



# CAMP BABCOCK-HOVEY

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

### SUMMER 2016



### JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FAMILY FUN ON MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>.

You may be saying to yourself: self what am I doing July 22-24th? The answer is: Babcock-Hovey Alumni Weekend. We are hoping to see you there this year. This year we are hoping to have great weather and planning many great activities. As a Paid Member of the Alumni Association you can come down and camp for free (Friday and/or Saturday if you wish), and you can bring your entire family. If it has been a few years we have many new improvements to many areas of camp. You may take the kids fishing at Pooler's Pond, a beautiful walk down by the lakefront, or maybe some star gazing at night? As usual when you come down to camp we will feed you a bounty of food. So please join us for Alumni Day this year and have a great time. Please RSVP to Matthew Crance. – Justin Kuczma-

*Written by Justin Kuczma aka Sir Chicken Man*

### ANNUAL BABCOCK-HOVEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### MEETING JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> at NOON FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

#### 2015-2016 Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association Executive Committee

- President – Jay Laitenberger [jlaitenberger@gmail.com](mailto:jlaitenberger@gmail.com)
- Vice President – Justin Kuczma [jmkuczma@yahoo.com](mailto:jmkuczma@yahoo.com)
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- Member at Large – Bill Tilley NA
- Immediate Past President – Jason Mellen [jason.mellen@gmail.com](mailto:jason.mellen@gmail.com)

Don't forget to visit our website at [www.bhalum.org](http://www.bhalum.org)

## Sponsor Improvements at your Favorite Campsite

Have you ever wanted to improve your favorite campsite? Now you can. We are now accepting donations for an opportunity to dedicate shelters, tents, campfire rings, and flag poles. Donations level vary but I am sure there is a sponsorship available to everyone. Want to help even more? How about you work with your District and Sponsor an entire Campsite. See the attached insert for more information.

*Written by Matthew Crance aka "PAWN"*

## The Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association is Going Green

In an effort to reduce waste, all paid members can now request to receive their newsletter electronically. This not only saves the environment but also saves money in mailing costs. Please send an email to [matthewcrance@gmail.com](mailto:matthewcrance@gmail.com) telling him you would like to go green and he will make it so!

## Personal Fitness Area Kicks Back Into Action

For the 2016 Summer Camp Season we are bring back the Personal Fitness Area. Not only is



it back but it is better than ever! We added a sand beach volley ball court, bocce ball area, mini soccer field, mini golf, new elements to the Boulderling Wall, ultimate frisbee course, and a GAGA pit! Wait, what did I just say? GAGA PIT? What is a Gaga Pit you might ask? Gaga is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The more players the better! Dubbed a kinder gentler version of dodge ball, the game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees. Players need to keep moving to avoid getting hit by the ball. Fun and easy, everyone

gets a serious workout. It was a big hit during Eagle Flight Week and Week 1 of Boy Scout Camp. This was all made possible due to a grant from Tschipey Achtu Lodge (Order of the Arrow Lodge for Seneca Waterways Council) and Finger Lakes Comfort, Inc. From the many scouts that have and will enjoy this Personal Fitness Area this year and for years to come, THANK YOU!



*Written by Jay Laitenberger aka Spinner*

## Trading Post Restock with New items

A few years back the Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association helped to renovate the Camp Trading Post and combined it with the Hovey Museum. Since then the Merchandize only seems to get better and better. This year we have 10 different types of water bottles, as many variety if no more of hats (Winter and Summer), Classy Quarter zips, Navy Blue Zip Hoodies, Hockey Hoodies, Hovey Pin, New Hovey Mugs, New Hovey Pencil Holders, and several new T-shirts. And by popular demand (Mrs. Stephanie Marie Crance...) we have some items in Pink for the ladies.



We are also starting a new program where we are issuing a seasonal patch that can only be purchased during that season. This way it encourages Scouts and Scouters to camp during all 4 seasons of at Camp Babcock-Hovey. As a special surprise George Stanton and Kim Stanton of Seneca District made a new Camp Entrance sign in the shape of the new patches. Only question left is- Will you be able to collect them all?

*By Jason Mellen aka "Mellen" or "Radar"*



# Presenting Your 2016 Summer Camp Staff



## Alumni Association Sponsors Staff Retention Program

No other job can as easily combine the satisfactions of working with people in an outdoor setting as a summer camp staffer. The impact of working as a member of a summer camp staff is seldom recognized for the valuable contributions that often arise from the experience working at camp gives you the opportunity "to enrich lives and change the world." This can make it difficult to retain top quality staff from year to year. The summer camp staff are the ones that make the program happen and excel. It is the summer camp staff that are the face of our Camp.

The Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association is pleased to announce a new Summer Camp Staff Retention Program. Those Camp Staff that have served for 2 or more summers each received a gift from the Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association. The gifts vary by experience level, but include a Babcock-Hovey Mug, a Babcock-Hovey Hat, a Babcock-Hovey Backpack, a Babcock-Hovey Cardigan, or a Babcock-Hovey Blanket.

Coming soon, all Paid Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association Members will be able to Purchase these items if they would like. Monies will be reinvested into the program for gifts for next year. The first opportunity will be Alumni Weekend (July 22-24<sup>th</sup>). An order form will be included in our Fall Newsletter.

