



NORTH STAR MUSEUM

OF BOY SCOUTING & GIRL SCOUTING

Museum News

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Be Prepared: Prep for Your Pinewood Derby at the Museum



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Is the Pinewood Derby a mystery to you? Are you a Pinewood Derby veteran but racing season seems to come around too fast and your unit, den, or the boys in your unit never seem ready? Relax, everyone feels that way the first, second, and maybe even the third time. Have no fear—the North Star Museum offers relief. The best way to make sure that your

Pack and the boys in your Pack are ready for Pinewood Derby racing season is to prep for the event at the Museum on January 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At the Museum prep event, you will meet Pinewood Derby Pros—people who have helped their children prepare for Derbies, have run Derbies, and have helped their dens and parents meet challenges and solve

problems. When you come with your boys to the Museum on January 20, here is what you will find:

Five Discussion Pits will be set up covering the following areas:

Design - For style and speed

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Help Us Celebrate Two Special Organizations on January 27th



Plan on spending Saturday afternoon, January 27, 2018, at the Museum. On that special day, we will be celebrating two great organizations:

The **Skunks** and the **Order of the Arrow**.

Our celebration of the *Order of the Odor*, fondly known as the “Skunks”, begins at 1:00 p.m. The **Skunks** founded the Museum. It all started 41 years ago when the Skunks gathered at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp. They wanted to find a way to preserve all the Scouting “stuff” they collected

over the years. Their idea was to create North Star Memorabilia, Inc, known today as the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting.

Through the efforts of the Museum’s founders, there is a strong group of current Skunks and we preserved the Skunk history,

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Support the Museum and Its New Service Learning Program: A Year-End Message from the Executive Director

November and December are the months of Thanksgiving and the Holidays. In the spirit of the season, I would like to take this moment to thank you for all you have done for the Museum. In my short year here I have seen how dedicated people are to the Museum in their gifts, time, and knowledge and for that I am extremely thankful.

In addition, I would like to update you on some of our new projects in which I hope you share my enthusiasm to help youth. We have a very exciting new initiative on the horizon: *The Service Learning Program*.

The world of youth today is filled with complex challenges—intimidating and contentious. American culture, founded on active virtuous citizenship, defers to majority rule with the expectation that *all* are good citizens. Our Founders, and millions of Americans since, have volunteered to better their community, their country, and the world.

So, where can a young person go today to explore, plan, and engage in meaningful community service and citizenship? Parents, young people, and even schools are struggling to address that question.

The history preserved by the North Star Museum is filled with examples of youth-envisioned

and youth-directed service to community, and humanity. Our new Service Learning Program uses the history and stories of youth and adults over the last 100 years to aid young people in developing their own approach to volunteering in their communities and identifying community needs. The Service Learning Program, as we envision it, is open to all youth. There are no barriers to participation.

We believe that the histories of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting can serve as an example and model for modern youth. Resources include written and oral histories, primary sources from newspapers, magazines (*Boys' Life*, for example), artifacts, and novels from the 1920s-1940s about Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in action. The Service Learning Program involves young people in identifying volunteer opportunities in their communities and using practices developed over the last 100 years to make a difference.

The service learning relationship offers all—student volunteers and community members and organizations—benefits. Everyone wins! Students give time, talent, and energy in order to gain deeper understanding of a social issue or a community need. In addition, they provide leadership to the program itself through a youth board. Community members and organizations

invest time as mentors, allowing them to accomplish more toward their mission and goals through the work of these young people.

Layer this dynamic, new program on top of the services we are already providing to Girl Scouting and Boy Scouting, and we have a new, more vibrant era at the Museum in the offing!

The North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting has been on a journey of advancement through its 41-year history. We have progressed from a novice, new organization, full of hope and enthusiasm, to a first-class, professionally run museum poised to do more for the people we serve.

Everyone at the Museum respectfully asks for your help with a year-end gift to help us with our new endeavor, Service Learning. In addition, if you have personal or professional expertise you could lend to this project I would enjoy hearing from you personally.

