

BEAVER TALES

SPRING 2023

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Newsletter of the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association

BEAVER WEEKEND AT MASSAWEPIE

Beaver Weekend – the largest work weekend to add improvements, continue maintenance, and ready Camp for a summer of Scouts – is soon approaching, **June 2nd - 4th**. There are many projects to be completed; see page 3 for a full list.

The MSAA is proud of its large volunteer turnout for Beaver Weekend in previous years. It is a true testament to our Association’s commitment to Massawepie’s operations and improvements. This weekend is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, and a great chance to make new friends!

There is no skill-set too large or too small required to come and help camp out. Projects range from heavy machine operating, carpentry, plumbing, and electrical to painting, mowing, and setting up tents. All MSAA members, any volunteers, and friends of Massawepie are encouraged to attend!

MSAA Annual Meeting

The Massawepie Staff Alumni Association’s 2023 Annual Meeting will be held during Beaver Weekend at Massawepie at 7:30PM, Saturday June 3rd, in the Loren Hakes Campfire Circle, unless weather requires the meeting be held in the Pioneer Dining Hall.

According to our Rules of Operation, elections will be held for officers and members of the Executive Committee. Reports on 2022-23 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.



Photo: Dillon Constable

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

Many of us know Massawepie as our special summer place in time. It is when we worked during summer camp a few or many moons ago. It is when we’ve dedicated our time to teach an extra merit badge or scrub a stack of dishes. It is when we’ve heard the echoing call of loons or seen the sun set behind the pines.



Massawepie, though, is a special place in whatever time. It is when our Members volunteer their time at work weekends and weekend camping events. It is when our Members contribute to long-term planning and improvement initiatives. It is when our Members donate to the annual MSAA Donor Option or Square Foot Endowment.

Massawepie is always a special place, in no small part thanks to you. I hope to see many of you at this year’s Beaver Weekend, June 2nd - 4th, so that we can continue our work of keeping Massawepie a special place.

As always, thank you for your spirit, service, and support. ~ Jon

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“Recognize that every interaction you have is an opportunity to make a positive impact on others.”

Shep Hyken

2023-2024 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	for Member-at-Large:
Mary Beth Boyle, for Vice-Chair	Bill Boyle
Tim Smith, for Secretary	Don DeClerck
Peter Collinge, for Treasurer	Christielee Geiger
Kendall Smith, for Newsletter Ed. & M-a-L	Mike Knittel
	David Lippitt

Go Green! Save MSAA (YOUR) \$\$\$
 60+ members now get Beaver Tales via e-mail. But we still spent \$92 on postage in 2022. 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 by emailing him at collinge@localnet.com.

Membership Renewals 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 2023" (or earlier). If so, please renew NOW – before you get busy with mowing and other summer chores 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 Sailing Program 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 2023 and beyond!

Also, here are two reminders:

- First, since Don DeClerck has retired, 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, 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!

2022 MSAA Financial Report By Peter

In 2022, the Massawepie Staff Alumni Association's income was somewhat more than our expenses, largely due to the sale of some donated memorabilia. We currently have a healthy balance in our account, which will be used to benefit Camp via future projects or endowment (Massawepie Square Foot Fund). Some of the surplus was used in 2022 to sponsor a Square Yard of Massawepie, via a \$350 donation to the Endowment Fund, for retiring Camp Operations Director Don DeClerck. Beyond normal Association dues, which support projects like the recognitions mentioned below, Alumni Association members donated an additional \$1,390 for endowment and \$11,155 to "harden" some staff tabins (tent cabins) with wooden walls and roofs, a much-appreciated improvement. Thanks to a generous Alumni member, we also raised an additional \$23,200 for other projects around camp.

