

SPRING 2022 BEAVER TALES

Photos by Editor and Others

Newsletter of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association

BEAVER WEEKEND AT MASSAWEPIE

Where can you go, where your hands will do good?

Where everyone's skill is needed, from moving canvas to building with wood.

More hands equal less work, more hands for the dock would be grand!

From putting on roofs, to raking up sand.

We need ALL of you, there is so much to do!

YES! If you are reading this now, we need you too!

First weekend in June, we meet in the woods.

We work hard, are fed well, and we leave in good moods.

You love Massawepie? We know that you care!

*Well, this is your time, we hope to see you there! ~~~ **By Christielee***



MSAA Annual Meeting

The Massawepie Staff Alumni Association's 2022 Annual Meeting will be held during Beaver Weekend at 8:00PM, Saturday June 4th, in the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle, unless weather requires the meeting be held in the Pioneer Dining Hall.

If you are unable to attend Beaver Weekend at Massawepie, but would like to Zoom into the meeting, please contact Jon Northrup (northrup.jonathan@gmail.com).

According to our Rules of Operation, elections will be held for officers and members of the Executive Committee. Reports on 2021-22 activities will be given, along with outlines of future plans. Comments from members on how to continue growing MSAA membership and how to continue developing the MSAA's role at camp will be solicited.

As is tradition, the meeting will conclude with a group photo of those in attendance. There will be time for continued socialization or a return to work on projects. Come be a part of the camaraderie and participate in our Association's decision-making!



The Loon Call

All, I'd like to share a recent call I had with a good friend and fellow MSAA member.

Mary Beth Boyle, Vice Chair of the MSAA Executive Committee, called and asked, "What are you doing this summer?" She had been named Massawepie's Camp Director for this summer and needed a Business Manager. After a little calendar consulting, some numbers negotiating, and a bit of convincing, I agreed to her offer. I am proud to say that I will be part of the 2022 Camp Pioneer Staff.

This is one of the most beautiful things about Massawepie – friends, coworkers, and acquaintances who we've met over summers past can call upon us whenever there is a need at camp.

I'd like to call upon all our MSAA members: camp needs your contributions this summer! Our 2022 Donor Option of staff tabin hardening is still accepting funds. Our 2022 Beaver Weekend, June 3-5, has many projects to be completed. Our 2022 Camp Pioneer Staff is still looking for essential positions. And as always, Massawepie is welcoming volunteers throughout the summer.

In whatever way you can contribute, we will make sure the 2022 Camp Pioneer Staff works hard and plays hard this summer! As always, thank you for your spirit, service, and support. ~ Jon

Providing Spirit, Service and Support since 2000!

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"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

John Bunyan

2022-2023 Nominees for the MSAA Executive Committee

The Alumni Association Rules of Operation provide for publication of the names of nominated candidates for officers and at large Executive Committee members in advance of the Annual Meeting (held on Beaver Weekend). The Executive Committee has nominated the following:

Jon Northrup, for Chair

Mary Beth Boyle, for Vice-Chair

Tim Smith, for Secretary

Peter Collinge, for Treasurer

Kendall Smith, for Newsletter Ed. & M-a-L

for Member-at-Large:

Don DeClerck

Brendan Flaherty

Christielee Geiger

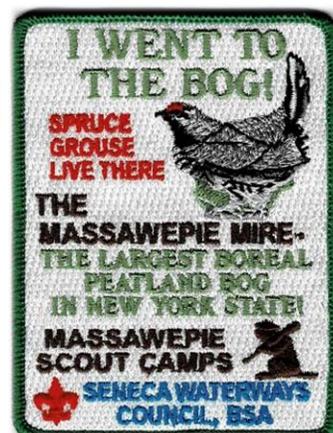
Sean Glenney

Mike Knittel

David Lippitt

Mark Pulvino

Tim Webster



Go Green! Save MSAA (YOUR) \$\$\$
50+ members now get Beaver Tales via e-mail. But we still spent \$77 on postage in 2021. Many groups no longer mail paper copies of newsletters. We don't want to abandon paper for those who want or need it, but it's faster and cheaper to send newsletters by e-mail. If you still receive a mailed paper copy but wouldn't mind getting yours in PDF format by e-mail, [please let Treasurer Peter Collinge know.](#)