Feel free to mail in your year-end gift or donate on line at www.nssm.org. Thank you in advance for your help for today's youth,

Brenna Barrett
Executive Director

Be Prepared: Prep for Your Pinewood Derby at the Museum (continued from Page 1)

Decorating the Cool Car - Themes, Flames, and Accessories

Weight—Just Right - How to add or subtract weight, and where on the car to put it

Axles - Sounds dull but the old timers say this is where victories are won. Preparing and finishing the axles—graphite and spinning

Race Day - Last minute tune-up and adjustments

None of the above? - Come and ask, we are Scouts, *Always Prepared*

The cost for this event is only \$10 per car, which includes admission for the car owner. Those without cars need only pay the normal Museum admission fee (remember, there is no admission fee for Museum members). You can sign up and pre-pay for the event on Eventbrite. Just go to Eventbrite.com and search on “North Star Museum”, where you will find a listing of all of the Museum’s events. Make your 2018 Pinewood Derby the most fun and successful event you ever had. Get prepared at the Museum on January 20.

- New Members:**
- **Timothy Arimond**
 - **Joe Armstrong**
 - **Steven Wojan**

- New Club Bruce Members:**
- **Max Peterson**

Year-End Super Merit Badge Week

Fittingly, the final Super Merit Badge week of the year is being run by the Museum the last week of the year. We are running five merit badges between the Christmas and New Year’s holidays. Scouts can sign up for and attend sessions in Citizenship in the Nation (12/27/17 at 9:00 a.m.); Reading (two sessions on 12/27/17 at 11:00 a.m.); Personal Management (sorry, this is already FULL); Citizenship in the Community (12/29/17 at 9:30 a.m.); and, Family Life (sorry, this is already FULL).

As always, the cost for participating in the workshops is \$15 and \$12 for Museum members. You can sign up for the sessions until they sell out. So, act quickly. Just go

to Eventbrite.com and search on “North Star Museum”, where you will find a listing of all of the Museum’s events.



Reading Merit Badge

Tribute Gifts:

**Richard & Jean Clarke –
in honor of
Robert Rosene**

**Know of anyone
interested in joining?**

Contact:

Diana Foss

651-748-2880 or

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Help Us Celebrate Two Special Organizations on January 27th (continued)

Skunk ceremonies, the names of the original Skunks, and the story of where the name came from. On January 27, we will gather to celebrate the Skunk story and those who, through the years and today, are responsible for much of the Museum's success. We will both thank our Skunk founders and mount a permanent plaque listing all the "Skunks of the Year."

Any person who has been a Boy Scout or a Girl Scout for a minimum of 15 years and joins the Museum is considered a Skunk. There is no extra cost to be a Skunk. But there is a hope that you will volunteer in some way at the Museum. The Skunks have a yearly reunion at Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp, where at

one time or another, many of them served as Camp Masters.



The Order of the Arrow turned 100 in 2015 and we opened an exhibit to celebrate this special birthday. Many of you joined us at the opening and others visited over the last two years.

Time moves on and artifacts, like people, need some time off. We invite you to join us for a final look at the OA exhibit, to thank the persons who loaned material and helped make the exhibit possible, and to remember the hundred plus years of OA service to Boy Scouts and camps.

Light refreshments will be served followed by a brief program at 2:30 p.m.

Once the OA display is down, a new exhibit focused on camping will be erected. Because OA is such a big part of camping, there will still be an OA presence in the new exhibit, which is scheduled to open February 16-17, 2018.

Please RSVP to Diana Foss at 651-748-2880 or dfoss@nssm.org.

If you need a ride, please contact Diana. There is no extra cost for this event. However, we want to be fiscally responsible by not purchasing more refreshments than we will need.

More Thank Yous

The October Museum News included an article reporting on the Annual Meeting. Photos of the volunteers we recognized were included. Well, we inadvertently missed Jim Rupert and Bob Hannah. Jim and Bob, thanks for attending the Annual Meeting and, most of all, thanks for all you do for the Museum!