We again recognized more senior staffers by presenting 3 ringer shirts and 4 fleece blankets to those who in 2022 had completed three or five summers, respectively, on staff. We still have a good inventory of these shirts and blankets, after reordering more blankets in 2022. And this year for the first time we helped to pay staff uniform insignia costs for the CITs, to help support those future staffers, Here's a summary of our 2022 financial year overall:

Account balance 12/31/21	\$ 2,579
Dues & income	+\$ 983
Postage expenses	-\$ 92
Sq.Ft. member donations	+\$ 1,390
To Council Sq. Ft. Fund	-\$ 1,740 (as an endowment for Massawepie)
Staff tabin hardening donations	+\$ 11,155
Other Camp project donations	+\$ 23,200
To Council Capital Fund	-\$ 34,355 (donations from the two lines above)
Social event income (don.)	+\$ 1,000
Social event expenses	-\$ 340 (70 th anniversary gathering in Nov. '22)
Memorabilia sales & don.	+\$ 1,620 (incl. \$300 donation toward blankets)
Staff recognition expenses	-\$ 1,164 (5-year blankets & CIT insignia)
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Account balance 12/31/22	\$ 4,236

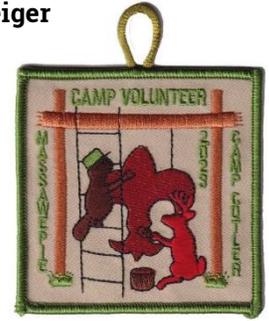
As usual, many thanks to all who paid dues or donated to help support Massawepie!



Snowy road in March

Spring 2023 Work Weekends & Project List From Rosemary Varga & Ben Geiger

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 Work Weekend Chair

Rosemary Varga is the Work Weekend Chair. If you would like to be a project leader, work on a particular project, or reserve a particular cabin, PLEASE CONTACT ROSEMARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

If you have questions, or just need to let Rosemary know you will be attending one or more weekends (and when you will arrive), please contact her at least a couple of weeks ahead of time. Contact Rosemary via email: herselfreigns@gmail.com or phone: (585) 233-7841

Pre-Skills Weekend, May 12-14 and Skills Weekend, May 19-21

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 2-4

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 2 through Sunday June 4. 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 30. 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 Rosemary Varga, Work Weekend Chair, to schedule and reserve a time to come and volunteer.

Proposed Projects

Set up campsites and program areas for summer use	Place platforms in campsites and attach tent frames
Examine bikes for needed repair and repair what can be done	Help improve and get Mountaineer Family camp ready for the summer
Build new campsite pavilions in Camp Pioneer	Install bedroom ceiling lights and wall switches in cabins
Electrical upgrades to Camp	Turn on water for summer use
Help install added boardwalk on White Trail	Contribute to the kitchen and great room projects at Gannett
Perform preventative and needed maintenance on Camp vehicles	Build one of two latrines



March 21, 2023 MSC Facebook post:
After 13 years of service at Massawepie as a Ranger Vehicle, it's time to say goodbye to the White Chevy! Ranger Ben is bringing it to its new home tomorrow! If this truck could talk, it would have a lot of stories about the amazing work done around Camp, the people it has seen and the places it has traveled! We salute you White Chevy, on to your next adventure!

2022 – 2023 MSAA Exec Committee Meeting Minutes (Part 1) By Tim

November 1, 2022

Meeting notes were edited to fit available space.

In-Person Meeting: Attending were Jon, Peter, Brendan, Christielee, Mike, David, Mark, Kendall, and Tim. Mary Beth and Don were unable to attend. The minutes from the October 13, 2022 meeting were accepted as presented. Peter reported that the current balance is \$4,050 and there are 102 paid members.

The Massawepie 70th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday, November 26th at the Stevens-Connor Lehigh Valley Lodge in Rush. David reported that the invitations have been sent and will be available on the website. The MSAA will provide paper goods, serving items, water, pizza and subs (paid for by MSAA member Phil Bartels). Attendees will bring snacks and desserts based on the years they worked at Camp. Christielee and Ben will bring the “off-season” trading post from Massawepie. There will be tables for memorabilia and photos as well as a trivia sheet for guests to fill out. While there will be no “formal” program, welcoming comments will be offered.

The 2023 Donor Option was discussed at length, and it was decided that we should address Camp wide/critical program needs. There are only 8 functioning Sunfish hulls for the sailing program. This is one of the more popular programs at Camp. A new hull, including sails and hardware, costs approximately \$6,000. There is a secondary market for used hulls that we can explore as well as the fact that as many as 9 (nine) BSA camps in New York State have closed in the past few years and there may be usable boats available. Jon called for a vote to adopt the Sailing program for the 2023 donor option. It was a unanimous vote of those present, to support the Sailing program.