Membership Renewals– A Change! By Peter

It's that time of year for Alumni Association membership renewals. Please check the enclosed Membership Renewal Form to see whether it says "Expiring June 2022" (or earlier). If so, please renew NOW – before you get captivated by the warming weather and forget! (Bonus: you'll avoid repeated reminders to renew.) Just send \$15 (or \$25 for 2 years) to the return address shown on the form (or see below). Even better, make a donation of \$60 or more total to the Massawepie Square Foot Fund and/or the Staff Tabin Hardening project (see separate article) and get a "free" 1-year membership renewal. Either way will keep your membership up-to-date, help Massawepie, and keep receiving this fine newsletter during 2022 and beyond!

Also, here is one update and one reminder:

- First, with Don DeClerck's impending retirement, all alumni renewals and donations will now be sent to the Seneca Waterways Council office at 2320 Brighton Henrietta Townline Road, Rochester, NY 14623.
- Second, as a reminder, please make checks out to Seneca Waterways Council, BSA (NOT Massawepie Staff Alumni Association). That also makes any donations (beyond dues) potentially tax-deductible, if you qualify.

All members, whether renewing or not this year, are encouraged to return the form if you wish to donate or need to make any updates of your address, phone number, e-mail or other information. And, please ask a friend to join!

2021 MSAA Financial Report By Peter

In 2021, the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association's expenses were just slightly more than our income. Beyond normal association dues, which support projects like the recognitions mentioned below, Alumni Association members donated an additional \$2,320 for endowment and \$10,840 to add electric outlets and switched lights to the tent frames in the junior staff site, a much-appreciated improvement. Thanks to a generous alumni member, we also raised an additional \$18,500 for other projects around camp. And we donated \$1000 from the Association's treasury to the Piercefield Volunteer Fire Company, which (as mentioned in the last MSAA newsletter) is fundraising for a much-needed new fire hall.

We resumed recognizing more senior staffers by presenting 9 ringer shirts and 7 fleece blankets to those who in 2021 had completed three or five summers, respectively, on staff. We still have a good inventory of these shirts, and we've recently reordered more blankets to continue this recognition in 2022. Here's a summary of our 2021 financial year overall:

Account balance 12/31/20	\$ 2,602
Dues & income	+\$ 1,045
Postage expenses	-\$ 77
Donation to Piercefield VFC	-\$ 1,000
Sq.Ft. member donations	+\$ 2,320
To council Sq. Ft. Fund	-\$ 2,320 (as an endowment for Massawepie)
Staff tent electricity donations	+\$ 10,840
Other camp project donations	+\$ 18,500
To council Capital Fund	-\$ 29,340 (donations from the two lines above)
Memorabilia sales	+\$ 10
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Account balance 12/31/21	\$ 2,579

As usual, many thanks to all who paid dues or donated to help support Massawepie!



Spring 2022 Work Weekends & Project List From Ben & Rosemary

Massawepie could not be made ready for use by National Camping School, our Summer Camp Staff, and mainly for our Scouts and their Leaders without the help of many VOLUNTEERS - like you. A majority of the work needed to keep Massawepie a premier camping experience is done by volunteers. Please consider joining us for one or more weekends! (Bonus: free accommodations and meals in appreciation of your help!) If transportation is holding you back, let us know – we will try to arrange a ride with another volunteer. Tools, equipment, and materials are supplied, but you are welcome to bring your own tools.

Communicate with the Ranger

Ben Geiger, Massawepie Property Superintendent, is the lead contact person for all work weekends. If you would like to be a project leader, work on a particular project, or reserve a particular cabin, PLEASE CONTACT BEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

If you have questions, or just need to let Ben know you will be attending one or more weekends (and when you will arrive), please contact him at least a couple of weeks ahead of time. Contact Ben via email:

ben.geiger@scouting.org or call 518-359-3900.