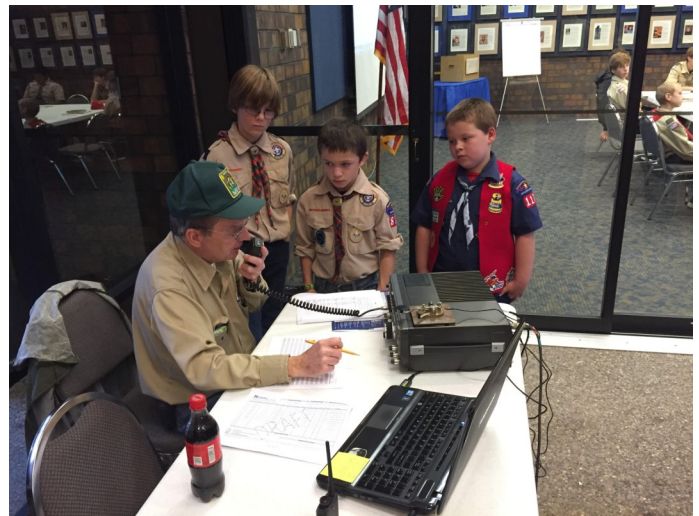


Jim Rupert



Bob Hannah

October at the Museum



Here are three boys at the Museum to experience Jamboree on the Air in October. They are waiting their turn to speak to an overseas Scout

We Will Miss “This Ole Scout”

Honorary Board Chair, Ron Phillippo passed away on November 5. Following his retirement as CEO of the Indianhead Council, Ron devoted a great deal of his energy to the programmatic and financial success of the Museum. We knew Ron as an energetic and enthusiastic advocate for the Museum and its mission. Ron joined the Board 2003, assumed the role of Board Chair in 2013, and stepped into the role of Honorary Chair in 2017. For 14 years, he advocated for us to be better, do more, and never, ever quit.

In many of the communications he sent us, Ron referenced himself as “this Ole Scout.” Well, we miss and will never forget “this Ole Scout” and everything he did for the Museum, Scouting, and the youth of every community he served. What follows are excerpts from Ron’s published obituary, which allows us to remember Ron as his family would like him remembered.

Ron Phillippo was born on February 18, 1935 in Milwaukee, WI to Roy and Clara (Kuhls) Phillippo. Ron became a Boy Scout at age 11, and worked on the staff of Indian Mound Reservation at Oconomowoc, WI until he finished college at Missouri Valley College in Marshall, MO where the “American Humanics Foundation” was initiated in the early 50’s for many young men and women who received de-

grees and entered vocations such as boy & girl scouting, juvenile probation, YMCA & YWCA, and social work. While at Missouri Valley College, he met his wife, Betty Sue Pember, and they were married a year after their graduation in 1957. Their daughters, Kristin Hays (Dr. James) and their daughters, Beasley and Kyle of Philadelphia, and Katherine Levinsky (David) and son, Noam of Utah have always stayed close to their parents with frequent calls, visits and e-mails through the years.

Ron’s 42-year BSA career took the family to Milwaukee, WI, Arlington Heights, IL, Princeton, NJ, Miami, FL, and St. Paul, MN. In each of these places, the family immediately found a great United Methodist Church to join and become active in. Ron and Betty both taught Sunday School, served as Confirmation teachers, and served on many boards and committees. The family also traveled several times to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. Ron was an active Rotarian and enjoyed his get-togethers with the Council of Agency Executives, as well as the Institute for Media and the Family. Ron is survived by his wife of 59 years, Betty; daughters, Kris & family, and Kate & family; brother, Dale (Sharon); nieces, nephews, many cousins, and many, many friends.



Here is Ron Phillippo how many of us remember him—enthusiastically guiding us to be our best.

Also, survived by three young men who became part of the family, James Chantha Montry, who came to the U.S. in 1980 from Laos, now of Elk River; John Kablan, who was in the Boy Scout troop at Arlington Hills United Methodist Church; and Alex Varouhas from Seattle, who came to MN for treatment at Hazelden (without a high school diploma) and proceeded to graduate from Inver Hills Community College with academic honors, and the Carlson School of Business Management at the University of Minnesota.

Ron and his family made it clear that memorials to Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America, North Star Museum of Boy and Girl Scouting, or Arlington Hills United Methodist Church would be appreciated. The Museum has already received many memorials honoring Ron’s memory and we thank all who have chosen to remember Ron in this fashion. There is no doubt that the work and memory of “this Ole Scout” will live on at the Museum.

Derby Night at the Museum: Exciting, Engaging, and Educational

The Kentucky Derby's website states that its mission is to "engage, educate, and excite everyone about the extraordinary experience that is the Kentucky Derby." Well, if you missed Derby Night at the Museum on November 4, you missed an exciting, engaging, and educational experience. It was indeed extraordinary. The event was also a successful first-time fund raiser.

