



TESOMAS | SAMOSET  
HISTORY BOOK 2010  
75 YEARS



On May 12, 1934, L.A. Leadbetter donated a small tract of land bordering Crystal Lake to Samoset Council, BSA for the construction of a scout camp. Those original twelve acres have since grown into a 1000-acre scout reservation; the cornerstone of North Central Wisconsin's scouting movement.

Following Leadbetter's initial contribution, the Rhinelander Rotary Club raised \$25,000 to build a lodge and purchase an additional 120 acres of land. Although scouts did camp on the new property in 1934, Leadbetter's vision wasn't fully realized until the following year. Under the leadership of Scout Executive William E. Hoffman, Samoset's camping programs was moved from the Root House Lake property to the new Crystal Lake property and the Rhinelander Rotarians broke ground for the promised lodge in 1935. Although expanded and renovated, Rotary Lodge still serves as the heart of Tesomas Scout Camp, over seventy-five years later.

With two previous camps in Samoset's past, Hoffman thought a new name was in order for the Crystal Lake camp. Mrs. Irene Hoffman suggested reversing "Samoset" and naming the new camp "Tesomas" – this word play was quickly accepted.

Only eighty-one scouts participated in the first session of Tesomas Scout Camp in July of 1935, but by 1945 the summer population had grown to nearly one thousand. With the addition of Cub Scouting and High Adventure activities throughout the next several decades, attendance annually exceeded two-thousand campers during the summer and prompted more expansion. In 1993, Akela's World Cub Scout Camp opened its doors on the south side of the camp property; and in 2000, the Hanna Venture Base began operations, with all three camps also hosting scouting programs throughout the year and serving 6000+ campers each year. Through the decades, over one hundred thousand scouts have entered the gates of Tesomas and taken the pleasure in the "Tesomas Experience".

In 1936, Tom Kita Chara Lodge, Order of the Arrow, was established at Tesomas Scout Camp and continues to be an integral part of the camp today. And in 1952, the Walt Disney Company was contracted to design an emblem for Tesomas, resulting in the creation of the now nationally recognized icon: Smiley the Tent.

We urge you to learn more about Tesomas' treasured history during your visit. Take some time to view displays in the William E. Hoffman Archives Room, located in the lower level of the Program Center. Cherish your days at Tesomas and make your own contributions to its enduring saga. By partaking in our many programs and activities while exploring our crystal clear waters and pristine wilderness, you will discover why Tesomas remains "**Where Camping is King!**"

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## INTRODUCTION

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Camp Tesomas is a special place for many of us who went there in our youth or worked there as we grew-up. It is a place full of memories for the many experiences that shaped us into the people that we have become. We feel a strong emotional bond to that time in our lives, the friends we were with, and place where we were.

This book contains stories, pictures and poems that your colleagues from camp have chosen to share. Although they may not be your memories, it is hoped that they will evoke your own recollections from your days at camp. Re-telling of stories may make the fires a little bigger and the adventures a little more daring, but that's the purpose of a Memory book – to tell the truth as we remember it not necessarily as it was.

Like all great fables, the story of Tesomas is about the past and the future. Please do what you can do to help Tesomas and all of the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation continue to be a premiere Scout camp for future generations.

# IN THE BEGINNING

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*In 2004 James Kerr found Tesomas again after a lapse of 67 years through the wonders of the internet and Tesomas.com. Mr. Kerr helped clear the land for the Main Dining Hall and was a junior counselor and bugler during the first years of camp. Chris J. Martin recorded his memories before Mr. Kerr passed away in 2008. As Mr. Kerr said, "It's a little hard to remember what happened and when it happened, so I'll just say these are random happenings at Tesomas that I hope are reasonably accurate."*

"WOW!! My Boy Scout camp is still there."

I remember as a child seeing my Dad's Boy Scout handbook with the hand-carved cover of wood. How impressed I was with it. And having his revelry bugles around the house, one of which I have sitting in my living room now. I remember how proud he was when he spoke of his days as a Boy Scout.

## **BUILDING TESOMAS**

In 1933, William Hoffman, took notice of me and I got to meet our Scout Executive. At a Bugle Call Contest, I somehow managed to win 1st place and was awarded a lapel pin and a silver bugle from our Scout Executive. The bugle was a standard Key of G brass bugle that was silver plated. Mr. Hoffman offered my services around town for military funerals and other events that required a bugler.

At that time William Hoffman started pushing organizations and businesses including the Wausau Rotary Club to establish a camp for the Boy Scouts. I remember a contest to give the camp a name and promote interest in the project. The winning entry, of course, suggested spelling SAMOSET backwards.

In late 1933 Mr. Hoffman told me that Camp Tesomas was coming along fine and would be needing a bugler. He also gave some of us Scouts a good sales pitch and in the late Spring, Summer and Fall of 1934 we became "Go-fers" and helpers at Tesomas whenever we weren't attending school.



*1935 Camp Tesomas staff. James Kerr is second from left. See Tesomas.com for staff pictures from through the years.*

We “Go-fers” learned the tricks of carpentry, painting, staining, applying wood preservative, and peeling the bark off of logs for the front porch of the Dining Hall. The floor was unfinished and covered with protective paper with large pieces of scrap cardboard, and woe to the person who didn’t take their dirty shoes off. The big stone fireplace had it’s final work done in Spring 1935. I never saw when the kitchen was finished and all the equipment installed but it was ready when camp officially opened that year. At intervals we were sent to help carpenters working on the sleeping units along the lakeshore.



*Left: Dining Hall as it appeared in 1936; Right: Dining Hall as it appears in 2010.*

A job more physical AND more fun was taking out trees, tree stumps and bushes around the Dining Hall and other areas of the camp. Working with mattock, hoe and shovel we would expose a few roots of a tree - then an old lumberjack would move in with his big draft-horse named JAKE. A chain would be wrapped around the tree roots and then fastened to Jake’s harness. Most of the time Jake had no trouble pulling the stump out of the ground. If the tree resisted, Jake would look around behind him to survey the problem. He would then rise up on his hind legs, move ahead to take the slack out of the chain, and then throw his full weight forward. Most times the tree would lose the battle. We rarely had to do extra digging.

### **EARLY CAMP TESOMAS**

We were all invited to the official opening of Camp Tesomas in 1935 and to attend the five weeks of summer camp for free as junior counselors. In ‘35 it was a Boy Scout Camp. Starting in ‘36 the camp was available to Girl Scouts the first week of the season. The second week belonged to the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts enjoyed the last four weeks.

The Director was warm and friendly, but could be tough at times. Two Senior Counselors saw the scouts they were responsible for into bed - and after Taps, slipped out of camp and drove into town. When they returned to a locked gate the Director was waiting for them at the camp entrance with their belongings. Two Junior Counselors took their place for the rest of the week and two new Seniors were hired.

In the Dining Hall - looking toward the fireplace - a camp store was to the left. A small Director’s office was to the right. Behind the fireplace and accessed by way of the office was living quarters for the Director and his wife. The Director’s wife probably performed many tasks. She was rarely seen except when a scraped knee needed patching or a homesick boy needed a little help.



### The Story of Camp Tesomas

ATTENDANCE RECORD		
1935	- - -	81 Camper Weeks
1936	- - -	309 Camper Weeks
1937	- - -	640 Camper Weeks

**1934**

Group of Rhinelander Scouts camped on site.

**1935**

Rhineland Rotary Club starts movement to found Camp.  
 Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Leaderbetter donate original site.  
 Rotary buys additional acreage.  
 Ground Broken for lodge on June 1st.  
 Two weeks of Scout camp.  
 Midsummer Council meeting.  
 Winter Camp.

**1936**

Campers Savings Club established.  
 Camp Deeds presented to Council.  
 Special Camp Fund raised by Wausau men.  
 East Shoreline and 200 acres additional land purchased.  
 Crows Nest and Sioux Cabins built.  
 June 7th -- 1st Girl Scout week.  
 Rhinelander Rotary Club builds Lodge Fireplace.  
 1 Cub week and 4 Scout weeks.  
 Order of the Arrow Chapter founded.  
 Paul Siple Day -- July 19th.  
 2nd Winter Camps 1937 -- 30 attended.

**1937**

Council Camp committee met at camp in February.  
 Order of Arrow starts work on Athletic Field.  
 Easter Camp with 18 at hand.  
 Jamboree Pre Camp.  
 Cub Camp June 20th-27th.  
 Girl Scouts June 27th to July 4th.  
 4-H Club session July 5th-7th.  
 6 Scout weeks starting July 11th.  
 Kiwanis Kraft lodge completed.  
 Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield build cabins  
 Canoe Trips started.  
 Third Winter Camp, December 26th-29th.

**1938**

Executive Board votes to start Endowment Fund.  
 Possible start of Pioneer unit in sight.



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*History of Tesomas, from the 1938 camp brochure.*

From the start, Tesomas floated a good fleet of used but good, clean rowboats. Mr. Hoffman must have worked hard with a canoe manufacturer or dealer, because there were six or eight brand new "Shell Lake" canoes. Tesomas was the place to get your canoeing merit badge.

In '35 and '36 the camp store had a post card showing the sign arching over the entrance that spelled out TESOMAS and was made of White Birch branches. The Cub Scouts were required to send at least one of those post cards home with a message.

One morning during a Cub Scout week, between First Call and Reveille, some Senior staff took a dip in the lake. The first one in the water shouted, and his voice carried over the lake, "It's cold enough to freeze the balls off.". On Sunday when parents arrived to pick up their boys, we heard one Cub Scout shout to his Mother, "Mom, the water was cold enough to freeze a brass monkey".

