



CAMP SEQUASSEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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President's Letter – Sequassen Alumni Association

Greetings all,

It is hard to believe, but the summer season for 2019 is already over halfway completed with the fourth week of camp ending today. This summer marks the first summer with all female troops attending camp and they have been welcomed as any other new unit that attends Sequassen. The projects funded by the Alumni last fall are being very well received. The First Year Camper area is very appreciative of the new pavilion and it has created a great base of operation for the program working with the newest members of the Sequassen family. The new grill trailer has been a great benefit to the Waterfront BBQ on Fridays, being able to prepare and keep warm all of the food in a very timely fashion compared to the previous grill.

In major changes to Sequassen, in the northern loop right next to the north shower house, construction on a new "trades building" has been underway to house a new program area for the summer of 2020. In this new area, merit badges in the various trades such as welding, plumbing, and engineering (to name a few) will have their own location with appropriate resources to help excite scouts about the various trades. After a long process, the completion of the waterfront wall project appears to be on the horizon as well. All plans have been drawn up, approvals have been obtained and we have been in contact with a contractor to complete the replacement of the wall project this fall as soon as the water level of West Hill Pond is lowered.

Event wise, the Gala this year was another fun event that was enjoyed by those in attendance. We came close to the goal we had set of being able to replace the walk-in refrigerator in the kitchen but have a little more to go. Thank you to all who helped make the event another great time for those in attendance and we have already been working on next year's event to really promote it and try to break the 100-attendee mark. Any thoughts or assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. The Gala in 2020 will take place on June 13th and more information will be posted on the website (<https://sequassenalumni.org/gala-dinner/>) as the event gets closer. The fall Trade-O-Ree (<https://sequassenalumni.org/2019-trade-o-ree/>) is also moving full steam ahead with the excitement of the event building and many tables already spoken for, it is on track to be a very successful event. If you would like to have a table and have not already purchased them, please do so soon!!

The Alumni nights during the summer have been a great success with many adults (both members and non-members) stopping in to talk about camp traditions and its future on Wednesdays. If you have not had a chance to make it up to one, there are 3 opportunities remaining and we would love to see you there. During these events, many members have renewed their dues as it is that time of year and we thank you for your continued support of the Alumni. A few years ago we were pushing to try and break the 100 member mark and this past year we were able to shatter that with 130+ members and we are hoping to continue the upward trend. If you are unable to make it up to an alumni night, renewals can be completed online through the website (<https://sequassenalumni.org/membership-information/renew-membership-online/>) If no information has changed in the past year, only your name(s) are needed for completing the renewal process. If you would prefer to pay via check, please print out the form attached to this letter and send it in to Matt Balls.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to promote the Alumni and spread the word about the great things that we do to help preserve the traditions of camp while working to continue to improve the facilities and program for the scouts and scouters. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to sequassenalumni@gmail.com.

Yours in Sequassen,

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New grill trailer in action during lunch for the Major Work Party 2019