January 10, 2023

In-Person Meeting: Attending were Jon, Mary Beth, Peter, Brendan, Christielee, Mark, and Tim. Don, Mike, David, and Kendall were unable to attend. The minutes of the November 1, 2022 meeting were accepted as presented. Peter reported that 2022 was a good year. The 12/31/22 balance is \$4,236 and there were 104 paid members.

Peter reported that donated memorabilia that Mike Knittel has been selling has brought in more than \$1,300 so far. Peter also reported that he received a box of memorabilia in the mail from Mike Brennan (Mike was on staff in the late 70's early 80's). He and Mike Knittel will sort this box and Mike will put items on eBay. Jon thanked everyone for their help in making the Massawepie 70th Anniversary celebration a success. There were 45+ attendees representing staff members from the 1960's through now and campers from 1960 through the 2000's. The 75th Anniversary celebration is just four short years away.

There was a discussion regarding the 2023 Donor Option, supporting the Sailing program at Camp. Massawepie will be receiving 8 Sunfish hulls (currently at Camp Babcock-Hovey) along with sails and hardware. Peter reported that “Tay House” Troop 19 has supported the sailing program in the past and he is talking with them about supporting the Donor Option.

Mary Beth led a discussion about creating a support group of MSAA members and others to volunteer weekends at Camp in the summer to help with “changeover”. This would allow summer camp staff the opportunity to have a 24-hour day off. Everyone agreed it was great idea and Mary Beth will formulate a program including job descriptions, timeline, signup procedures and training needed.

It was announced that Brendan Flaherty has been promoted to Program Director for the Council. One of his responsibilities will be Massawepie Camp Director. Jon announced that is time to consider MSAA Officers and Members-at-Large for 2023-24.

February 15, 2023

In-Person Meeting: Attending were Jon, Mary Beth, Peter, Brendan, David, Mark, Tim, and Kendall. Don, Christielee, and Mike were unable to attend.

The minutes from January 10, 2023 were reviewed and accepted as presented. Peter reported the “final” 12/31/22 balance was \$4,236 with 104 paid members. There has been little activity in January and February, though the Council did receive a \$5,000 donation toward the sailboat project. Brendan reported that the 2023 Arctic Challenge at Massawepie was a success. This was the first Challenge to be held since 2020 and was attended by 65 youth and adults with 12 staff. Brendan thanked the staff, made up of current and former MSAA members, for a great job.

Jon led a discussion regarding what openings there would be for 2023-24 Officers. Brendan reported that he has been appointed the Staff Advisor for the MSAA and must step down as a member-at-large. After further discussion it was determined that there are two member-at-large openings. Peter said that he currently is Treasurer, Historian and Webmaster and is willing to relinquish the Treasurer or Webmaster role. An email will be sent to the membership soliciting nominations for the open positions with an explanation of duties. Self-nominations are accepted.

Ben Geiger and Brendan are doing an in-depth inventory, inspection and evaluation of the sailing equipment at Camp Babcock-Hovey. Peter continues to have discussions with “Tay House” Troop 19 about their possible financial commitment. They have agreed to come to Camp prior to opening and after closing to effect repairs on the boats as they have in the past.

Mary Beth is developing a sign-up procedure, job descriptions, expectations and needed training for the volunteer Staff-Time Off support. Christielee Geiger will be the Family Camp Director at Mountaineer.

David Lippitt announced that Massawepie is one of the priorities of the Council's current long range/strategic plan.

2022 – 2023 MSAA Exec Committee Meeting Minutes (Part 2) By Tim

March 28, 2023

In-Person Meeting: Attending were Jon, Peter, Brendan, Mike, David, Mark, Kendall, and Tim. Mary Beth, Christielee and Don were unable to attend. The minutes from the February 15, 2023 meeting were accepted as presented.

Peter had sent the March 26 Treasurer's Report to the committee prior to the meeting. The current balance is \$4,261.06 and a paid membership of 104 members. Peter commented that there have been a few donations, but he expects activity will pick up when the Spring Beaver Tales is sent in late April.

Brendan proposed that the MSAA pay for the patches/badges that the CITs need for their uniforms again in 2023. The cost was \$469 in 2022 (\$14.21/CIT). He is estimating that there will be 24 CITs this summer. A note will be included in the packet stating that these are compliments of the MSAA. The proposal was accepted by all present.