Capture-the-flag....At the end of one game they took roll-call and one boy was missing. Senior and Junior Counselors formed up lines of campers to walk through the woods and shouting the boy's name. After an hour when it was decided that a call should go out for extra help, the boy came walking up to the Dining Hall behind the Director's big Sheepdog.

A Crafts building was located straight out for about 200 to 300 ft. from the Dining hall's front porch. (This building was torn down when the Program center was built.)

Running up the right side of the lake - on high ground- there was a trail. There were 4 or 6 identical cabins with screens and drop-down shutters along the trail, stopping short of the swamp. The cabins held 5 double bunk-beds and a bed for a Counselor or Scout Master. With 6 or 8 cabins, that would make a count of 60 or 80 campers per week. All campers arrived with their own sleeping bags. Each bed had a wire-spring support for a straw-filled mattress.

The 6 to 10 ft wide inlet connecting the "swamp" and lake had stones that you could step on when crossing to avoid getting your feet wet. A canoe of course would have to be carried through the inlet. Once in the swamp area it appeared that you might float a canoe on a few "ponds" but your canoe would be grounded as soon as you sat in it. I imagine the water level in the "swamp" was dependent on the lake level. There was no trail after you crossed the little inlet but the more adventurous Scouts explored the swamp and further along the shore..

Dr. Cheney – Nature Lore...Fantastic at taking a group into the woods and identifying birds, trees and plants. Time to return and he'd ask which way was home. If there was a boy in the group who raised his hand he'd let him lead. If no one offered, he would spit in the palm of his left hand, bring the index finger of his right hand smartly into his left palm. The spit would fly out of his left palm and the direction it flew pointed to the way home. The procedure never failed. He warned that it would only work for him

Homemade Ice Cream - Junior Counselors tried making ice cream the hard way using a bucket with ice, salt and a lot of hard cranking by hand. The ice cream was good but we'd spilled a lot of the icy salt water on the porch outside the Dining Hall kitchen. The next morning we discovered that a porcupine had chewed a big hunk out of the brand new porch to get the salt that had soaked into the wood.

There was a rumor in '36 that a high voltage line with it's towers would be traversing the forest acreage of Tesomas. Only today's campers and staff would know if Camp Director Hoffman was successful at re-routing the project.

It appears that the offspring of the '35 and '36 Loons, with their eerie call are maintaining their traditions on Crystal Lake.

At the end of the '36 season the Scout Executive/Camp Director became "Bill" Hoffman. Bill found transportation and food for the Junior Counselors - a truck for the canoes and we, Bill and one Senior Counselor all spent a week shooting the falls and rapids of the Flambeau River.

## **BUGLING**

I took cornet/trumpet lessons for three years from an Army bandsman. He also squeezed in lessons for bugle calls. The bugler rotated between a Key of G bugle and an old Key of C Cavalry bugle. The only one who noticed the difference was a retired Army officer who lived at the far end of the lake. He said that "Evening Tattoo" brought tears to his eyes every night. Back up a slight hill from the dock in the lake was a small area for assembly with a flag pole and a large metal megaphone for a bugle.

I can't remember the time of day but here's the most used calls:

- First Call
- Reveille
- Assembly
- Morning Colors
- Mess Call (3 times each day)
- Assembly
- Evening Colors
- Tattoo (15 minutes prior to taps. Signals that all loud talking and other disturbances be stop)
- Taps

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW – FIRST CALL-OUT CEREMONY**

Now I have a question about the Order of the Arrow - - Is the opening ceremony today still following the very first Order of the Arrow ceremony conducted at Camp Tesomas ??

In the late evening, in a cleared area back in the woods, the campers were assembled around a built-up,

pyramid shaped council fire which was waiting to be lit. The Camp Director appeared in buckskins and with a full-feathered Indian war bonnet. He called out in a loud voice, asking Chief Samoset to light the council fire. After a brief pause, a real, live, flaming arrow came whistling through the trees to strike the waiting council fire and ignite the tinder within.

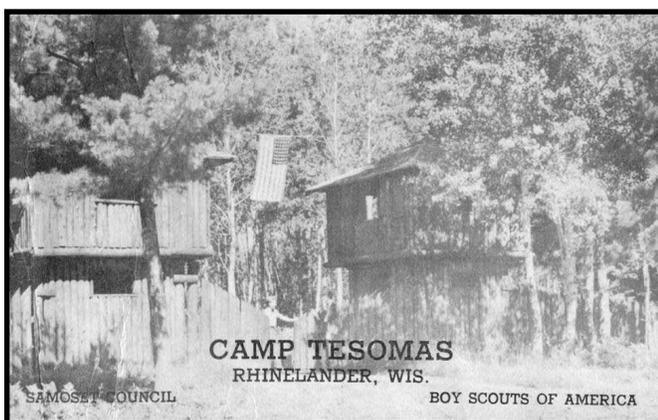
## WIGWAMS

A large Boy Scout Jamboree was held in Madison, Wisconsin – had to be in '35 or '36 because I was there. (Region 7 comprising Boy Scouts from Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin held a Camporal in Madison in 1936.) Everyone couldn't help but notice the presence of Samoset Council at the Jamboree. Samoset's big, tall Indian Wigwams stood out amongst all the small pup-tents from the other states.

William Hoffman arranged a donation of two huge rolls of extra heavy craft paper from a northern Wisconsin paper mill to be delivered to Camp Tesomas and a lumber company donated a lot of long poles. We cut and laid out large pieces of the paper on a clear area between the Dining Hall and lakeshore. We then glued the large sheets together with donated rubber cement and cut the paper to a pattern. We painted Indian designs on the paper with gallons of donated paint.

A practice assembly of poles and paper was done at Tesomas for each wigwam. We then dismantled and trucked them down to Madison in a donated truck. At the Madison campground we quickly mounted the poles in the shape of a wigwam and fastened the paper around the poles. Not sure, but there must have been at least five big wigwams - roughly 10 ft Diameter at the base with the cone shaped peak maybe 10 ft high. The wigwams were arranged in a big circle with a council fire arranged in the middle of the circle. We were the hit of the Jamboree.

That's all this old brain can remember for now.



*Left: Blockhouses as they appeared in the 1930s and 1940s; Right: Blockhouses as they appear in 2010.*

# HIGH ABOVE LAKE CRYSTAL'S WATERS

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*Camp Tesomas stories from "many moons ago, in the dim ages of the past ..." (the 1940s) by Earl L. Brandt.*

DISCLAIMER: I have made no conscious attempt to separate fact from fiction in the following stories, although it may surprise you to know which is which. Nor have I made any attempt to be politically correct or even stay within the bounds of what is considered good taste. I do not endorse, or condemn, the camping methodology portrayed. Lighten up and read on.

## **THE STUMP THAT WAS A BEAR**

Camp Tesomas had been logged at one time. The old logging trails provided broad paths that were much easier to follow than the narrow foot paths, especially at night without a flashlight. There were also charred stumps from some ancient forest fire scattered about.

My friend Gritz and I were following one of these trails late one night, returning from a secret site where we had conducted a secret Indian ceremony. The participants had been led away down a foot path. We had stayed behind to put out the fire. The dim moonlight cast weak shadows.

We had been walking along quietly when I suddenly grabbed his arm and jokingly asked him, in hushed tones, what he would do "if that big charred stump up ahead was really a bear". Before he could answer the "stump" dropped down to all fours and crashed away through the woods.

We shifted into high gear as well and headed the other way, not stopping until we were safely inside the dining hall. It took awhile before we thought this was a funny story.

Which reminds me of Doc's elaborate bear alarm.

## **THE GREAT BEAR HUNTER**

Our fearless Camp Director, "Doc" Bersch decided to kill the dirty bear that was knocking the rock off of the top of the garbage can and spreading its contents all over the woods. He tied binder twine to the garbage can lid and led it up to the door and into the kitchen where the slightest tug would create an avalanche of pots and pans. The last thing he did before climbing into bed was place his gun on a chair within easy reach if and when the alarm sounded. Since his room was across the dining room and behind the fireplace he wanted to waste no time.

That night the alarm worked perfectly. The resulting noise catapulted him from his bed whereupon he grabbed the gun and raced around the corner, picked up speed racing through the dining hall, slammed into and out of the kitchen not using any of the steps and raised his gun – at a tiny raccoon. Only after sheepishly lowering the gun did he realize that he was standing some 20 yards from the back door holding that greatest of all bear hunting guns – a 22.

He didn't laugh about it right away either.

## THE ICE HOUSE

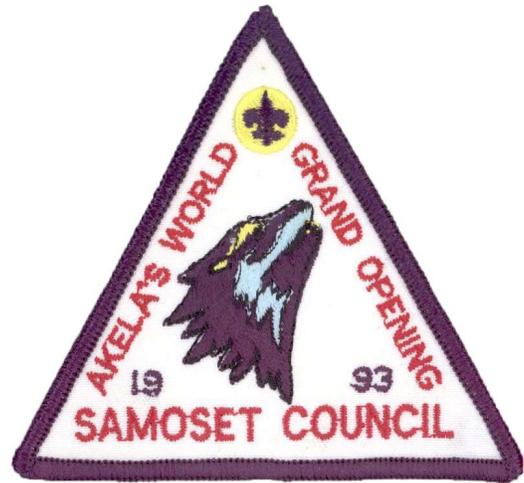
Years ago a half-log structure behind the dining hall contained our summer ice supply. The ice was cut out of Crystal Lake, by hand during the cold winter months, and stacked between layers of sawdust in the ice house. Each day during the camping season, the kitchen crew would dig out a chunk, rinse the sawdust off and chop chunks off to cool our "bug juice".

## CALLING IN THE WOLVES

Late one night, well before the camping season started, I sat on top of that ice house and talked to the wolves. No fooling.