## Now Accepting 2016-2017 Membership Applications

We have a current total of 54 lifetime members and 9 regular members for the 2015-2016 financial year. This is the largest the Alumni Association has ever been. The Alumni Association funnels our membership fees directly back into Camp Babcock-Hovey through projects and program supplies. Every year members receive several cool newsletters, get to attend Alumni Day for Free, receive invites to a Winter Gathering, and usually a small gift from the Alumni Association in token of our appreciation. Please note that membership expires each year on May 31<sup>st</sup> (just before Raccoon Work Weekend). New memberships after March 1 run through May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Please send in your membership forms today!

## Camp Improvements 2016

Besides the PF Area Camp saw many other improvements in the spring of 2016. I wish we could show you pictures of them all but space is limited. So if you would like to see more Like the Camp Babcock-Hovey Facebook Page and Join the Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association Group for the most up to date information. Some of the additional Camp improvements in 2016 include a climbing iceberg and trampoline with log roll added to the Lakefront Area, new knee boarding board for the motor boats, renovated coffee mess area, many new improved camp directional signs, metal roof on Penn Yan Lodge, Metal roof on just about every Lean-to in Camp, new flag pole in the NAC Area, new yellow chain to demark the shooting sports ranges, gravel road from South Showerhouse out to Oneida Campsite just to name a few! Thanks to everyone that attended Raccoon Work Weekend and especially to others that have been work behind the scenes to make Camp Babcock-Hovey the Premier Scout Camp in the Finger Lakes Region.



# **SPONSOR A CAMPSITE**

## **CAMPSITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The Camp Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association is raising funds to help redevelop all of our Summer Camp Campsites. Having top notch campsites allows us to attract and retain troops for the summer camp season and off-season. Projects include upgrading the electrical connections, adding two picnic shelters to each site, improving campfire areas, installing new picnic tables, installing new flag poles as needed, and upgrading the tents and platforms.



**We need your help!!!! Any donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated. For a donation of the amount listed below a plaque will be added sponsoring that item with a name of your choosing. We will be in touch for wording on plaques at the \$500 level and above.**

**\$100 Tent          \$250 Picnic Table          \$500 Flag Pole**  
**\$1,000 Campfire Area          \$2,500 Shelter          \$5,000 Latrine**  
**\$10,000 Entire Campsite**

Name of Purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person/group to be Honored: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Campsite Requested - \_\_\_\_\_ Total - Donation - \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please send this form and payment to  
 Camp Babcock-Hovey, Seneca Waterways Council, 2320 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road  
 If payment is made by credit card please fill out below and mail or fax to 585-256-8533**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ **(must have)**

American Express/Visa/Master Card/Discover # \_\_\_\_\_

(Please circle one of the above cards)

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of card holder \_\_\_\_\_

**Office use only Acct #2-4501-047-91 (NOTE NEW ACCT #)**

*For more information contact - Matthew Crance at [matthewcrance@gmail.com](mailto:matthewcrance@gmail.com)/ 315-246-8156*

NOTE: Any funds left over after this project is complete can be used towards any Camp Capital Improvements at Camp Babcock-Hovey at the discretion of the Camp Babcock-Hovey Properties Committee.



# Camp Babcock-Hovey Alumni Association

Providing "Spirit, Service and Support"  
Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
How many and what years (if any) as a camper? \_\_\_\_\_ on staff? \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ (you never know what talents we might be needing!)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if we may list your name and years at camp on our future web site.

**Eligibility requirements:** Must be at least 21 years of age, interested in supporting the purposes of the Association, and in good standing with (but not necessarily a current member of) the BSA and the Seneca Waterways Council. Current Camp Staff may join at the age of 18.

**Type of membership (choose one):**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 – Alumni member (1 year membership June 1-May 31 of the following year)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$160.00 – Lifetime Membership  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$????? – Additional Donation for any Camp Babcock-Hovey Project  
Total Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(For office use only #1-2306-765-00)*

Please make checks payable to Seneca Waterways Council, and indicate "Babcock Hovey Alumni" in memo of check.

Membership includes three newsletters annually and notification of upcoming events. Membership expires each year on May 31st. New memberships after March 1 run through May 31st of the following year.

For Additional Information go to **www.bhalum.org** or to check your dues status contact:

Matthew Crance at [matthewcrance@gmail.com](mailto:matthewcrance@gmail.com) or 315-246-8156

Hank Roenke at [hroenke@verizon.net](mailto:hroenke@verizon.net)

Jay Laitenberger at [jlaitenberger@gmail.com](mailto:jlaitenberger@gmail.com) or 585-727-9196

**Your help is needed!** Please list on the back of this application any addresses/emails/phone numbers (with names) that you know for other past staff members.

Please send this form and payment to- Seneca Waterways Council, 2320 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road, Rochester NY 14623  
If payment is made by credit card please fill out below and mail to above address, or fax to 585-256-8533

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

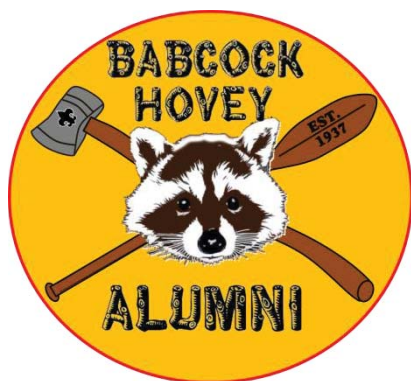
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Telescope donated to the Sci-Tech Program

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Advice from the Night Sky  
See the big picture  
Keep looking up  
Stay full of wonder  
Expand your horizons  
Don't be afraid of the dark  
Turn off the lights!