Jon reported that he has not received any "self-nominations". Brendan said that he has talked with Bill Boyle about joining the Executive Committee as Treasurer or Member-at-Large. Bill served for 15+ years as the Council Controller beginning in 1999. He also was on Camp staff in the late 1970's. After a discussion, Bill will be added as a member-at-large and will work with Peter to potentially become the MSAA Treasurer.

Ben and Brendan are continuing an in-depth inventory and inspection of the sailboat hulls, rudders, daggerboards, and hardware that is currently at Camp Babcock Hovey and due for transfer to Massawepie. Tay House has committed to doing repairs to hulls and equipment at Massawepie prior to Camp and after this year. Peter continues to work with the on the possibility of a financial donation.

With the sailing equipment at Camp Babcock Hovey, it is anticipated that there may be 15 hulls for the 2023 season. What needs to be clarified is what hardware, sails, rudders, and dagger boards will be needed. Jon noted that in 2022 the lead time for receiving equipment was one month so we need to place orders by early May. We will contact dealers to determine the lead time needed in 2023 and availability. The 2023 donor option will be used for purchasing the needed hardware, sails, rudders, and daggerboards.

Mary Beth is finalizing the sign-up procedure as well as job descriptions, expectations and training needed for a cadre of MSAA members willing to come to Camp on weekends in the summer to volunteer to work in the Central Office answering phones, answering questions, checking people in/out, as well as any of the other jobs around Camp that are necessary during the changeover. This would allow the Camp Staff the opportunity to have a full 24 hours off, do laundry, go to town, go for a hike etc. She will have it ready for presentation at Beaver Weekend and the MSAA Annual Meeting.

2023 Donor Option – Improving the Massawepie Sailing Program By Jon

This year's MSAA Donor Option will fund improvements to Massawepie's sailing program.

The Alumni Association has decided to support the sailing program as the Camp's fleet of sailboats has been slowly shrinking over years of normal wear-and-tear. Massawepie's sailing program includes three weekly sessions of Sailing Merit Badge, along with nine weekly open sailing sessions for Scouts and adult leaders. There are currently only eight fully operational sailboats at Camp for this popular program!

Donations collected for improvements will help fund: purchasing Sunfish-specific parts and hardware for boats acquired from Camp Babcock-Hovey and the future purchase of new or like-new sailboat hulls. The MSAA Executive Committee is currently investigating cost-effective options to support the sailing program for years to come!

The MSAA is still accepting donations for this project. Please consider donating to these sailing program improvements so that camp can continue to offer outstanding opportunities to our Scouting youth!



Cumulative Alumni Donations Pass \$218,000!

By Peter

During the twenty-three years from 2000-2022, Massawepie Staff Alumni Association members have donated a total of \$151,411 toward various significant projects at Massawepie, and a total of \$67,340 for the Square Foot Endowment to fund future maintenance and equipment for Massawepie. That's an amazing total of \$218,751 that has been given by Alumni Association members to keep Massawepie available for the Scouts of the future. Congratulations and thank you!

For important MSAA scheduling updates, please visit [MassStaffAlumni.org](https://www.MassStaffAlumni.org)!

Camp Pioneer 2023 Update By Brendan

We are gearing up for another exciting summer at Camp Pioneer in 2023! An amazing staff is coming together to support an awesome experience for the over 2,000 scouts and adult leaders who will be coming to Massawepie this year. I am excited and humbled to return to camp staff this summer in my first year as Camp Director. I am supported by an amazing team of key senior staff, including: Peter Huber, Program Director; Nick Hann, Senior Commissioner; Miguel Matos, Business Manager; Tyge Kelley, Dining Hall Steward; Dominic Mruzek, CIT Director; Rob Byers, Shooting Sports Director; and Chris Paul, Aquatics Director. All are experienced staffers - some (like me) are in new positions, but ready to put on a great summer! In addition, I'm happy to share that we have more applicants for junior staff positions than I've seen in my 10 years of being involved in Camp!

This summer, we are offering new merit badges, including Archaeology and Art. We are also offering adult leader training every week to help support growing troop program. Beyond these new initiatives, we look forward to offering the great program and experiences our scouts and leaders have come to expect from Massawepie!

