

NORTHERN LIGHTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Dear Alum,

The Northern Lights Alumni Association actively supports the goals and mission of the Northern Lights Council, its camps, and the camp Staff who provide a top notch program to Scouts all over the country. You can find our members actively volunteering for camp events and supporting our camp staff throughout the summer season. We also help fund a number of projects that support both the camps and staff of the Northern Lights Council.

Per the by-laws of our organization, annual membership dues can only be used to cover administrative expenses of the association: printing, postage, etc. All additional projects require us to raise funds from our membership and friends. Please consider helping us to fund one or more of the worthy projects detailed below. Working with camp leadership, the Alumni Association Board of Directors have identified the following fundraising projects for 2024:

Staff Recognition: Each year the Alumni Association supports the Camp Wilderness staff by providing financial support to the annual holiday party and the end of summer banquet. The annual holiday party is held the weekend before Christmas and all alumni and current staff are invited. The end of summer banquet is for all current staff and is the last gathering of staff before everyone heads home. This event is held at a restaurant in the Park Rapids area as an additional perk for staff, especially the kitchen staff, for their efforts throughout the summer. We have budgeted **\$1,050** for 2024.

Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund: The Alumni Association awards eligible camp staff with scholarships for post secondary education. To be eligible the staff member must have worked at camp for at least 3 summers, including the most recent; have at least 6 credits in the fall and spring semesters; have a GPA between 2.5 and 4; and be currently registered with the BSA. All contributions to the scholarship fund go into an endowment where up to **5%** of the total fund can be awarded to camp staff.

Meechgalanne Camp Fire Ring Upgrades: In preparation for the 80th anniversary of Camp Wilderness in 2026, the Alumni Association is working with camp on ways to improve the camper experience in the Meechgalanne Camp Fire Ring. Project Ideas include:

- Lockable storage shed for keeping props, supplies, and tools: **\$500**
- Wood storage to neatly store wood and protect it from the elements: **\$500**
- Outdoor screen and projector to provide additional audio/visual elements to campfire, play weekly photo slideshow of participants at closing campfire, make it mobile to provide additional AV options for events and programs throughout camp: **\$1,000-2,000**
- Trail surface into the arena is steep and prone to washouts. Improvements will include creating an entry to the arena that will allow safe entry for campers and camp maintenance vehicles.

Please consider supporting one of these worthwhile projects to help support our camps and camp staff.

Yours in Scouting,

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ASSOCIATION PROJECT PLEDGE FORM

The Association takes on projects such as these that need to be done, but no other group will accept. The Board of Directors of the Northern Lights Alumni Association has chosen the following options for its next project:

Please circle one of the following options to vote for a project.

Staff Recognition

Staff Scholarship Endowment

Meechgalanne Camp Fire Ring Improvements

Count me in for the following amount:

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail this form and your check to:

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If you have questions regarding the project, please contact
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