Pre-Skills Weekend, May 13-15 and Skills Weekend, May 20-22

During Skills Weekends we start to get Massawepie ready for Beaver Weekend and summer use. We turn on water and electrical systems, check hiking trails and do advance planning and preparation for Beaver Weekend projects and more. All volunteers are needed and welcome to join us, regardless of your skill level. Check in at the Shop when you arrive to get sleeping and crew assignments, plus meal location and times.

Beaver Weekend, June 3-5

Beaver Weekend is when we do the major work in preparing camp for the arrival of Scouts. Campsites and the waterfront are set up, trails are cleared, special projects are completed, and a long list of maintenance items are addressed (see Proposed Projects below). A large group of volunteers is needed to complete all the work, so please consider joining us. Now, for some logistics and planning:

Beds

- The camp provides sleeping accommodations by way of a tent with cot and mattress or a pre-reserved cabin (if available), or you can bring your own tent or sleep in your car.

Meals

- Meals are provided during Beaver Weekend from Friday June 3 through Sunday June 5. If you arrive earlier or stay later, please plan your own meal arrangements accordingly.

We are very flexible in accommodating whatever time you have available to help. Early arrivals are welcome; some will start arriving as early as Tuesday May 31. If you arrive Tuesday through Thursday, check in at the Shop. If you arrive Friday or Saturday, check in at the Pioneer Dining Hall.

If you are unable to attend Beaver Weekend (due to scheduling conflicts, health concerns, etc.), but would still like to lend a hand in preparing Camp for the summer, please contact Ben Geiger, Property Superintendent, to schedule and reserve a time to come and volunteer.

Proposed Projects

Build tent platforms (24 half platforms are needed)	Place platforms in campsites and attach tent frames	Examine bikes for needed repair and repair what can be done
Replace a cabin floor or deck	Remove drywall and replace with pine paneling in cabins/buildings	Install bedroom ceiling lights and wall switch in cabins
Help the crew hardening tent cabins (see pg 5)	Complete the renovation of the Mountaineer Health Lodge	Complete the renovation of the Mountaineer Trading Post
Contribute to the kitchen and great room projects at Gannett	Perform preventative and needed maintenance on camp vehicles	Replace a cabin deck
Build one of three latrines	Help install added boardwalk on White Trail	Help build RV pads

2021-2022 MSAA Exec Committee Meeting Minutes By Tim

Meeting notes were edited to fit available space – Ed.

November 1, 2021

Zoom Meeting: Attending were Mary Beth, Peter, Brendan, Christielee, Mike, David, Jon, Mark, Kendall, Tim, Freddy, and George. Sean and Don were unable to participate.

The minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting were accepted as presented. Peter gave the Treasurer's Report. He said there were no changes from 9/30/21 report (Balance \$3,611.63 and 101 paid members. YTD there has been \$21,465 in income and \$20,455 in expenses. Kendall reported that he is making the final adjustments to the Beaver Tales newsletter. The Winter gathering will be Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the Stevens-Connor Lehigh Valley Lodge in Rush.

Freddy proposed a new staff awards and recognition program for first year and returning staff. It is similar to a successful one used by the YMCA. Nominations are made by the camp staff and finalized by management. A subcommittee (Peter, David, Brendan and Freddy) will meet and report at the next meeting.

There is a surplus as of 9/30/21 of over \$3,000. We have become aware that the Piercefield Fire Department is conducting a campaign to build a new Fire Hall. After a discussion it was decided to donate \$1,000 to the campaign. The 2022 donor options were presented. They included: expanding Wi-Fi in camp; staff site improvements/upgrades and "hardening" of the tent cabins on staff row. The hardening of the tent cabins was selected.

March 1, 2022

Zoom Meeting: Attending were Mary Beth, Peter, Don, Brendan, Christielee, Mike, David, Jon, Mark, Kendall, Tim, Freddy and George. Sean was unable to participate.

The minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting were approved. Peter made the Treasurer's Report – as of 2/28/22 here is a balance of \$1,916.91 and 103 paid members. In 2022, there have been \$13,525.00 in donations and \$14,187.24 in expenses. Kendall reviewed the assignments and deadlines for the upcoming edition of Beaver Tales.