If you're looking for a chance to volunteer at Camp this summer, we always have needs for program area supervision (especially ranges), volunteer site commissioners, maintenance help, and especially weekend assistance for Saturday check-in and van trips for junior staff to provide them a great day off experience. If you'd like to help with any of these, please contact me at brendan.flaherty@scouting.org

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 info and past staff photos and memorabilia and Camp history. Among other recent additions: an 1873 map showing the Massawepie area, many Camp patches from the 2010s, and the 2023 Camp Pioneer map. If you have a staff photo or memory or historical item that isn't on the website, please contact webmaster@masstaffalumni.org to share!

Massawepie Arctic Challenge By Brendan

The Massawepie Arctic Challenge returned! After three years away due to housing challenges presented by pandemic concerns, the full Arctic Challenge program returned in January 2023! 65 Scouts and adults braved the Adirondack winter to experience this great program. Participants stayed in Gannett and Keymel and received an action-packed weekend including outdoor in-camp activities, winter hiking and nutrition orientation, snowshoeing, a hike up Mt. Arab, sledding, cross-country skiing, a visit to the Tupper Lake Wild Center, and more! And of course, we have to mention the awesome meals provided all weekend long for staff and participants by our amazing cook crew. 11 Alumni members formed the core of the program and cook staff. Thank you to all! Planning is already underway for January 2024!



Arctic Challenge Volunteer Staff! (Not pictured: Conor, Kendall, and Sharon)



Learning about winter nutrition with Jon during the Sat AM Round Robin activities



Image above: Breakfast MC'ed by Christielee!

Image at right: Scouts BSA Troop 127 enjoying the Wild Center (image courtesy of T-127 Facebook)



MSAA 2023 Calendar	
Please register in advance by contacting Rosemary Varge, Massawepie Work Weekend Chair, via email: herselfreigns@gmail.com or phone: (585) 233-7841.	
For MSAA event status updates, go to www.MassStaffAlumni.org	
May 12-14 / 19-21	Pre-Skills / Skills Weekends – All levels of "skill" are needed!
June 29 – July 1	Pre-Beaver Days – Come early to help prepare for the weekend projects!
June 2-4	Beaver Weekend – ALL Alumni are encouraged to attend!
June 3	MSAA Annual Meeting ~ 7:30pm, Massawepie
June 25 – Aug 12	Staff Week & Camping Weeks – Massawepie
Oct 6 – 9	MSC Fire Tower Challenge – Massawepie
Oct 6 – 9	Fall Beaver Weekend – Work on projects, or help with the Fire Tower Challenge!
Oct 13 – 15	Fall Skills Weekend – Skilled or not, come prepare camp for winter rest!

Questions, comments, article requests? Email Kendall Smith at kas9653@gmail.com!

Member Notes By Peter

MSAA members **Brendan Flaherty** and **Matt Thurston** have been appointed as Council Program Directors for Seneca Waterways Council. Among other duties, Brendan will be directing Massawepie this summer (see separate article) and Matt will be directing Cub Scout Adventure Camp at Camp Cutler.

MSAA member **Brad VanAuken** (CIT 1972, Staff 1973) will be receiving the Silver Antelope Award, for service to young people in a BSA territory, at the BSA National Annual Meeting in May. Brad is the volunteer Marketing Team Lead for BSA National Service Territory 10, which is basically New York State, and is VP Marketing for Seneca Waterways Council. (The BSA territories replaced the former BSA regions and areas.)

MSAA member **Cordell Reynolds** has been working at Massawepie part-time this winter and spring as an assistant to Property Superintendent Ben Geiger.

New MSAA members since the Fall 2022 newsletter:

- **Tom & Marie Crane** joined as "Friends of Massawepie Alumni"
- **Adam Cregg**, a former SWC District Executive also joined as a "Friend of Massawepie Alumni"
- **Jacob Emery**, who served on the Ranger staff in 2022, his 7th year on staff since 2014

Family Camp at Mountaineer this Summer! By Christielee & Brendan

Are you looking for a chance to stay and enjoy Massawepie in a different way this summer? Look no further than Family Camp at Camp Mountaineer!

In honor of Mountaineer's 70th anniversary, we are expanding our family campground operation to create a great place for guests to come and experience this other side of Massawepie. MSAA Executive Committee member Christielee Geiger will serve as Family Camp Director, overseeing customer service and guest relations along with the help of Matt and Michelle Trost serving as the Family Camp Caretakers. Mountaineer now features: 6 RV sites with water and electric hookups; 5 primitive campsites; 3 premium group campsites; 4 cabins; the Dining Hall, now outfitted as a Rec Hall for campers; and a swim area at the Mountaineer Waterfront.