We had heard their howling as we sat on the porch in the quiet of the evening. We could tell that there were at least three signaling back and forth as they scoured the woods behind us. So we turned all the lights off and I climbed to the top of the ice house and added my howling in the pauses between theirs. It worked. They either thought they had been joined by another wolf or they decided to go along with the charade until they could check me out.

I brought them close enough to see. That is – for them to see me. I never saw them, but I knew they were right there, because the hair was standing up on the back of my neck.



*The howling wolf is a fitting symbol for Akela's World. On a quiet night wolves can still be heard at camp.*

## WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE TRACKED BY A WOLF

Across a logging trail from the ice house, down a short way, was the lumber yard with its stacks of rough-sawn lumber. That's where I finally saw the wolf that had been tracking us for over a mile - as he dashed across the open space between two stacks. The hair stood up on the back of my neck that night also.

My friend and I were coming back from the beaver dam late at night, again with no flashlights. It was a long walk, over two miles, and we knew our batteries wouldn't last. Besides, there was enough moonlight to make out the trail.

We hadn't even left for the beaver dam until well after dark, when the evening program was over. We had volunteered to pack fresh milk out to the campers who were on an over-night at the beaver dam. We stayed (too long) talking to our fellow staff members who had accompanied the campers.

When we finally started back it was cool and quiet as we got out of sight of their campfire. So quiet, in the thick woods, that we could hear our own breathing and the snap of every little twig beneath our feet

After walking along silently for some time we each had a feeling that we were not alone. We would stop and listen for some sound but there was none. We decided it might be a wolf.

Logic tends to leave at a time like this but we fought our overwhelming desire to run like hell. We were too far from camp and besides, if it was a wolf, we could never out run him. He may have been hoping we would try so he could wear us down to the point of exhaustion. We restrained ourselves to a brisk pace.

The first clearing we finally came to was the lumber yard. And there he was – darting from one stack of wood to another. We got a split-second look but it was enough to indelibly stamp his mangy hide in my memory – where it has remained all these years.

Looking back from the safety of time, I don't think he would have attacked. There were two of us and neither was crippled or injured or too young or too old. But, hey, when your adrenalin is pumping and you can feel the pounding of your own heart – you don't think.

### **THE GREAT SWAMP ADVENTURE**

Beyond the logging trails and past the beaver dam lay a great tamarack swamp. Following a compass bearing of WNW from Camp Tesomas, through this swamp, takes you to the shores of Mudhen Lake. From there McCabe Lake is due north. Traveling NW of McCabe Lake brings you to the shores of a stream that runs southerly to the Wisconsin River at McNaughton. This all sounds easy enough but like the fella says "you can't get there from here".

Three of us from the Camp Tesomas staff decided to test our survival skills. Our plan was to back-pack through the swamp to the creek, build a raft and float down to McNaughton and beyond to Rhinelander. We were going to live off the land so we took salt and pepper, flour, lard and very little else. Our packs were WWII surplus pack-boards to which we had strapped surplus mummy bags and the very least amount of cooking equipment.

Our first problem was that great tamarack swamp. Once we left the high ground our compass was all but useless and we got to arguing about which way to go. We finally agreed to take turns leading, with no comments allowed from those behind. After circling around the deepest swamp holes we miraculously stepped out of the swamp and onto the beach on the south shore of Mudhen Lake. From there it was easy to find McCabe Lake where we invited ourselves to spend the night in an unlocked lodge.

### **THE GREAT RAFT ADVENTURE**

The next day we easily found the creek we were looking for and built what we thought was a magnificent raft. That is until we launched it. Our combined weight made it ride under water. We built racks to keep our packs dry.

To keep the raft from tipping required precise positioning of our three bodies and the packs. We tried poling but doing so merely upset the raft, so we floated along at the mercy of the stream, bumping into shore, twirling around and floating backward or forward by complete caprice.

The current was fairly brisk so we were making good time until a tree snatched me right off the raft. It was one of those trees that had tipped over, across the stream, but continued to grow. Its trunk was no more than three feet above the water. My friends, who were in front of the raft at this point, ducked under the tree, which caused the raft to tip forward and sent me up higher where the tree hit me right in the stomach. The raft kept going as I clung to the tree, dangling above the water. Without my counter-

balance the raft became even more unstable and twirled about as it swirled down stream.

All of this seemed funny to my friends who were laughing so hard they could not seem to grab anything to stop the raft. I guess it was funny – me trying to crawl to shore on this slippery tree trunk and stumble barefooted along the swampy shore to catch up with the raft. I finally made it, just in time for the next incident.

The stream suddenly broadened into a vast marsh and before long we seemed to have lost the main current, if there was one. We could see high ground in the distance, but only cattails and marsh grass around us. So there we were, inching our way through this wilderness of grass and water, without any means of rowing or paddling.

It was then that God spoke to us.

The sky suddenly darkened. Gusts of wind sent ripples across the water and bent the marsh grass. The first crack of thunder and bolt of lightning were simultaneous, making instant believers of the three of us – and then it got worse. "The heavens rent", as it says in the Bible, and we witnessed an awesome display of heavenly power and majesty.

Huge drops of rain banged into our hides. The noise drowned out our feeble voices. We couldn't see beyond the raft. We sat in awe and fear, drenched to the bone.

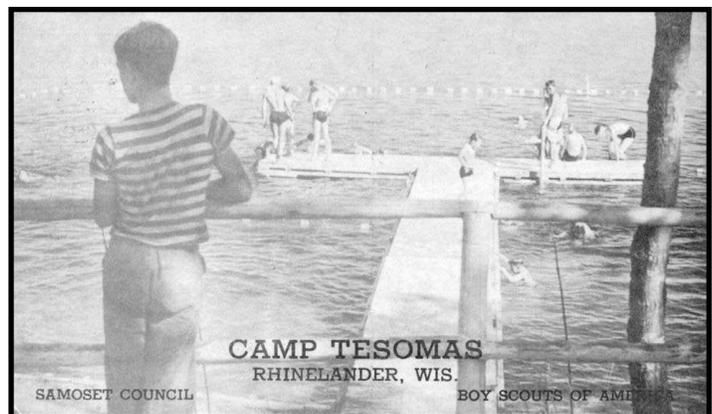
Then, just as suddenly, it was over and a mist rose over the silent marsh, and we were still alive.

We made it to McNaughton, but once we approached the bridge our plans changed. We decided we would float down the Wisconsin River to Rhinelander another day, and we hitched a ride back to camp.

## SWAMP HIKES

It was easy enough to get lost in some swamp at Camp Tesomas but sometimes we would do it on purpose. We would line up the entire camp, single file, each camper with one hand on a huge rope and we would plunge right through the muck and the mire. Sometimes the sink holes would be deeper than the campers were tall; that's why we needed the rope. We very seldom lost more than one or two campers on a swamp hike and then it was because they forgot to hang onto the rope.

The contents of some of those holes were thicker than a chocolate malt, but they sure didn't smell like one. The muck could suck a shoe right off your foot. Afterward we would hurry to the waterfront (for fear that we might rot in the hot sun), dive in clothing and all, disrobe, wash the muck out of our hair and race back to our campsite to bury our clothing, which we could never again get clean.



*1940s Postcard. The waters of Crystal Lake are just as clear and cold as they have always been making the Waterfront a central part of the program at Camp Tesomas.*

## **CHIP AND DIP**

The entire camp suffered a forced march to the lake every morning for an obligatory plunge and cleansing, the rationale for which still escapes me. It was cruel and unusual punishment, even in those days. We're talking northwoods here. Sometimes we had to chip the ice away before we could dip.

## **THE HODAG'S LAIR**

On the way to the Hermit's shack, but off to the right of the logging trail, was a pit lined with boulders and brush and weeds. We called it the Hodag's lair. (As I type this my word-processor flashes the message that there is no Hodag in its memory. I'll bet the word processors in Rhinelander don't flash).

I won't get into the legend of the Hodag because you have probably heard it, but I can tell you about the lair. We would, on occasion, lose a camper, I'm sorry to say. Usually no one would notice until a staff member would spot an empty place at the dinner table and start asking questions. After chastising the entire troop for not watching out for each other the staff would abruptly halt the meal and mobilize the campers for a massive, camp-wide search.

There we were, arms length apart, in one long line, combing the woods for some lost camper while our supper got cold. Invariably someone would spot a trail of blood which would invariably lead to the Hodags lair and, sure enough, there would be the poor kid, draped over the boulders bleeding to death and barely breathing. Some staff members would rush forward with a stretcher and rush his feeble body back to camp, into some car, and off to town.

We'd all walk sadly back to camp and try to finish our cold supper and carry on as best we could.

## **SHATTUCKS**

There was a farm family nearby named Shattuck that had various connections to Camp Tesomas. Mr. Shattuck cut the ice in the winter and hauled it to the ice house with a sled pulled by his two Belgium horses. Mrs. Shattuck served as camp cook.

They had two daughters who would ride the Belgians into camp on occasion. These were big animals that could work in the fields all day. The daughters rode bare-back which was a site to behold. Everything bounced.

One day I ask the youngest daughter if I could ride her horse. She said I could if I thought that I could handle her – the horse, that is. She looked docile enough so I confidently mounted her, with the aid of a stump, and off we went, clumping along the trail.

All went well until I tried to stop her. I must have given her the wrong signal because she started clippety clopping home and didn't stop until she was in her barn. The daughters had to ride double on the way home and I had to walk back to camp.