Mary Beth reported that hiring for Camp staff is going well. There a few positions left to be filled. She also reported that the cost of uniforming for CIT's is becoming daunting. There was a discussion, and an Ad Hoc committee (Mary Beth, Peter and Brendan) will meet and present ideas at the next meeting. Jon reported that planning is well under way for the Hardening of Tent Cabins project and materials are being purchased.

The winter gathering was postponed due to the pandemic. It was decided not to reschedule but to focus on the 70th Anniversary of Massawepie. A subcommittee (Jon, David, Christielee, Mike, Mark, Mary Beth and Tim) will meet and make recommendation at the next meeting. The Staff Recognition subcommittee continues to meet and will make recommendations at the next meeting.

Upcoming events at Massawepie are: Pre-Skills (May 13-15), Skills (May 20-22) and Beaver Weekend (June 3-5). The MSAA Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, June 4 at Massawepie. Jon reminded everyone that the slate of officers and committee meeting needs to be finalized at the next meeting.

April 12, 2022

In-Person & Zoom Meeting: Attending were Peter, Brendan, Don, Christielee, Sean, Mike, David, Jon, Kendall, Tim, and Freddy. Mary Beth, Mark, and George were unable to participate.

The minutes from the 3/1/22 meeting were accepted as presented. Peter gave the Treasurer's Report. As of 3/31/22 we have a balance of \$2,216.91 and 103 paid memberships. Kendall reported that he is making the final adjustments to the Beaver Tales newsletter. The slate of officers and member-at-large was reviewed. George and Freddy are stepping down this spring from the Executive Committee, but they will both remain valued MSAA members. See the Annual meeting notice for the 2022-23 nomination slate.

As discussed at the 3/3/22 meeting the cost of uniforming for a CIT is daunting. The sub-committee has met and is proposing that an insignia packet (World Crest, Council strip, custom CIT troop numerals and silver shoulder loops) be provided by the MSAA. The cost is \$11.22/CIT and there are currently 18 CITs confirmed for the summer, with more to come. Each packet would contain a note explaining that the insignia are being provided by the MSAA.

Freddy presented the proposed Staff Recognition program. It would have two Alumni Awards given at the end of each summer, one for a first-year staff member and one for a returning staff member. The Executive committee will review the proposal and give Freddy feedback.

The 70th Anniversary sub-committee has met and is recommending the date of Saturday, November 26 for the celebration. It will be held in Rochester and details will be announced soon. Brendan reported that Mary Beth is making good progress in hiring staff for the 2022 season. There are still some openings to be filled: Senior Commissioner, dishwashers, Trading Post manager. The Spring Work Weekends were discussed (see calendar) and Jon encouraged everyone to attend as they can.

Gearing up for Summer 2022! By Mary Beth

Hard to believe but summer is just right around the corner and the Massawepie team has been hard at work getting ready! This year Mary Beth Boyle will serve as the Camp Director and Christielee Geiger will make a camp comeback as the Assistant Camp Director. Matt Thurston will return as Program Director with support from another camp comeback, Peter Huber, who will be the CIT Director and Assistant Program Director. Jon Northrup is also making a camp comeback as Business Manager and Sean Glenney will continue his long-standing reign as Health Director. (Word on the street is this could be his 20th year on staff!) Most importantly though, Abigail and Bradley Geiger will return as the CFOs (Chief Fun Officers) at Massawepie.



Program spots are being staffed and filling up. It is exciting to have a lot of returning faces and many new ones. We are still in need at a variety of areas so make sure to pass the word around and get applications in quick. Some junior staff spots to mention are ECON, Scoutcraft, and kitchen aides. For senior staff positions, we are currently in need of a Rifle Range Director, adults to help staff the Shooting Sports areas, and a Trading Post Director.

Can't make it for the whole summer? Then come volunteer your time for a few days or even a week! Right now, week 2 (July 10-16) and week 3 (July 17-23) are full and so extra help would be welcomed and appreciated those weeks. With it being the 70th anniversary it's going to be an exciting year at camp, so make sure you can say that you were a part of it!

