

NORTH STAR

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Steve Linder views displays at Indianhead Scouting's Pow Wow in Oct.

Pow Wow

By Terri Anderson, Vice Chair

Over 600 Cub Scout leaders and Den Chiefs viewed our displays at the Indianhead Council Pow Wow on October 28.

We had over 40 feet of displays. They included a mannequin in a 1930's Cub uniform, hand-carved neckerchief slides, a 1952 framed Norman Rockwell Boy Scout calendar, patches, a Den Mothers blouse on a torso, and many other items.

Many thanks to John Guthmann, Terri Anderson, Dick Carroll, Kurt Zilley, Carol Magnuson and John Raymond for their help

OA Fall Fellowship

In November, the Agaming Lodge Fall Fellowship took place in Maplewood, Minnesota. We again had displays at the event. These included OA patches and handbooks, old Scout catalog pages, uniform shirts and, of course, our 5-Step handouts.

An estimated 250 Arrowmen, youth and adults, were present. Thanks to Joanne Robbins for handling the transportation and staffing the display.

Veteran Scouter Reunion

Our annual veteran Scouter reunion will again be held in May at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp. Besides great fellowship and a wonderful meal we'll have many of our displays on hand. We'll also learn who the Skunk of the Year is.

Nominating Committee

By Board Chair John Guthmann

As we go to press, the North Star Board is looking for recommendations for persons to nominate for the coming three-year terms. In addition to recruiting members to fill expiring terms, we will also be identifying potential future board members.

Board terms are for three years and board members must be members of North Star. They do not have to be registered in Scouting. They will be selected on their ability to help North Star accomplish its mission. The board meets six times a year. The board members do not need to live in the Twin Cities area. Current board members live in Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. Please submit your recommendations to:

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Or contact him by phone at home evenings, 651-690-5122, or at work, 651-482-8900.



Viking Council College of Commissioner Science.

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Again this November, North Star Scouting received an invitation to have displays at the Viking Council College of Commissioner Science. Over 90 Commissioners from Viking, Indianhead, Voyageur, Gamehaven, Central Minnesota, and Twin Valley Councils were present for the Saturday training.

Our display included a Czechoslovakian Scout shirt from the 1937 World Jamboree, books, posters, patches, and other items. We signed up 4 new members and a promise from 1 additional. We also received requests for 2 more potential visits.

Our thanks to Joe Glenski, Roy Nauertz and Dick Carroll who helped on transportation, set up and tear down.

\$37,000!!!

This December the United Nations kicked off "The International Year of the Volunteer." Although many organizations utilize volunteers, without volunteers, North Star would not exist.

All of you volunteer your dollars in membership and donations. Some of you also are able to help out by volunteering hours.

So far this year those hours have totaled over 2,500. Volunteer hours are currently estimated to be valued at \$14.80 per hour. That means North Star received over 37,000 dollars worth of volunteer services. That is outstanding for just over 200 members.

Because of you, North Star is healthy and growing.

Thanks loads!!!

Record Set in Accessions

As of the first of December, we have had over **4,500** items donated from 106 donors since last January. This is a 50% increase over 1999 and sets a record for the number of items we have received.

Among the donations was a complete Cadette Girl Scout uniform with hat, sash and books. She also included her First Class Badge, at that time the highest award that a Girl Scout could earn.

Other materials include a lantern (that is what they called the flashlight) from the late 20's or mid 30's, proof editions of manuals from the 1930's, a set of unit records from the late 30's through the 50's, a set of 4 humorous camp postcards from the late 40's, cups, uniforms, and patches, etc.

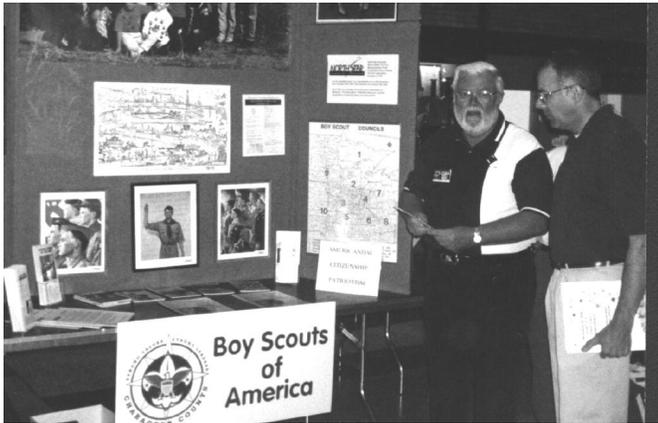
A special thanks to all those who have taken the time to help us preserve the history of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting.



Some of the uniforms and materials from our Girl Scout collections.

Minnesota State VFW Convention

In October, Museum member John Twohig took an exhibit to the state VFW Convention. He reported that over 500 persons were in attendance and that the displays were well received. Thanks, John!



John Twohig discussing materials with VFW Convention member.

TCART visits our Facility.

In early November, North Star Scouting hosted the fall meeting of the Twin City Archive Roundtable (TCART). The dinner meeting (at no cost to North Star) was followed by their business meeting, and then Steve Granger and Dick Carroll took them on a tour of the facility. This included all storage and work areas and the 3,500 square feet of displays. We received many favorable comments on the archives and displays.

TCART members present were from many archives, libraries and museums from around the state.

Also helping were Julian Plante and Joanne Robbins. Dick is the current President of TCART and Steve, Julian and Joanne are members of both North Star and TCART.

Coming Exhibits

For January, we have received an invitation to the Agaming Lodge Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet. We are also arranging to have displays at the OA Section C-1B Council of Chiefs meeting.

For February, we have district dinners, Pack Blue and Gold events and Indianhead Scouting's Show and Do.

There are still open dates, so contact us if you want an exhibit for an event. Staff and time permitting, we will do our best to accommodate any request.

We will have exhibits at the Veteran Scouter (Skunk) Reunion and we are already scheduled for the 2001 Minnesota State Fair.

Web Site

We have been updating and adding more materials to our Web Site, www.nssm.org, monthly. Among the many features are our Mission Statement, photos from many of the events where we exhibited, the Donor Bill of Rights and our 5-Step Preservation flyers with photos. It also has the current and immediate past issue of the *Museum News*.

1,500 viewers in Oct.-Nov.

In October and November, an additional 1,500 persons had the opportunity to see our Scouting displays. This brings the total number since May 1 to over 367,000 including our exhibit at the Minnesota State Fair.



Agaming Lodge Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship

Membership Report

North Star Scouting Memorabilia, Inc. currently has 219 dues paid members. This is roughly the same number we have had for the last year. Forty-three new members joined this past year. Unfortunately, about the same number failed to renew their membership for one reason or another.

North Star needs to grow in order to achieve our goal of preserving Scouting history. Please invite your friends who are interested in Scout history and memorabilia to join our organization. We all know many Scouters and ex-Scouters. Explain North Star to them and ask them to join. Or give them a gift membership. It's a great way to get a friend started in the organization.

As we all know from Scouting, the boys who stay active in the program are those who are given new challenges and responsibilities. The same is true for North Star Memorabilia. So I would like to encourage all of you to actively participate. Helping to exhibit our collections at an event is a great way remind yourself of those great Scouting memories. Don't forget - volunteer!

Welcome New Members.

New members joining since September 1, 2000 are: Alan Bernick, Thomas Hoffman, Steve Leitte, Jerald A. Mortenson, Jack E. Nessen, Charles Opp, Sandra S. Willis, Thomas Welna, Rich Dohrmann, David Dominick, and Elizabeth A. Spittle. Thank you all for your interest in North Star Scouting!



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