## **GIRLS**

We thought about girls often and saw them seldom. We were graciously allowed three days and three nights off during the eight week camping season. One camping period ended with Sunday lunch and the

next one started at 2:00 PM. After a while we tended to stare when girls came into camp, which was usually only on Sundays when they brought their brothers to camp. We might also see them at the ice cream parlor in Rhinelander on one of our rare nights off and try to impress them by trying to eat one of everything on the menu.

One trick we used to lure girls was to get them to walk out on the dock, take their rings off, and throw them into the water on the promise that we would retrieve them or buy them new ones. It was really no problem at all, given the clarity of Crystal Lake, but we would make several dives for each ring and chat with the girls between dives, while we were "catching our breath".

One year I and another member of the camp staff (I have forgotten who) were recruited to drive the Old Red Devil up to Tesomas with the implements and materials to clean and restore the dining hall floor, which we did. It was beautiful when we were done with its fresh coat of clear varnish. So beautiful, in fact, that we thought it looked like a dance hall floor, which inspired us to initiate it as such. We drove the Old Red Devil to Rhinelander and, somehow found some adventuresome girls to accept our invitation to attend an inaugural dance at the camp. When they arrived they were shocked to discover that they were the only girls invited but decided to stay and enjoy the occasion.

We took off our shoes and danced in stocking feet on the vast expanse of the newly varnished dining hall floor to the music of a portable record player: Benny Goodman – String of Pearls; The Six Fat Dutchmen – The Too Fat Polka, *I don't want her, you can have her, she's too fat for me--*; Romay Gosz – The Blue Skirt Waltz, *I dream of that night with you, lady when first we met, we danced in a world of blue, how could my heart forget*. We danced until the sun went down and the moon came up and the girls went home and we never told a soul.

## **THE OLD RED DEVIL**

In the late 40s the camp pickup truck was aptly named the Old Red Devil. For those fortunate not to have ridden in it or driven it, I should tell you that it should have been retired long before it was, like so many camp trucks through the years. Among its various idiosyncrasies was a tendency to lisp to one side, making it extremely difficult to keep in the proper lane. It took concentration.

One late spring, before camp opened, I was recruited to transport a load of stuff (don't remember what) from Camp Phillips, in Rothschild, to Camp Tesomas, using the Old Red Devil. Now that's a long trip so I recruited an assistant in the person of a nice young lady of whom I was very fond and who happened to live nearby.

On the way to Camp Phillips from her house she became very nervous due to the truck's idiosyncrasies and my lack of concentration (which was partly her fault). When we arrived at Phillips she was a bit hesitant to enter the building. I don't know why. So she stayed in the truck while I loaded it. Sitting in the truck, with the windows rolled down, invited wood ticks by the hundreds who were as much enamored by her lovely, soft and tender skin, as I was. By the time I got in the truck she was panicked and desperate to rid herself of the ticks. She pleaded for my help. Remembering the Scout Oath "to help other people at all times" I gallantly obliged. It took a while. There were hundreds of ticks and I tried to be as thorough as possible. After that she didn't want to go to Tesomas so I took her home.

Come to think of it, this story has less to do with the Old Red Devil and more to do with girls and wood ticks.

## ORDER OF ARROW CEREMONIES

Indian lore and Indian dancing were very popular at camp as demonstrated by members of the Order of the Arrow, especially during the weekly "tapping out" ceremony. In those days we acted out the legend of Leni Lenapi publicly, at a camp-wide campfire.

Campers and guests were lined up on the shore of Crystal Lake facing the lake. A wolf call given from the shore was answered from the middle of the lake by "Indians" in canoes who would then light the torches and paddle to shore delivering the great Chief (who never sat in the canoe), his guard and his medicine man, all in separate canoes.

It was very impressive if all went well: the canoes were in position on time, the "Indians" were made up and in full costume, the torches were properly soaked and lit on demand, etc. One night all did not go well.

I was one of the Indians in the canoes waiting for the wolf call when one of the other Indians (I swear it wasn't me) started rocking his canoe from side to side. His paddler joined in to see how close they could get the gunwales to the lake without drawing water. You guessed it, they swamped and took the canoe next to them down with them, and, yes, they in turn upset the third canoe. Just then we heard the wolf call.

Needless to say we were all too busy to answer, trying to retrieve paddles and torches and trying to keep our headdresses above water. So the call was repeated, again and again, first by the guide whose responsibility it was to call us when all was ready and then by our Camp Director, who, we could tell, was pacing up and down the shore, mad as hell.

Well, we finally emptied the canoes, got into them, answered the call and paddled to shore by flashlight. Needless to say, we were a sorry bunch of wet Indians, with no dignity left.

## STAFF NIGHT

Sunday night was Staff night. We would put on quite a show. There were skits and stunts and songs and stories enough to make any camper forget his mama and be glad he came to camp. We had the end-men, Muck and Mire, made up in black-face, and wearing white gloves, who would enter from the "ends" of the stage and sing:

We're the end-men who tell funny stories  
we're the end-men who tell funny jokes  
if you don't think our act is too funny  
then pity the end-men, dear folks



*"Bird Dance." We performed a "bird dance" as part of the festivities in the council ring. Bob Paynter is sitting on the left, I am dancing with the lightning paint, Lloyd Berner performed the flaming hoop dance later and Doc Bersch, standing on the right, oversaw the festivities. Picture from Chuck Oertel.*

They would entertain between acts, which were often very elaborate with outrageous costumes and props.

And there were songs and more songs: new songs to be taught and sung all week, old songs, raucous songs that would bring the house down, rounds, mellow songs to quiet everyone down, inspirational songs, and finally Taps, done with arm movements that ended with arms folded while the campers were led silently away.



*Band at Camp Tesomas: Later half of the 1940s.*

### **THE INDY TROOP**

One year three of us from the camp staff were asked to stay at camp an additional week to host a large troop from Indianapolis that had booked the entire camp. We did our best to show them a good time including staging an Indian campfire. I remember doing the flaming hoop dance which was my specialty.

Tragedy struck that night, however, and marred a beautiful performance. We had not heated the dream drum sufficiently and it tore as we beat on it too hard. It was one that Doc had acquired from his friend Ben Phillips at the Lac De Flambeau Reservation. It was authentic – and it was broke. Replacing the head was how I learned to make dream drums, which I have since done for several Order of the Arrow lodges.

As the Indy troop was leaving camp some of their scouts invited three of us to come along. So we did. We hastily locked up camp, packed a duffel and jumped on board their rented school bus. All the seats were taken so we rode from Rhinelander to Indianapolis on overturned coke crates.

Once there we toured the Indy 500 race track (empty) and started to hitch-hike back home. It didn't take us long to give up on this plan as rides were few and far between. So we stopped at a huge used-car lot not far out of town and asked to see the least expensive car on the lot -that ran.

The salesman showed us a 1932 Chev Coupe, with a rumble seat. We bought it for \$45.00 and drove it home. Many adventures, and two years later, we sold it to some high school kid for \$55.00. But that's a whole other story.

### **THE CAMP BUGLER**

High on the hill above the "parade ground" was a big megaphone mounted on top of a post so it would swivel. Each year Doc hired a bugler whose job it was to regulate our day, from reveille to taps. First call sounded 5 minutes before every hour followed by Assembly on the hour. Campers had 5 minutes to get from one "class" to another. The call was repeated three times, with the megaphone aimed in three different directions.

My favorite call was Tattoo, especially as played by a very special bugler whose name I have forgotten. He also played Taps like you never heard it played. He would play it "straight" in the first direction but

sustain the notes a long time, which was beautiful; add a little swing in the second direction, that made you snap your fingers in time; and really cut loose in the third direction, complete with triple-tonguing and improvisations in the best jazz tradition. This last version was a virtuoso performance that seemed to last several minutes.

After taps on those silent trips back to the campsites we would often see the mist coming off the lake in the moonlight and hear the plaintive, haunting, primeval call of the lonely loon.

I can hear it now, 65 years later, and I fold my arms in reverence.

# Hand Book



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J. Rucker Newbery

## CHAPTER XIII

### DRAMATIZATION OF LEGEND OF THE LENNI LENAPE

This is very good for a campfire on the night the calling out ceremony takes place.

#### CAST OF CHARACTERS (in order of their appearance)

Reader: Who Reads Legend	1st Stranger
Medicine Man	2nd Stranger
Chingachgook	Chief Black Hawk
1st Indian	2-3-4 Scouts
2nd Indian	2 Guides
3rd Indian	Drum Beater
Uncas: Son of Chingachgook	

#### PROLOGUE: SCENE 1

Setting: Indian Village Scene

Tom Tom is heard in distance as Indian party approaches on foot or in canoes to take their places facing audience. Medicine man goes to small fire laid ready for lighting. Medicine man lights his fire by flint and steel. (Drum beater beats softly as Prologue progresses.)

Reader: Long years ago, in the dim ages of the past, the Lenni Lenape tribe of Indians inhabited a peaceful river valley. Here they pursued the deer, the bear, the panther and wild geese. Their villages were numerous and powerful and their hunting parties were strong. They tilled the fields and followed the chase. They were a peaceful people, never warring with other tribes unless first attacked. The smoke arose from their Wigwams as they returned from the hunt, and their council fires blazed brightly as around them they smoked their pipe of peace.

## THE LEGEND OF THE LEGEND

The history of Tom Kita Chara Lodge has always included how we were credited with development of the dramatization of the OA legend. Three pages from the first Order of the Arrow Handbook published in 1948 are reproduced here to substantiate that claim. Kurt Krahn, who served as a 17 year old Waterfront Director at Camp Tesomas during the manpower shortages of World War II, is credited with writing the Tom Kita Chara version, inspired by a ceremony done by Illinek Lodge #132. Kurt is an Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver recipient who grew up in Wausau and retired near Rhinelander. He is the uncle of Fred Prehn, the current Samoset Council president.