Cumulative Alumni Donations Pass \$180,000! By Peter

For the twenty-two years from 2000-2021, Massawepie Staff Alumni Association members have donated a total of \$117,056 toward various significant projects at Massawepie, and a total of \$65,600 for the Square Foot Endowment to fund future maintenance and equipment for Massawepie. That's an amazing total of \$182,656 that has been given by Alumni Association members to keep Massawepie available for the Scouts of the future. Congratulations and thank you!

2022 Donor Option – Staff Cabin Tents By Jon

This year's MSAA Donor Option continues to fund improvements to Staff cabin tents (aka tabins) at Massawepie.

The Alumni Association has decided to fund these renovations to further improve the quality of life for our summer camp Staff. Through the addition of sheet-metal roofing, hardened sides, screened windows, and hinged doors, the staff cabin tents will be more water-tight and less buggy -- a much welcomed enhancement for our Staff. These renovations will also benefit the public, who will be able to rent the cabin tents during our Pioneer Family Camp program.

Ben Geiger, Property Superintendent, has developed a needs-based plan as to which cabin tents will be refurbished first. It is our hope that these improvements will deter future maintenance costs and canvas replacement expenses.

Donations collected for improvements will help fund: installing sheet-metal roofing, repairing flooring and walls, installing screening around the upper-half of walls, and the building of framed doors on the cabin tents.

The MSAA is still accepting donations for this project. Please consider donating to these Staff cabin tent improvements to help support current and future staff members at Massawepie Scout Camps!

For important MSAA scheduling updates, please visit MassStaffAlumni.org!



Photo of Hardened Cabin Tent at Mountaineer

Note from Ben Geiger: The cabin tent in the photo above is older and ready for a refresh. The "hardened" Pioneer staff cabin tents funded by the MSAA will be constructed with new siding and roofing materials.

Member Notes By Peter

MSAA member **Scott Bischooping** is now the Massawepie Property Committee Chair, coordinating the upkeep of the camp's property and equipment.

Long-time MSAA member and charter staff advisor **Don DeClerck** has announced his retirement as Camp Operations Director for Seneca Waterways Council, effective June 30. Don has been Camp Operations Director since 2005, overseeing operations at all council camps, first at Cutler and Massawepie and then adding Babcock-Hovey upon the council merger in 2009. Don was initially hired by Otetiana Council in 1986 as an Assistant Ranger at Camp Cutler, was the Head Ranger at Cutler starting in 1987, and became Council Property Superintendent in 1997. Best wishes in retirement, Don!

MSAA member **Brad VanAuken** (CIT 1972, Staff 1973) is the Marketing Team Lead Volunteer for BSA National Service Territory 10, which is basically New York State. (The BSA territories replaced the former BSA regions/areas.)

SAVE THE DATE! 70th Anniversary Event

Saturday November 26, 2022 (weekend after Thanksgiving) in Rochester, NY!

Follow the MSAA Facebook page and website for more details and updates!



The Campmaster Corps come to Massawepie! By Kathy Elliott

Are you looking to spend a weekend at Massawepie while supporting off season camp and unit programs? We have the answer for you....join the Massawepie Campmaster Corps!

Thanks to many dedicated volunteers, Camp Cutler and Camp Babcock Hovey have a long-standing tradition with a successful Campmaster program! Massawepie is ready to join in this tradition as well!

The Campmaster program at Massawepie will be slightly different due to its distance, but the premise is basically the same: to support and assist both the units that utilize Massawepie as well as the Camp Ranger in the fall, winter and spring seasons.

- Housing will be based on what is available that weekend. Someday we may have a dedicated facility for Campmasters, but that's a future project.
- Campmasters will not be needed for off season program weekends, such as the Outdoor Odyssey or Arctic Challenge since housing is at a premium and these events already have a full staff.
- The busiest months will be targeted for Campmaster support
- 2-4 people per Campmaster team; develop your own team or submit your name to join another team
- Campmasters will support unit's needs while at camp (emergencies, questions, other support as needed) as well as support the Camp Ranger with winter projects as time allows (cot repair, etc.)
- Massawepie Campmasters will begin in the Fall of 2022.