On top of that, camping at Mountaineer is a gateway to the miles of trails, great fishing, and more at Massawepie as well as a base for adventures all around the Adirondacks. We hope you come visit us this summer and take this chance to stay at Massawepie!

To view the facilities and learn more, visit senecawaterways.org/mountaineer.

Camp Mountaineer at Massawepie A Family Getaway—In Your Back Yard!

Rentals June 30—August 6

CABINS
RV SITES
TENT SITES



Enjoy the campground, private swim area and 20 miles of trails! Located on Massawepie Lake!



Scan QR or go to senecawaterways.org/mountaineer to learn more!

The Campmaster Corps comes to Massawepie! (Part 1) By Kathy Elliott

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

Thanks to many dedicated volunteers, Camp Cutler and Camp Babcock Hovey have had 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 the units that utilize Massawepie as well as the Camp Ranger in the fall, winter and spring seasons.

This program will have a summer component as well. The Leadership Staff at Massawepie need their down time when staff go on day off. We are looking for responsible volunteers to man the office and take care of any units in Camp on Saturday and Sunday, while staff is out of Camp.

IMPORTANT: All Campmasters must be registered with the Council and YPT trained. *Continued on following page...*

DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE				MASSAWEPIE CAMPS			
WING	MANAGEMENT	PLEYB DASH	SCOUTCRAFT	MANICRAFT	CONSERVATION	TRAINING POST	
5:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Beginners Instruction Life Saving Merit Badge	Canoing Instruction Merit Badge	Patrol Leader Training	General Crafts	Future Merit Badge	Supplies & Quartermaster	
1:00 to 12:00	Non-Summer Swimming Merit Badge	Kayaking Instruction Merit Badge	Camping Merit Badge	Merit Badges	Weather Merit Badge Soil-Water Conservation	Supplies & Quartermaster	
1:15 to 2:00	ALL DEPARTMENTS OCCUR DURING GENERAL						Mail Distribution
2:00 to 2:45	Beginners Instruction Life Saving Merit Badge	Canoing Instruction Merit Badge	Patrol Leader Training	Merit Badges	Wild Life Management Merit Badge	Supplies Refresher Merit Badge Quartermaster	
3:00 to 3:45	Non-Summer Swimming Merit Badge	Instructional Boating & Canoeing	Cooking Merit Badge	General Crafts	Forestry Merit Badge	Supplies Refresher Merit Badge Quartermaster	
4:00 to 4:45	General Solo	Scout Life Guard	Recreational Boating & Darning	Special Activities	General Crafts	Special Activities Supplies Refresher Merit Badge Quartermaster	
7:00 to 8:30	<p>HEALTH FOODS: Regular Sick Call is rescheduled every day immediately after breakfast. Accidents or other ailments are to be reported to the doctor when they occur. First Aid Merit Badge will normally be scheduled during the first afternoon period.</p> <p>TRAINING CENTER: No regular schedule is posted for this department above all of the instruction is conducted on a Unit basis.</p>						
8:45 a.m.	<p>SENeca WATERWAYS COUNCIL, INC. BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA</p>						<p>SCOUTS TRAINING CENTER ROCHESTER, N. Y. 14626</p>

Camp schedule from 1953!

D.Terry

The Campmaster Corps comes to Massawepie! (Part 2) By Kathy Elliott

Summertime expectations:

- 1-2 people per weekend needed; Saturday and Sunday assistance needed.
- Housing will be at Wellington (reserved by the bed). Please note there could be other people staying in the facility at the time.
- Responsibilities will include checking in early units, handling their requests and needs, emergencies, etc. Campmasters will need to stay in Camp. There will be a qualified EMT in Camp as well.
- Campmasters are welcome to eat in the dining hall when meals are being offered (or you can cook your own food at Wellington).
- Even though you are staying at Wellington, it's preferred you bring your own bedding. Note that all stays at Wellington require a full cleaning of the facility upon departure.

Off season expectations:

- 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 Artic Challenge since housing is at a premium and these events already have a full staff to support.
- 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 the units' 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).

Please email Don DeClerck at don.declerck@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the MSC Campmaster team!

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