# TESOMAS STORIES FROM ED

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*Ed Zahn first attended Camp Tesomas as a Cub Scout in 1939. He was on camp staff in the 1940s and was Camp Director from 1954 to 1957 while serving as a Professional Scouter in Samoset Council. Ed has volunteered thousands of hours at Tesomas in recent decades and is beloved by staff and campers alike. He shared many stories in the 60th Anniversary book and adds a few more here.*

## **TESOMAS GOES FOR A CHANGE**

My first summer on camp staff was 1945 when we were told that something new had been added to the staff cabins, electricity, but we were limited to just ONE 60 watt light bulb. It was a great change from the old, dirty kerosene lanterns that had to be cleaned every day. There no radios, cell phones or other electrical items that we take for granted now. As we all have heard, "Rome was not built in a day," nor was Tesomas. Volunteer workers have made a continuous contribution to this great camp!

There was a fund raiser held to obtain money to build a new kitchen. The key performer was the then famous "Banjo King," Eddie Peabody (an Eagle Scout) from Madison who helped us two different times with performances that he donated to Samoset Council! The new kitchen was built on to the North side of Rotary Lodge and replaced the first kitchen that was in the West end of the original lodge. You may still see the remnants with burn marks on the floor and tin can lids marking where the pipes and pitcher pumps were. I learned a lesson about these pitcher pumps my third year on staff, when I worked in the kitchen for a short stay. The pump had to be primed, meaning that you had to have a pitcher of water to pour down the top of the pump. It was important to remember to refill the pitcher for the next need, or you had to walk down to the lake to fill it up. You just had to forget one time and you didn't miss again.

Many of you will recall the lofts over the original kitchen and behind the old fireplace above the Camp Director's quarters and camp office. They originally were for staff quarters and later for storage. To gain entrance to them, a vertical ladder along side the fireplace and a nice inside stairway to the West loft had been built. At the 1955 work trek, I had outside stairways constructed to give a second way to enter/exit in case of fire and to meet code requirements. These work treks accomplished a great deal, as we had professional carpenters, masons and many other skilled worker volunteers. In those years camp operated on a 7 day schedule. The old campers checked out about 1 PM and the new ones checked in about 2 PM. Every staff member had one day off each week.



*Staff Choir 1950's*

## **RETURNING HOME**

After leaving the U.S. Air Force in 1953, I sought employment in professional youth work, interviewing in Houston, Texas with the B.S.A., the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club. I had a job offer with the Sam Houston Area Council as a District Executive for almost double the money that I accepted with Samoset, but had no camp involvement, which I wanted. Returning HOME to Tesomas was very important to me! I

told the Scout Executive, Sig Kilander, that I would accept the Samoset job providing that I would receive a letter from the Executive Board and the Camping Committee so that we could begin doing Scout camping the Boy Scout way by: (1) progressively get away from "cabin camping" and move to tent camping, and (2) move from Provisional camping to troops coming to camp with their own adult leadership. Upon receiving these two letters, I signed on.

Then it was off to the Schiff Scout Reservation near Mendham, New Jersey for six intensive weeks of college-level training for new professional Scouters. Classes went all day long until 10:00 PM; the only time off was long enough to go to church on Sunday. Our instructors were from the National Office in New York City plus a few permanent staff at Schiff. They were terrific and really knew their stuff and how to teach it. We even had to write a research paper, due at the end of the 6 weeks of training.

In early June, 1954 I was sent to the National Camp School on the St. Croix River in the administrative section, although I had been identified as the Program Director for that season. While at camp school I was fortunate to have all of our key staff with me. Because Tesomas was still in the Provisional Camping phase, while I had planned to go ahead to implement Unit Camping phase, my key staff members and myself would debrief each evening to pretend that we were going strictly unit camping. We role played different positions, with myself as the Camp Director. After the training week, I stopped in at the Scout Office, then at 606 ½ Third Street and met Mr. Kilander. He told me that he had changed his mind about going to camp, and said that I would be the Camp Director. All of our staff were arriving the next noon! Our role playing at Camp School paid off as each of us already knew what we were going to do. As the Scout Executive had selected the staff, there was some opposition to the changes that we were going to make. I gave them the background of the change in method of camping, and said that this was what we are going to do. If you don't want to go along, tell me and I would replace you. No one offered to leave. A few were not sold on the idea and did not apply the next year.

The 1955 season was ahead, so I traveled throughout the council to interview staff applicants on their home turf, or took them to football and basketball games, in order to meet them in a nonthreatening setting. That summer I began the "Trainee Program" now called the "Counselor In Training" program. A Staff Manual and Leader' Guide were developed and used as we further implemented Unit Camping. New aluminum boats were donated by Scouters in what was the former Rib Mountain District. New aluminum canoes were purchased with funds generated by a Council-wide waste paper drive. Each year we progressed in the movement to go to Unit Camping. My last year as the Camp Director was 1958 when I was the Co-camp Director, as I had left the profession. My job was to train my successor and to direct program, while he directed administrative aspects of camp. My philosophy of supervision is to help people succeed, hence in these 5 memorable years, I never fired anyone; I did change a few staff members job responsibilities, to something they liked better and were better at. The camping style and program today is much as I envisioned. The best letter I ever received was from my mentor, "Chief" William E. Hoffmann, who thanked me for carrying out his dream for Tesomas.

## **MORE CHANGES**

As a Scout, I learned that I didn't like to peel potatoes, which was one of the "Good Turns" that we did after breakfast each day. It was done on the octagonal shaped concrete slab adjacent now to the Ed Lund Shelter. When we had a good looking nurse in camp, boys would often cut their fingers on purpose, so they could see the nurse and not peel potatoes. In 1955 we purchased a mechanical potato peeler and a rapid recovery water heater; they used to always run out of hot water for doing the dishes. We also

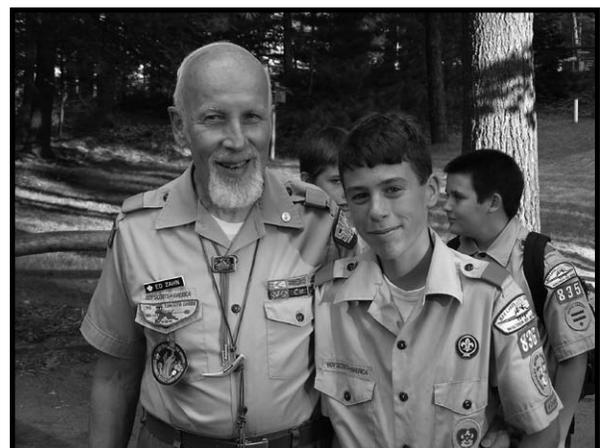
purchased an electric mixer for the kitchen; it lasted about 50 years. Getting rid of the daily Good Turns provided more program time for the campers. Some of these duties were subsequently accomplished by troops on a voluntary basis and some by staff.

### **MY BROTHERHOOD EXPERIENCE**

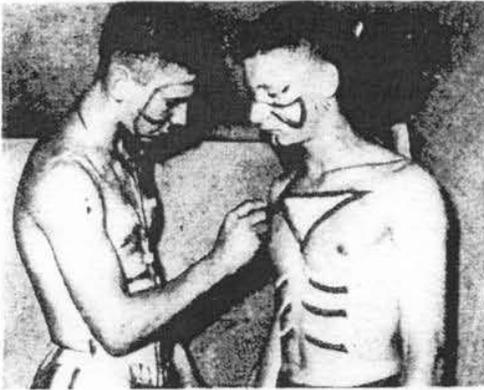
After being inducted into the Tom Kita Chara Lodge of the Order of the Arrow in 1944, I looked forward to being active in the O.A. as it meant a great deal to me. The O.A. in those days was very different. Adults were the key leaders in the Lodge. There were some Brotherhood Honor members and a few Vigil members, all adults. In 1946 I again was assigned to the Huron cabin. One morning I was out in front of the cabin, when I saw one of the other staff members running very fast past the cabin and I asked him why. He didn't answer. When I saw him at lunch I again asked him where he had been going in such a hurry. He told me that he had been going down the hill that led to the three Adirondack shelters (these were 3 sided log shelters with a roof on them and in the present location of Schooley Lodge) when a large black bear stood up in front of him. "You saw me next," said "Mac."

I asked more questions of him to clearly establish where he saw the bear. Immediately after lunch I ran out past the Huron cabin toward the Adirondack shelters; would you believe it, a big black bear stood up on his hind legs on the path that led to the shelters. I looked at the bear and he looked at me. I would guess that he didn't like what he saw, so he went down on all fours and scrambled off into the woods. It was my thinking that the two of us saw him in about the same location, so perhaps he had a den near by. I found nothing in the woods, but upon checking the 3 shelters, I found that one of them appeared to have been the den. I told no one of what I had encountered.

That same evening I went to the Ordeal Ceremony; after it was over we were asked to form a circle around the council fire but look to the outside of the circle. A team then walked around the inside of the circle. I was tapped out for the Brotherhood Honor, to which I had been elected by current Brotherhood and Vigil members. I was told that we were on silence and would again sleep out that night. One member of the team guided me to where I was to sleep. Guess where? In the shelter where the bear had made its den! I couldn't say anything as I was on silence. Unlike when I slept out for my Ordeal, when they had to come looking for me as I had slept until after 8 AM, I don't think I slept at all, hearing all kinds of sounds coming from the woods. What a night! We didn't have to work the next day, but were inducted in an impressive ceremony. The bowl? It was northwest of where Eagle Quest is now, in the big depression surrounded by hemlock trees. People of vision, of course, have changed the O.A. so that it is not dominated by adults, and the Brotherhood is no longer an Honor.