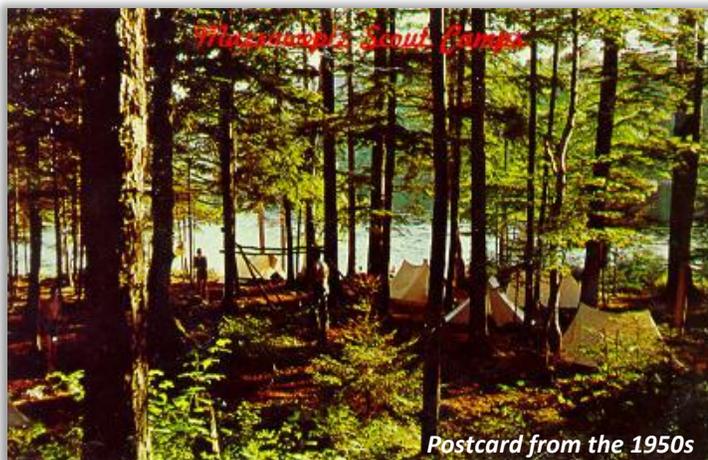
At this time, we have a possible Massawepie Campmaster Chair; however, a couple of time-consuming projects are taking precedence right now. Until the Chair is in place, we'd like to start to gather names of those interested in joining a Campmaster team.

Please email Kathy Elliott at krelliott101@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Massawepie Campmaster team! Once we have an interest list, we will publish a schedule of available dates.

Alumni Association Online By Peter

Remember to check out your Alumni Association online:

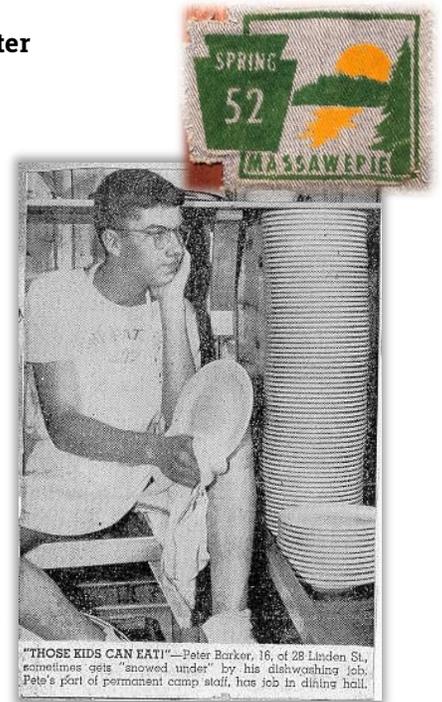
- On Facebook, search for the group "Massawepie Staff Alumni Association," and join if you're not already a member.
- Visit the MSAA website at <http://masstaffalumni.org> to see current MSAA info and past staff photos and memorabilia and camp history. If you have a staff photo or memory or historical item that isn't on the website, please contact webmaster@masstaffalumni.org to share!



MSAA 2022 Calendar	
Please register in advance by contacting Ben Geiger, Massawepie Property Superintendent, via email: ben.geiger@scouting.org or call 518-359-3900 .	
For MSAA event status updates, go to www.MassStaffAlumni.org	
May 13-15 / 20-22	Pre-Skills / Skills Weekends – All levels of "skill" are needed!
May 30 – June 2	Pre-Beaver Days – Come early to help prepare for the weekend projects!
June 3-5	Beaver Weekend – ALL Alumni are encouraged to attend!
June 4	MSAA Annual Meeting ~ 8pm, Massawepie
June 26 – Aug 16	Staff Week & Camping Weeks – Massawepie
Oct 7 – 10	MSC Outdoor Challenge – October Odyssey at Camp Mountaineer
Oct 14 – 16	Fall Skills Weekend – Skilled or not, come prepare camp for winter rest!
Saturday, Nov 26	Massawepie 70th Anniversary Celebration / Fall Social Gathering

