



# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## The Newsletter of the Ten Mile River Scout Museum - July 2024

This issue highlights the start of the 2024 season, memories from Kotohke and the 2024 Section E18 Conclave

If you have a TMR memory you would like to share please email it to us.

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### From the Chairman - Mitchell Slepian

**Camp has begun.** Who isn't excited when they hear that? The museum is off to a great start. During staff week, we hosted our first "Night at the Museum" with the mighty Keowa staff. Once camp opened, troops from Aquehonga and Keowa visited us regularly. On July 13, Ira Nagel, director, and Reggie Leine, assistant director headed to Lackawaxen for the Zane Grey Festival. While we were showing off our museum to the locals, Memorabilia Chair Bill





Mulrenin kept the museum open and greeted many scouts.

We are actively seeking volunteers to join our team. Specifically, we need individuals with graphics and web design skills. If you have these skills and are interested in contributing to our museum, please reach out to me at [chairmantmrmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:chairmantmrmuseum@gmail.com).

Relive your TMR Memories August 9-11 at our Alumni Weekend. Register here, [Alumni Weekend Registration Form](#)

The photos under my headshot feature Leine at the Zane Grey Festival and Keowa's staff. The other image is Parkchester's Troop 65, who visited the museum for pizza, volleyball, S'mores and to learn about our camp's history. They stayed in Aquehonga while they were in TMR.



## Camp Aquehonga Kicks off the 2024 Season by Anthony Zalak, director, Camp Aquehonga

The 2024 Camp Aquehonga Season is off to a great start. We had a very successful first week of camp and week two is off to a great start, as well. The units were impressed with all of the camp improvements, including the new signage, road repairs, shower house improvements, tents, platforms, and of course, the newly designed waterfront. On July 16, we had our National Visitation, and I am proud to say that once again, Camp Aquehonga is a National Accredited Scout Camp. Looking forward to another four-and-a half weeks of outstanding program.



The image to the right of the article is the new waterfront at Aquehonga, with the volunteers who helped work on it led by Marty Mahr. The following images are



the TMR Administration Team with the National Visitation Team receiving our Flags for becoming Nationally Accredited Camps ,and the new waterfront pavilion, P and O house and lookout tower.



## Scouting Memories

by Henry Druckerman

Scouting, especially the many summers at Ten Mile River, are indelibly etched in the fondest memories of my early youth, mostly as a camper and then when I graduated to staff as a bugler in 1952.



I originally followed my older brother, Martin, and many of our Brooklyn Troop 15 neighborhood pals, into Scouting and to TMR. We all gravitated as a group to Camp Brooklyn, Division One - Kotohke's Deerslayer campsite. I recall canoeing on Rock Lake, swimming with the "buddy system," the spectacular view from the Indian Cliffs, the colorful Council Fires, "The Donut Farm," "Nick Dale's Trading Post," and being "Tapped Out" for the Order of the Arrow. Now approaching my 88th birthday, I can truly appreciate those remarkable years all the more.

## Order of the Arrow Section E18 Elects New Officers at Section Conclave

Last June, at Camp Bullowa, Section E18 reelected Vincent Mirabella as section chief; elected Derek Muller as section vice chief; and elected former Kintecoying Lodge Chief Jake Harmon as section secretary. The Conclave had an old Western-Hawaiian theme. Enjoy the images of our brothers at Camp Bullowa.



L-R Muller, Mirabella and Harmon



**LUAU  
& HOE  
DOWN**

**PLENTY OF FELLOWSHIP  
AND BROTHERHOOD**

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**5  
CARDBOARD  
BOATS**

**CANOE TUG-O-WAR**

**INNAGURAL  
CONCLAVE CUP**

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## Before TMR

New for 2024: "Before TMR" tells the story of how the 10,000+ acres TMR property was used before purchase by the NYC Scouts in 1927 & 1929. Find out how your camp was used before it became a Scout camp. Four showcases filled with pre-TMR history. You can purchase a digital or hard copy of the guidebook at [TMR Museum Store](#).



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# FAMOUS PEOPLE IN EARLY TMR HISTORY CSP SET



The Ten Mile River Scout Museum is pleased to announce we will be selling sets of CSPs honoring early famous people and places in TMR history starting some time in June. We are waiting for the patches to arrive and when they do, how-to-order information will be posted in Smoke Signals and on Social Media and be available to you. There will be two 10-CSP sets, one with different colored borders (above) and a very limited quantity special gold border set.



## The Museum's Website Store

Did you know that the Museum sells a variety of T.M.R. and Museum merchandise from our [Website Store](#)?

This includes most every patch set issued by the Museum in recent years, the 2021 *Guide to Memorabilia of the Ten Mile River Scout Camps*, Indian Cliff puzzles, Scout Service Corps CSP's from 1996-2003, and the two new booklets on Brooklyn and Queens Council emblem histories.



## TMR Wall of Fame

Do you want to recognize some individual, group or organization for their contributions to the Ten Mile River Scout Camps and/or New York City Scouting? A custom-engraved tile on the T.M.R. Wall of Fame might be right for you.

[Wall of Fame - Learn More](#)

Donate Scouting Memorabilia

Donations of T.M.R. and other



Scouting memorabilia to the Museum by individuals like you are the main way the Museum grows.

These include, but are not limited to: photos, color slides, 8-mm film, videos, patches, neckerchiefs, neckerchief slides, uniforms, banners, menus, paper items, etc. We can also photograph items and return them to you, or photograph notable items at your home.

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