# The Order of the Arrow in Action



A little "war paint" and Senior Scouts Dick Wiersig (left) of Colby and Bill Kauth of Wisconsin Rapids are ready for ceremony.

An Indian ceremony, staged every Thursday night in a natural bowl at Camp Tesomas, five miles northwest of Rhineland, has become a magnet drawing "Northwoods" tourists from miles around.

The ceremony is the Order of the Arrow induction put on by the camp's staff of Senior Scouts, all of whom are members of the order—a national Boy Scout honor camping society. "Chief" of the spectacle is Elroy (Doc) Bersch of Wausau, camp director.

To be "called out" during the ceremony for membership in the Order of the Arrow is a great honor for any Scout. Camp Tesomas hosts some 1,200 Scouts in the Samose; Boy Scout Council during the summer, but

only 120 of these are inducted into the order.

Fellow campers vote a boy into the order, but a candidate never knows he has been picked until he is roughly jerked from the crowd during the ceremony. That's why it holds great suspense for both boys and spectators.

But his "calling out" doesn't make a boy a full-fledged member of the order. He must pass an "ordeal," consisting of sleeping alone in the woods following the ceremony and spending all of Friday in silence, at hard labor and with little food.

A "secret rite" Friday night initiates him into full membership. Only the colorful "calling out" ceremony is open to the public.



Up from the hole in which he was hidden an hour before pops flaming hoop dancer James Seefeldt of Wausau to start the program. "Chief" Elroy Bersch, camp director, watches.



Candidate Jim Neuschwander of Athens is tapped thrice on the shoulders by George Murphy of Wausau while (from left) Karl Marquardt, Larry Wilke, Jack Schroeder, Francis Sturgal, all of Wausau, and Dick Rhyner of Schofield look on.



Dancers Dave Jansen (left) and Irvin Summer (right), both of Wausau, ignite their hoops from that of Seefeldt's before beginning their frenzied gyrations.



After candidate is tapped, he must keep hand on shoulder like the new members seated in foreground. Candidate Paul Dahle of Phillips is led to a seat by Larry Wilke of Wausau while other Order members look over list for next candidate. Photos by Joe Botsford

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Milwaukee Sentinel newspaper ran the pictured story about the Tom Kita Chara Order of the Arrow ceremony in the Sunday, August 30, 1953 edition.

# POEMS, STORIES AND SONGS

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## FIRST WEEK AT CAMP, BY ED ZAHN

On Sunday, of my first week at Tesomas in 1939 as a Cub Scout, my parents came to pick me up. My mother asked me if I had missed her. I turned to my Dad and asked if I could stay another week. Later my Dad talked to me in private and told me that my timing was poor. Then he said yes that I could stay a second week next year after earning all of the camp fees. From then on I always stayed two weeks until as a Boy Scout on camp staff, I stayed all summer. I loved and still do love "The Tesomas Experience."

## CHOICES, BY GORDON COOK

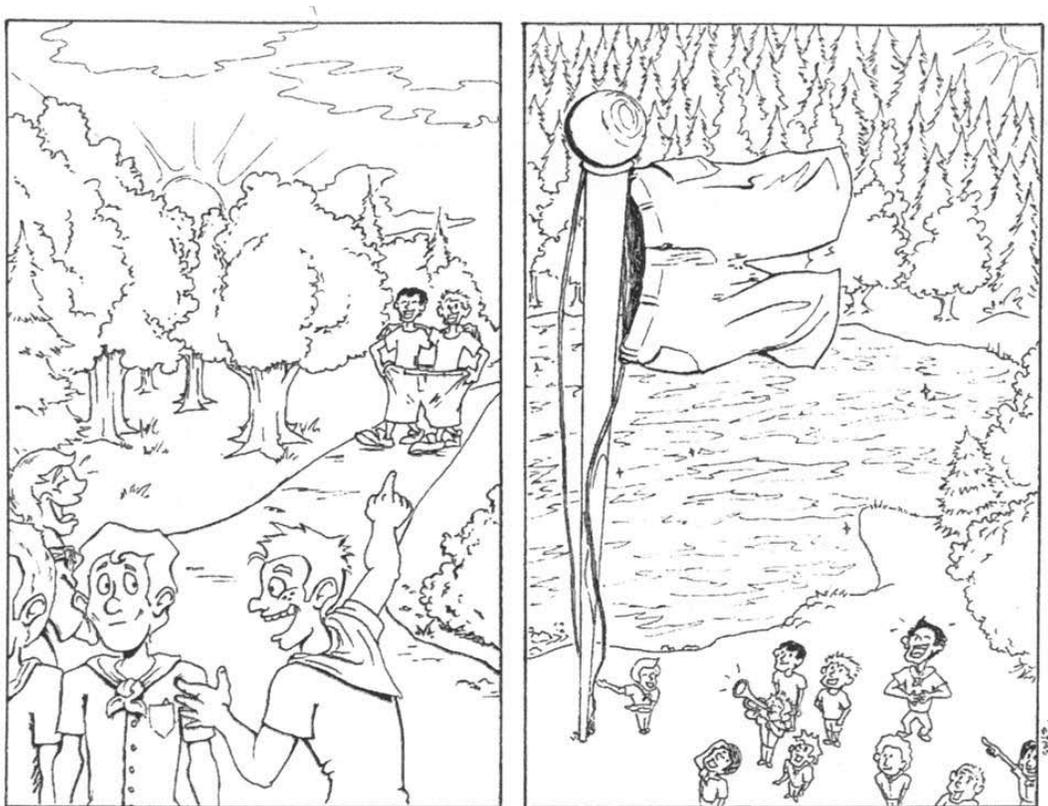
As we drove into camp, down the road  
with a canopy of trees above, we all  
had a good feeling run through our body.  
For some they were glad to be here, for others it  
was like coming home.

As time went on we all arrived and  
started working with people we didn't  
even know. By the end of staff week  
we all had an idea who was who.

Now we sit here in a group, preparing to say good bye.  
For some it's till next summer, for others it's for good.  
There often comes a time when we must  
move on and have to say good bye to the  
one place we call our summer home.

As much as we would like to stay,  
At our summer home, we can't. This place  
we call home, had not only given us a job. But  
it has given us friendships, that will last forever,  
and an experience we can't even explain.

The place that has done this is  
Camp Tesomas  
Where Camping is Forever King!!!



*Illustration by Glenn Gritzmacher's grandson*

### **PANTS UP THE FLAG POLE, BY GLENN GRITZMACHER**

Glenn was on camp staff from 1946 to 1951. He spent several years in the 1950s as a professional Scouter working for Doc Bersch in Janesville and as camp director of Camp Phillips for Chippewa Valley Council in Eau Claire.

In 1948, I shared the Oneida cabin with John Bronsted of Tomahawk and “Uncle John” Bernd of Merrill. He and Bob Rossmiller were enjoying their summer at Tesomas as a change of pace from their teaching jobs. Tomahawk John and I were typical gangly, skinny teenagers. Since Uncle John was probably nine years older or so, and built a bit heavier, we kidded him about his middle-age spread.

On a sudden whim, we decided to play a trick on him. So after he left for the formal flag ceremony, the two of us climbed into one of his pair of Scout shorts and carefully lock-stepped along the narrow trail to the flag circle – where everyone else had already assembled. Imagine the surprise of the other campers – and the consternation of Uncle John – as this strange apparition appeared to disrupt the solemn flag-lowering

But our attempt at humor backfired! Before we could react, the khaki shorts were stripped from us and run up the flagpole. So while everyone else was devouring Mrs. Shattuck’s cooking and chugging bug juice, John and I were frantically forced to retrieve our own shorts before being allowed in the mess hall.

## REMINISCE, BY BRAD AND JEREMY

There is no way to stop the clock  
It goes on without regret  
But close yours and reminisce  
Time is frozen for a bit

To keep that smile around for awhile  
Think back on where you've been  
Although the summer has to go  
The memories always stay...

Chorus: The wind shifts sands  
The lord has plans  
Things go as they may  
We have no hold on what's to come  
But memories always stay

You'll only pass this way but once  
Goes the old cliché  
But in our hearts and in our minds  
We can visit everyday

So keep your spirit alive and strong  
Stay in safety my friends  
Although the summer has to go  
The memories never end...

Chorus

## RAINY DAYS AT THE WATERFRONT, BY MATT COOPER

It's raining today and scouts still show up  
They've got all their rain gear bundled up.  
They've got their suits tied tight and are shivering cold  
But they are not frightened of our humble abode.  
The counselors still teach as any other day  
They don't so worry so much have anger or dismay.  
They give direction and teach their class  
They smile with delight as they pass their entire class.  
The Scouts stood up today and were put to the test  
And when they leave the only thing in their minds will be  
The counselors did their best.

## UNTITLED, BY M

It seems  
A few days ago  
I turned  
that corner of the trail  
Blinded by what I saw:  
"...the Hensel is only as long  
as the campers who walk it,  
the Dining Hall still echoes  
when empty,  
some will return, others may not  
we never know who  
they light the campfires  
which burn eternal..."  
I want to linger  
Yet my eyes are clear  
After the clouding  
Rained upon my face...  
...another corner lies ahead...



## **RAIN FIRE – SUMMER OF 1992, BY DAN SCHMIT**

I had the distinct pleasure to be the Program Director for the Summer of 1992 because Chris Martin was not going to turn 21 until July. I have many great memories from that summer but what sticks out most is the first week we had campers. The average day time high was just in the 50's, and we even had to have swimming merit badge classes in the dining hall. The rain was the worst as it rained every day. It was not a good start to the camp season.