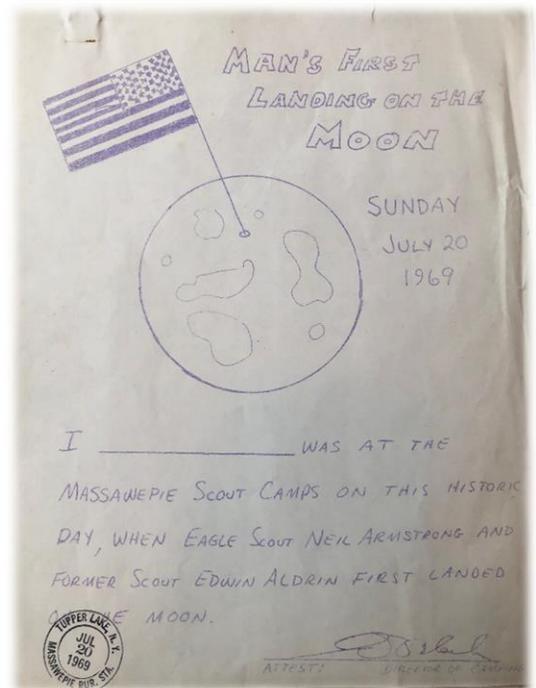
70 Years of Massawepie: Every 10 Years Since 1952 By Peter

1952: Camp Pioneer opened, reusing the name of a former Otetiana camp (1927-38 on Seneca Lake). Months of intense work by Property Superintendent Harley Burgdorf and his crews have built a dining hall, water system, latrines, tent platforms, and shelter for troop cooking despite snow as late as mid-May. (Work continued to build the difficult road to what will become Camp Mountaineer in 1953.) Existing facilities from the old Hotel Childwold were also being used: the hotel's Casino housed the Pioneer Handicraft Lodge, and the Health Lodge, directed by a senior medical student, was in the old Tamarack Cottage. A few troops cooked their own meals, but most ate in the dining hall where a typical meal used 50 gallons of soup, 200 pounds of potatoes, 80 pounds of beef, 24 heads of cabbage for coleslaw, 60 loaves of bread, and 40 gallons of cocoa. The camp fee was \$35 for two weeks, including \$6.50 for transportation on Rochester Transit Corporation buses. Camp Director Bob "Parky" Parkinson expected 1300 Scouts over the summer, plus another 350 leaders. Other troops were turned away after registration filled up on the first day it opened, though the camp's capacity was temporarily boosted from 250 to 325 Scouts per two-week session for this first year. The council was promising that all would be accommodated in 1953, when two camps will be open.



1962: Three camps have been in operation since 1956, and over 3000 Scouts and leaders were expected in 1962. Robert Baldwin directed Camp Pioneer, while George "Bud" Frank Jr. directed Mountaineer and Gus Potter directed Voyageur. Council Director of Camping and Activities D. Stuart "Stu" Smith Jr. was the overall Reservation Director. Food service was operated by A.L. Mathias Co, which also operated cafeterias at RIT. Five members of Rochester Troop 15 may have set a record by hiking 400 miles to Massawepie, first along the Barge Canal to Albany and then along the Hudson River to the Adirondacks and camp. In addition to the standard summer camp, there was an Explorer Week in late August, headed by Director of Exploring Don Terry, featuring water-skiing, scuba and skin diving, floatplane trips over the Adirondacks and horseback trips through them. (Note: The new Ranger at Camp Cutler in 1962 was Chuck Burgdorf, son of Harley Burgdorf who was still Property Superintendent at Massawepie.)