The Museum's first Derby Night was attended by nearly forty enthusiastic racers, rooters, and other fun-loving people. Sixteen cars were entered in the "regulation" race, although two people entered more than one car. The open competition did not draw many entries but they sure were interesting. One vehicle was an actual cell phone with wheels. The other was a deactivated motorized car that barely fit on the track. It rolled on its own even with the motor off. After the race, it was reactivated and we saw a demonstration of a pretty quick battery-operated car.

The race was run while the crowd munched on great food and drank quenching refreshments. Throughout the night, folks could bet on a large and diverse selection of silent auction items. Each heat of the race produced plenty of cheers and assorted "oohs and aahs." The fastest heat was run by Coltan Adkins car. However, he took a big risk by running the first of the four heats on three wheels. The car turned out to be less balanced than he thought and it rolled off the edge of the track, taking another car with it. With four wheels, the car soundly beat the rest of the competition, but, alas, the best time over four heats won, and it wasn't Mr. Adkins'!

In addition to the fastest heat, other racing prizes were won by Phil Goodrich, who was recognized for racing the oldest car (37-years old), and Karen Klose, who had the best design. The best Derby Hat prize was awarded to Brenna Barrett. As for the racing winners, Tom Welna finished in first place, followed by Nora Slawik and Phil



The tension built at Derby Night as cars were placed on the track for the next heat .

Goodrich. It should be noted that Phil's third-place car was not the same car that received the oldest car prize.

All in all, the race was a great success and a fun time for all who attended. Kristie Wanstrom should be congratulated for chairing a great event, but many other volunteers also helped make the event possible. All of the event expenses were donated, so every dollar collected for entry fees and the silent auction go to the Museum's bottom line. Thank you to everyone who supported Derby Night and we hope to do it again soon. It is not too early to build a new car or spiff up an old car. A Scout is prepared.



Derby Night attendees are pictured enjoying food and bidding on silent auction items .



Derby Hat award winner Brenna Barrett (in red) enjoyed her recognition with Bonna Scherer .



Derby Night event Chair Kristie Wanstrom is shown announcing the racing awards .

In Memoriam: Cynthia Marie Page



Cynthia Page passed away on July 1. She was the wife of former Northern Star Council President and Museum Member Greg Page. Cindy was born Au-

gust 15, 1953 to Vernon and Lorraine Chally in Grafton, North Dakota. She spent her childhood in Grand Forks and graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1975. Cindy began her professional career in Minneapolis where she met and married Greg Page on December 26, 1981. Cindy is survived by Greg, daughters Laura (Brett) Bohlander and Elizabeth (Graham) Merry, son Robert (Marin) Page and many grandchildren.

Cindy's family describes her as "an avid joiner." She served on many non-profit board, including the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Hennepin County Library, and Downtown YMCA Foundation. She also volunteered for the Next Step through St. Vincent DePaul at the Basilica.

Exciting Program Opportunities Are In the Offing for 2018

It is hard to believe that 2017 is coming to an end. It seems like the year just started. Well, your Museum Program Committee does not operate in a time warp. No, it has been working on quality 2018 programs for months. What follows is a list of the programs that are presently planned. But remember, this list is not exhaustive. For example, special programs like Founders Hall (April 28), Skunk Reunions, the openings and closing of exhibits and fund raising events like Derby Night are planned by other committees. Look for separate announcements and *Museum News* articles on all of our events no matter how they are planned. From the Program Committee for 2018:

January 20	Pinewood Derby Workshop for boys
February 9	Late Night at the Museum for girls 4 th grade on up from 6:30-10:00 p.m.
February 24	Old Time Camping for Webelos
March 10	Girl Scout Way Badge for Brownie Girl Scouts
March	Super Merit Badge Week over spring break
April 12	Pie Irons for boys 6:30-8:30 p.m.
May 10	Pie Irons for girls 6:30-8:30 p.m.
June 11-15	Super Merit Badge Week over the summer break
July 9-13	Super Merit Badge Week over the summer break
August 6-10	Super Merit Badge Week over the summer break
August 9	S'mores with Juliette
October 26	Juliette's Victorian Birthday Party
November 24	Webelos at the Museum and Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)
December 8	Holiday Hop
December	Super Merit Badge Week over holiday break

Please put these dates on your calendar and watch for more detailed announcements concerning each program. Don't forget to spread these dates around to the units you work with and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts you know. See you at the Museum in 2018!

DATED MATERIAL



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DID YOU KNOW?...



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