As Wednesday approached Chris and I started talking about what to do for the Order of the Arrow Call Out Ceremony if it was still raining. By noon the waterfront had relocated itself to the Grand Council Ring. I asked Chris "Now What?" Chris mentioned we would need to hold the Call Out in Rotary Lodge. I was not up for this. I said that we need to hold this outdoors if at all possible.

At 2 pm the sun came out and we all had hope for a dry night. By 3pm Mother Nature let loose once again. I found Chris and told him to get 2 large garbage bags as we were going to have an outdoor fire and the ceremony under the Handicraft shelter. I could see that Chris thought I had totally lost it. We hiked out into the woods and I told Chris to gather as many White Pine – pinecones as he could get in the bags.

5pm – Chris and I start to make a large pile of the pine cones in front of the Handicraft Shelter – it is still raining. I explain the science behind the pine cones and water. The sap that is crystallized on the pine cones is water proof and highly flammable. Chris is still in doubt. We camouflaged the pile to look like a log cabin fire and cover it up with a tarp.

7pm – Still raining. Chris still not believing.

8pm – The troops start to gather under the shelter. I inform the chief where to light the fire. The staff and audience are wondering if we can pull this off. The torch hits the 'fuse' and instantly there is a roaring fire shooting up 15 feet into the air. The ceremony, modified, goes off wonderfully. Afterwards many Staff, leaders and campers were wondering what kind of diesel fuel we used to make the fire work through out the ceremony and rain. Chris is now a believer in the White pine – pine cones.

## **CHEERFUL SERVICE, BY BILL ERTL**

After the few hours of heavy rain came pouring down, the clouds started to break up, revealing patches of sunlight in the sky. As I was driving to my OA chapter's community service project, I was hoping the rest of the weekend would be sunny.

Our weekend-long service project involved several jobs at the cemetery in Fifield, which is at the northern edge of Samoset Council. Most notably, our main job was helping a stonemason build a bell tower near the veteran's memorial section of the cemetery.

I had arrived on Friday before anyone else, and spent some time strolling through the cemetery, glimpsing at some of the old headstones. The sun finally started setting and the sunlight reflected off of the wet landscape, freshly moist from the rain.

As I stood there alone, an Eagle landed in a tree about 15 feet away from me. It sat perched on a branch, looking at me. I thought, "How awesome", and snapped a photograph.

At that moment, for the first time, I began to think about what the Order of the Arrow means to me, and what the white sash represents in my life. As I stood as close as I had ever been to a bald eagle, I began to really think about the organization that had brought me there to that spot, at that particular moment.

I always knew the OA was a brotherhood of cheerful service, a "national honor society" as it was described. But I began to realize, how wonderful a concept it really is. A group of people committed to providing cheerful service to others... Wow! Putting others before one's self is perhaps one of the best attributes a person can have.

As we worked on the service project throughout the weekend, I felt blessed to be a part of a service project that would benefit a whole community for years to come. The "cheerful" part of cheerful service is easy with the right attitude. The more you give of yourself, the more your self-esteem gets boosted.

The bell tower we helped build still stands at Forest Home Cemetery, in Fifield. There is a Tom Kita Chara patch buried near the foundation of the tower.

And I still have the photo of the Eagle in the cemetery, which reminds me to cheerfully do a good turn daily.



## SWEET HOME CAMP TESOMAS, BY SMILEY'S REVENGE

Campfires keep on burning.  
Carry me home to see my friends.  
Singing songs about the Northland,  
and this whole camp once again – I think we're insane!

Chorus: Sweet Home Camp Tesomas.  
Where the skies are so blue.  
-- Sweet Home Camp Tesomas.  
-- Where the campers/camp staff is so cool.

Now Eagle Quest will get you started.  
Native's Culture's got a fish on the line.  
I hope Scoutcraft will remember...  
They've got to ration out the twine...anyhow!

Chorus

Personal Wellness keeps us going.  
Shooting Sports is in Timbuktoo.  
Now the Waterfront does not bother me...  
Do your leaders bother you? – Now tell the truth.

Chorus

High Adventure's got your challenge.  
And Eco/Con's been in a bog or two.  
Now Handicraft is soooooo tough.  
They all pick me up when I'm feeling blue!



## SUMMER IS OVER, ANONYMOUS

Summer is over and what did you do,  
Touch the life of a child or two?  
Did you take time to look at each face  
And remember to smile as they call out your name?  
Were you patient and thankful for each passing day,  
Those filled with sunshine and those filled with rain?  
How did you answer the million questions they ask  
And yet remember to do all the things of the day?  
Yes, summer is over but not in my mind,  
For memories of people will last a lifetime.

## **A GROWING EAGLE, BY TRAVIS RUSIN**

As a growing Eagle to another,  
Your love has kept us with each other.  
Though our year has come to an end  
We'll keep the memories of our friends.

Your grace and kindness lead us forth;  
Some East, Some West, Some South, Some North.  
Through Jesus Christ, Your only Son,  
In our hearts, we'll be as one.

As a young Eagle learns to fly,  
So must we leave the Tesomas sky.  
To you our praises we will sing,  
As the wind of life again strikes our wing.

Lord, bless our years with joy and cheer,  
And let us not shed a tear,  
Unless in love, from which we grow.  
As in this family, we love you so.



## **HAIL TESOMAS, BY BRAD CLARK**

And through camp's gates I went,  
Thinking of all the time that I had spent,  
Away from my home away from home,  
My expectations were unknown.

And through camp's gates they came  
And the faces looked the same  
Young and wild and eager  
Looked up to us like major leaguers

Gave them all that had been given me  
By my "heroes" when I was three  
A week of life and lessons, games and songs  
Then at the end of the week the boys were gone  
And another group would come along....

But one day no more came through camp's gates  
And I was left in camp's silence with fellow mates  
With teardrops in our eyes,  
We said our good-byes  
And through camp's gates I went.

## CHANGING LIVES, BY MIKE MESHAK

One of the advantages to working at Tesomas for a number of years is that one gets to meet many people year after year. I tend to forget many of them, but they seem to remember me. I do remember meeting William Hoffman and worked for a number of years with Bill Julian. I did see Grandpa Marten (and had him crush my hand) and had Marilyn Orton yell at us kitchen staff to come down to work from the Dining Hall lofts. I met Doc (Elroy) Bersch at the 50th Anniversary of Camp, and was opened up to a few of the experiences from the earliest years of camp. Perhaps only the Dining Hall and Crystal Lake survive from the camp of the 30's, but the attitude of the staff and the large number of campers remain a point a point of pride.

I grew up at camp, from my 2 years as a camper in '79 and '80, through High School and well into college. The camp staff were my classmates as much as any I had in Stevens Point. When I was in the Army Reserve, I still came to Camp and did my weekend drills between camper weeks. Before and between and after my years in the Peace Corps, I was on Camp Staff, as much to have a place to figure life out as to earn some money and to be on my own. In the old Sioux cabin there was a towel stapled above the roof joist because one Saturday I awoke quickly and smacked my noggin.

I was quite happy that my Mom and Dad went to Tesomas and helped out for a few weeks in the kitchen and Ranger shop. Even though my Dad was not big into Scouting, he let us 2 boys do what we wanted. I was happy to let the Council see my Dad for the great guy he is. My Mom commented that she loved being at camp, even when it was the old kitchen. She got to see young kids in a non-school setting, and had some fun.

While I postponed a career as long as I could, I moved toward education because of all my experiences at camp. The energy and planning, the learning and the deep commitment all prepared me for becoming a teacher. One experience really cemented my reasoning for becoming a teacher. I was instructing Shotgun Shooting merit badge at the new range, when my troop came up to camp. On Monday morning a Scout named Rick decided to take the badge, but only shot 3 or 4 clay birds out of 25. It was not good and the chances of him passing the merit badge seemed slim. Throughout the week we talked about basics and practiced pointing the shotgun. I don't know what I did that made the difference, but on Friday Ricky just tore up those targets! He shot great and passed. To see someone improve right before your eyes in such a short time in a skill that they were new to just gives me a rush. It never gets old seeing people go beyond themselves and do what was once so difficult. It is rare to see it happen in a week, but even if it happens in a school year it still holds some magic that makes the classroom remind me of Tesomas.



## REMEMBRANCES

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Memory books by their very nature are about the past even as Scouting is about preparing the next generation. We lose some friends between every reunion and can't possibly remember them all in these few pages. A few losses stand out since our last gathering five years ago: Tony Lazewski who attended 49 consecutive Tom Kita Chara Fall Conferences and wanted to edit this book; Wayne McGown who not only made such a difference at Tesomas, but also played an instrumental role in the development of Camp Phillips in Chippewa Valley Council and the Ed Bryant Scout Reservation in Glacier's Edge Council while serving in the cabinet of four governors; Tom Gibberd who represented the highest values of the Vigil honor; and Bob Ely who was the speaker at our 70th reunion.

What will our children say about us? Ron McGown gave the eulogy at his father's memorial and while it is about Wayne, it is included here because it could be the story of any Scouter who has lived by the Scout Oath and Law. Ron said what we all hope the next generation will say about us.



“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.”

~ Forest Witcraft: American Scholar, Teacher, and Scout Leader

# A SCOUT'S EULOGY

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*Written and delivered at Wayne McGown's Memorial Service by his son, Ron McGown*

Like me, most of you have known my father in many different capacities. Also, like me, many of you know him best through Boy Scouting. At a point in life – adolescence – when many parents lost track of the things that were important to their children, Dad served for more than a decade as troop leader for me, my brother, Dan, and for most of my friends. I am using the core statements of Boy Scouting: the Scout Law, the Scout Oath, and the Scout Motto to give insight into a few of the ways Dad influenced me and all of us. These are the values to which the Boy Scouts of America believes all of its members should aspire. Few, if any, have lived up to these ideals as well as my father, Wayne McGown.

