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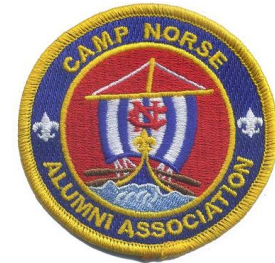
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How did we get here?

July 2015 Annawon Council Executive Mark Nelson informs the Executive Board he's accepted a new position at the BSA headquarters in Texas. August 2015 Ed McGloughlin, BSA Northeast Area Director informs the Executive Board that Annawon Council "must" merge with a neighboring council recommending either Old Colony Council to the north or Narragansett Council to the south.

After a very emotional Annawon Council Executive Board meeting at Camp Norse August 2015, many meetings with both councils, researching other possibilities, the final votes were taken by both the Annawon Council and Narragansett Council Executive Boards to merge. So December 2016 Annawon Council became history.

Annawon Council's Property Committee, formerly called the Camping Committee was

a group of volunteers, lead by the Council Executive who oversaw the facilities at Camp Norse. With the merger this group dissolved.

With a suggestion from Narragansett Council Commissioner John Gilmore a small group met to start the formation of the Camp Norse Alumni Association.

It took more than a year but finally the association was officially approved by the Narragansett Council Executive Board September 15, 2017

Purpose of the Camp Norse Alumni

The Camp Norse Alumni Association is an organization within the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America. The association's purpose is to help sustain and enhance the traditions, legacy and permanence of Camp Norse through a network of active and dedicated alumni.

Camp Norse is a small scout camp at 300 acres compared to others which are 1,000+ acres. This puts us in an awkward situation.

The camp is not large enough to sustain a full time ranger. We have a part time "Care Taker". Actually we have 2 part time care takers. Chris and Mary Blais over see security and minor maintenance. This leaves a lot of maintenance, projects and enhancements to volunteers.

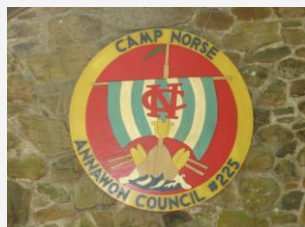
Beyond the physical part of Camp Norse the Alumni supports the programs. That includes the 5 weekends of family camp, 8 weeks of

day camp, WEBELOS overnight camp, all incorporating the new STEM program.

Then there's the other 10 months of the year when Camp Norse is occupied almost every weekend by Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews, Explorer Posts and private organizations.

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Annawon Council/Camp Norse Scouting Museum



“Scouting is a game for boys under the leadership of boys under the direction of a man.”

Lord Robert Paden-Powell

One important part of the merger agreement between Annawon Council and Narragansett Council was the establishment of a museum to be located at Camp Norse. The mission of the yet to be named museum will be to preserve Scouting's heritage and inspire youth about Scouting traditions and values through an interactive and educational structure. The museum will collect, preserve, and display Scouting artifacts and publications attempting to

concentrate on Scouting in the former Annawon Council, Camp Norse and southeastern New England. The museum will be located in the craft cabin on the edge of the parade field at Camp Norse. Through the generous support of the George W Magee Foundation the exterior of the building is being totally refurbished. Phase 1, the roof has been completed with phase 2 windows, doors and siding to be done after summer camp. FYI, Our contractor is an Eagle Scout from

Middleboro. Phase 3 is moving interior walls, electrical work, and installation of a HVAC system to help preserve the artifacts. We're hoping volunteers will be able to do a lot of the interior work. We've received a private donation to allow us to furnish the museum.

We'll keep you up to date on the progress. Donations and Scouting artifacts always accepted.

Summer Camp Staff Scholarship

Camp Norse has provided the highest quality summer camp programs to our youth in the Scouting program. Youth and adults have come from around the world to experience the great summer program offered at Camp Norse.

For more than eight decades the formula for success at Camp Norse has been acquiring the Highest quality staff members, who exemplify the qualities of the Scout oath and Law and are committed to making a positive impact in the lives of young people.

The Camp Norse Alumni Association Staff Scholarship was established to reward those camp Staff members that stand out among their peers as exceptional examples of character, Leadership, citizenship and performance on camp staff. Scholarships will be given annually to Selected registered members of the Boy Scouts of America, who meet all requirements.

Donations towards the Camp Norse Scholarship program may be submitted to Narragansett Council.

Camp Norse Projects

Our first Camp Norse project is refurbishing the Lighthouse/Tower at the water front. The structure is in poor condition due to the weather and vandalism. The Texture 1-11 has been removed from the lower portion of the building. Some of the framing needs to be repaired then new siding, corner borders, a door, and paint will be applied. This work is all being done by volunteers from the Camp Norse Alumni Association and most of the material has been donated.

We also have a list of general maintenance that we, the volunteers, will work on along with Tulpe Lodge.

Before



During



Camp Norse Alumni Assoc. Future

With any new organization or fund raising event the first dozen members or the first donations are always the easiest. Our April 28, 2017 report puts us at 37 members, 29 of which are Lifetime memberships, putting almost \$9,000.00 in the Narragansett Council endowment fund with the interest earmarked for Camp Norse. Over \$2,000.00 has been donated directly to the Camp Norse Alumni Association project fund, not counting the grants for the museum. Then there are a lot of donations of material, and office supplies required to get our organization out to the members and Scouting community. We have had good support from the council, though we're still struggling to get monthly financial reports, by way of mailing our pamphlet to every registered Scouter in the Northeast Service Area, aka the former Annawon Council and purchasing the alumni patches. Our goal of 50 members within the first year and to boost the project fund towards \$5,000 is within reach and we'll continue working towards that.

Thank you to all that have made this project a success. Please spread the word. If you would like more info please contact us. If you know of someone that Camp Norse and the Annawon Council has had a positive effect on their life please inform them of the Camp Norse Alumni Association or forward their contact information to us and we'll reach out.

Yours in Scouting

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**Please share this news letter with your Scouting friends.
The discount Lifetime Membership of \$300 expires in September.**