1972: With Camp Forester opened in 1969 and Camp Pioneer closed for a rest after the 1970 season, three camps were still in operation. Reservation Director Bud Frank expected over 3,000 Scouts from 200 troops, with the camp fee still \$70 for a two-week session. Camp Directors were Al Vittum in Mountaineer, Pat Gleason in Voyageur, and Hurdon Hastings in Forester. The Business Manager was Joe Helly, and Loren Hakes had been Property Superintendent since 1966. The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program had been revived and formalized in 1969, and 38 CITs were housed at Camp Voyageur during 1972. They rotated to all three camps during their four-week sessions. New at camp were 10,000 rainbow trout stocked in Massawepie Lake and 3,000 more in Pine Pond and Deer Pond, along with 11 new Sailfish added to the Jack Stern Memorial Sailing fleet thanks to Tay House Troop 19. Also new in 1972: Shower houses for the youth campers, who had previously primarily cleaned themselves by swimming. Webelos Scouts and their dads could attend special summer weekends at Massawepie for \$6.



All images and patches are from the [Memorabilia page on the MSAA website](#)



70 Years of Massawepie: Every 10 Years Since 1952 (cont.) By Peter

1982: Camps Mountaineer (directed by Tom Meyering) and Forester (directed by Kevin Fitzgibbon) remained in operation, with Voyageur having closed after 1976. Reservation Director Max Thomas and Business Manager Debra Salmon expected a full camp, with Week 3 already full in both camps by January. (Most Scouts now attend camp for one week, rather than two weeks as in earlier years.) Scouts who pay a \$20 deposit by April 15 will earn a new “Early Bird” patch. (Earlier, Varsity Scouts had spent February Recess based at Massawepie’s Gannett Lodge, snowshoeing and skiing nearby.) The USDA announced that there would be no government-surplus peanut butter available for camp in 1982, but the camp promised to still provide peanut butter! The relatively new High Adventure Trek program of the Association of Adirondack Scout Camps (AASC) was based at Sabattis in 1982 but available to Massawepie units.



1992: Massawepie and Sabattis Scout Reservation were operating jointly as Adirondack Scout Reservation (ASR), a partnership of the Otetiana and Hiawatha Councils since 1990. In 1992 Dick Satterlee was the ASR Director, with Rich Marsden directing Camp Mountaineer and Tom Johnson running Forester (along with John LaRocca directing Sabattis). Mike Jackson had been Property Superintendent since 1990. The Scout fee was \$140 for a week, plus \$38.50 for bus transportation. The Trek Program, run by Doug Turner, was now under ASR and housed at Massawepie. Mountaineer and Forester had separate groups of CITs at their respective camps.

2002: Many changes since 1992: Camp Forester had closed after 1994, the ASR partnership had dissolved after 1998 and Massawepie summer camp was again being run by Otetiana Council. In 2000 the summer camp operations had moved from Mountaineer to a newly refurbished Camp Pioneer, with a new Trek Center, August Scoutmasters’ Building, and Sports, Handicraft, & Econ Buildings. Steve Weisenreder began his term as Camp Director in 2002, and Jay Bailey had been Camp Ranger since 2000. Jeremy Cooney (now a NY State Senator) was Business Manager. The Massawepie 50th Anniversary Celebration was held on Saturday, August 3, with many guests from Massawepie’s history, including Virginia Sykes Dreby from the family that sold Massawepie to the Scouts. After a Massawepie History Scavenger Hunt, a camp tour, dinner, and much bantering and reminiscing, the celebration concluded with a special campfire followed by fireworks across the lake!



2012: Camp Pioneer continued as Massawepie’s sole summer camp, now much larger than any of the four original camps, and was operated by the merged Seneca Waterways Council. The damage from 2011’s Hurricane Irene had been repaired. Eagle Flight had been running a merit-badge-intensive week annually at Massawepie since 2009. 2012 was Steve Weisenreder’s last year as Camp Director, a record 11-year stint. Doug Turner was still running the Trek program, and would go on to serve 31 years (!) from 1988 through 2018. Sean Glenney had been Health Director since 2003, and Ben Geiger had been Camp Ranger since 2009. The standard Scout Camper fee was \$310 for a week; \$140 for adults; \$340 for treks.



2022: Massawepie celebrates its 70th anniversary, operating Camp Pioneer and the Massawepie Adirondack Treks! 2022 will also be Massawepie’s 70th season of summer camp, since there was no summer camp in 2020 due to the pandemic. Another great summer of adventure awaits the Scouts, now both boys and girls, who attend Massawepie!

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