, Portaferry, Russell, Vigor, Kingsley and Floodwood Mountain to Woodworth Lake, Crossett Lake, Hitchins Park, Sans Souci, Bedford and Cedarlands. Show off your collection, trade, or just relax, visit and swap stories with other Scouts and Scouters. Hot coffee and other refreshments will be available. To reserve a table for displaying or trading items, please contact Brad Van Auken vanauken@brandforward.com.

Will You Be Attending Massawepie With A Unit This Summer?

As part of Massawepie's 50th Anniversary celebrations this year, we'd like to have a Staff Alumni "presence" at camp each week this summer to help today's Scouts appreciate Massawepie's many traditions. This is probably best done in brief activities during the weekthink of them as "Massawepie tradition moments". Possible activities include leading an older camp song in the Dining Hall or at a troop campfire (how about teaching them "I am a hayseed..."?), convening an evening gathering of "tale swapping" about past years at camp, or telling a brief Massawepie history story at one of the camp campfires. We can supply details or other ideas, or you can come up with your own.

If you'll be attending Massawepie with a unit, and would be willing to volunteer to help out with this project in your spare time, please contact Peter Collinge at capejo@localnet.com, or at (585) 334-4132. Please mention the week you'll be at camp. Peter will compile the names of the willing volunteers for each week, and coordinate with the camp Program

2nd Annual Happy Hour Event

The 2nd Annual Happy Hour Event was held at the Scotch 'N Sirloin in Brighton last January. All had a great time and everyone behaved (unlike the many visits to OPD during our camp years)! After we were finally able to get food, time was spent reminiscing and looking forward to the 50th Anniversary celebration in August. Ideas were passed around and the 50th Anniversary brochure was reviewed. Thank you to all that offered great ideas and valuable feedback!

Like our Annual Fall Picnic, we saw an increase in attendance! As with our other Staff Alumni Events we hope to see this event continue to grow in the future!

Membership Renewal

Membership in the Association runs from June 1 through May 31. If you are a current member, it is time to renew your membership. You can renew at our Annual Meeting at Beaver Weekend or send back the enclosed form with your \$10 membership dues (\$20 for two years).

Please note that if you make a contribution of \$50 or more to the Alumni Association Massawepie Fund (which supports the 50th Anniversary Celebration and the Alumni Association's camp projects) with your renewal the \$10 membership fee for 2002-2003 will be waived.



Clams?!? I thought YOU brought the clams!

Upcoming Events

May

31-June 2 Beaver Weekend

Massawepie Scout Camps

June

1 MSAA Annual Meeting

Massawepie Scout Camps

August

3 Massawepie 50th Anniversary

Massawepie Scout Camps

September

28 Annual Family Picnic

Powder Mills Park

Be sure to check **MassStaffAlumni.org** for the the most up-to-date information!



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