## **TRUSTWORTHY... LOYAL...HELPFUL**

If you needed someone you could rely on to do a job right (as long as it didn't require any actual tools) Dad was your man. He was a Public Servant in the purest sense: he worked hard all of his life to make sure that the world was a better place for people around him. He was a tireless advocate for all things "Wisconsin:" vacationland, sports teams, cheese, clean government, and the good life he helped make possible here.

## **FRIENDLY...COURTEOUS...KIND...OBEDIENT**

One of the secrets of Dad's professional longevity was his ability to maintain cordial and even friendly relationships with colleagues and opponents all over the political spectrum. He rarely got mad enough for anyone to recognize it. His broad view and analytical skills helped him see problems from many sides. His gentle, convincing style assured that when he talked someone over to his side of a disagreement – as he often did – the person usually felt better for having changed his mind to the clearly superior side of the issue.

## **CHEERFUL...THRIFTY...BRAVE**

I am still learning what he "did" when he went to work. We kids never really understood Public Administration, other than the annual NASBO conference, which – as far as we could tell – was a four day holiday in a nice resort to cap off two weeks of camping and adventure that Dad would choreograph for the trip out. We lived well on his state salary. I know I had friends whose families made more money, but none went on the great trips and had as much fun together as we did.

## **CLEAN AND REVERENT**

There has been an increasing convergence between religion and environmentalism over the last several years. For us the link has long been obvious, as our parents and our church have always emphasized the link between God and nature. Dad taught us to revel in nature (I was six weeks old on my first camping trip). For him, and now for us, enjoying the wilderness was a form of worship.

The Boy Scout Oath is a somber statement of what an individual boy promises to do to live up to the ideals of Scouting. The first line was always sort of the warm-up, the part we recited as we put the other parts in order in our minds:

### **ON MY HONOR, I WILL DO MY BEST**

Really, though, for Dad, you could stop right there and it would have made the point. Dad was always very honorable in a way that almost seems old fashioned today. If he gave his word, you knew – whether you were the Governor, a corporate executive, a twelve year-old Scout or a beloved dog –he would do what he promised. You also knew it would be his best. Dad spent countless hours at his desk, on the phone, making lists, and checking details to make sure that things went as he planned. That hard work rarely fell short of success.

### **TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW**

The two pillars of god and country – along with his deep and abiding love for us, his family – held the entire structure of his life together. He was an active and giving member of our church, sharing his time, his administrative talents and even a rare bass clarinet performance with the church of which he and mom were founding members. On our countless trips and adventures around the United States he passed along a deep respect for the history, beauty, and endless possibilities in our country.

### **TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES**

I think that this is the part of his life that gave him the most joy. The Scout Slogan: “Do A Good Turn Daily,” seems to allow a limit in the good works you should do for others, as if you could get it done before breakfast and then get on with your day. Dad never stopped at just one daily good deed. Even since his death, many people have commented on how much they learned from him and how he helped them in almost uncountable ways.

### **AND TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG**

Dad was a proponent of physical fitness long before it was fashionable. In fact, some of our favorite family photos highlight Dad in whatever odd get-up the activity of the day required: knickers and anorak for cross country skiing, and extensive collection of skimpy swimsuits for his nightly lap swim at the neighborhood pool, his “chamois” shirt for camping and canoeing, and his broad hat, dark sunglasses and hiking poles for exploring whatever mountain he could get us to.

### **MENTALLY AWAKE**

From very early ages, Dad expected us to use our brains. Thankfully, his never slowed as cancer heaped ever-greater challenges on his body. He played bridge and other card-counting games with ruthless ease and urged us to do the same (it worked for Dan; for me, not so much). We whiled away many hours in the car playing word and logic games. As we got a bit older, our dinner discussions often covered topics that required a dash to the well-thumbed World Book set. Both he and Mom loved to read and passed that love to each of us.

### **AND MORALLY STRAIGHT**

It was part of Dad’s core beliefs to love deeply and care profoundly for Mom, for his kids and grandkids, and the rest of his extended family. It was the right thing to do. We never wondered if he would come

home late or treat us badly. That confidence allowed us to trust the world implicitly and to want to share the example with others.

The Boy Scout Motto, “Be Prepared” is a model for brevity and focus. Make a plan. Think ahead. Have confidence. In this, too, Dad took the words to heart and lived them every day.

Being prepared allows decisive action in demanding situations. I was lucky enough to have him there to avert both of my near-death experiences: at four years old he plucked me off a speeding brake-less bike in Door County before I flew across a major road; and ten years later he and I spent several hours trapped in a river rapids with our crushed canoe before we could swim out to safety. Each time he quickly made a plan, acted on it and averted disaster. He was Prepared. Despite his example, I was not prepared to lose him. I am going to miss him in more ways that I can say.

Over his years as Scoutmaster, Dad coached a series of high school trumpet players into seasoned buglers who called us to meals, to meetings, to play and to bed. It seems only right to include the soulful sound of the bugle today. When you hear it, don’t dwell on the finality or the military pomp of Taps, but try to think of it as I do: as the peaceful time at the end of a day of camping, with a gentle breeze coming off the lake, and think of the words Dad taught us to sing as the campfire slowly burned down:

Day is gone  
Gone the sun  
From the lakes  
From the hills  
From the trees  
All is well, safely rest  
God is nigh.

# A CONTINUING CHRONICLE OF CAMPING IN SAMOSET COUNCIL 1990-2010

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*The following is an update of important events that have transpired in the past 20 years. If you wish to learn more about Samoset Council history, we recommend that you obtain a copy of the 1985 and 1990 issues of **Samoset Council's History of Scouting**.*

## 1991

- Council Executive Board approves Cub Scout/parent overnight during summer at Tesomas
- "Property Enhancement Plan" proposed by Mike Sulgrove
- Design, development and fundraising for Akela's World

## 1992

- Akela's World and Tesomas re-zoned for year-around camping
- Akela's World construction
- The position of Camp Ranger is approved and filled by Dennis Erickson

## 1993

- East addition to Rotary Lodge completed
- Outfitter moved to Handicraft Shelter
- Trading Post building completely renovated
- Tesomas Shower House completed
- Akela's World Grand Opening
- National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill held; Samoset sends 37 Scout & 4 adults



*Akela's World - The opening of a dedicated Cub Scout camping facility in 1993 was a major milestone for the council "Where Camping is King."*

## 1994

- Shooting Sports (Field Sports) relocated to southwest side of camp property due to increased traffic on newly paved Spider Lake Road

## 1995

- Council Jamboree "Sky High 95" held at foot hills of Rib Mountain State Park to celebrate the 85th birthday of the BSA, 75th of Samoset Council and 60th for Tesomas
- Sioux (Waterfront) Cabin relocated, renovated, and expanded
- COPE and Climbing program and facilities added to Tesomas
- Mark Program Center opens at Akela's World
- First Samoset Council contingent to Florida High Adventure Sea Base
- Al Hanna, Tesomas staff alumni, pledges funds to start Tesomas Alumni Camping Trust (TACT)



*Shooting Sports Shelter - Completed in 1994 by the Crystal Lake Construction Crew. Without this group of volunteers, many camp projects would not become a reality. Thank you to those who have helped with any camp project.*

## 1996

- Todd Sackmann becomes Ranger for Akela's World and Tesomas
- Mark Program Center at Akela's world in full operation with completion of kitchen
- Year round camping at Tesomas grows with skiing, snow shoeing & COPE course

## 1997

- Buffalo Bill large-group year-round cabin re-built at Tesomas
- Tesomas Alumni Camping Trust Fund approved; thanks to Chris & Al Hanna
- Samoset #1 camping council in US for 1996
- Michael Sulgrove leaves Samoset to be Scout Executive for the Gerald R. Ford Council in Michigan
- Bruce Mickelson named new Scout Executive
- Chris & Al Hanna commit money for Rotary Lodge kitchen expansion and new Explorer High Adventure camp (later named Hanna Venture Base)



*Boathouse construction 1997*

## 1998

- New kitchen and West addition to Rotary Lodge completed
- Program shelter constructed at waterfront
- Eagle Quest shelter built to recognize Mike Allard & Don Watson, Eagle Scouts and Tesomas Staff members who died in Vietnam War
- Akela's World development continues with new shooting shelters and Schofield tree houses
- Scott Domino represents Samoset Council at the World Jamboree in Chile and is recognized for saving another Scout's life



*1999 Trek Patch*

## 1999

- Todd Sackmann named to newly established Camping Executive position
- Elvis Bauman is named Camp Ranger
- First staffed winter Arctic Camp is based out of Akela's World; Mike Meshak is Director
- Ground broken for Hanna Venture Base
- First staffed Venture Treks offered based out of Buffalo Bill/Deacon's Crest; Justin Anderson is Director
- Camp Tesomas, Akela's World, and Hanna Venture Base named Crystal Lake Scout Reservation
- Girl scout week is added at Akela's World while their camp is under repairs (1999 & 2000)
- Council Fire newsletter changed to Family Fire and is sent to all registered Scout families in Samoset Council



*Hanna Venture Base*

## 2000

- Northern Adventure 2000: Council-wide Jamboree held at Hodag Country Festival grounds near Rhinelander
- Council High Adventure contingent goes to England
- Hanna Venture Base (HVB) fully operational year around
- Polar Cub program added to winter events

## 2001

- Wausau Homes Scout Center opens on grounds of Camp Phillips due to generous donation from Marv and Ruth Schuette. It is the nation's first combined Boy Scout/Girl Scout Service Center



*Wausau Homes Scout Center*

## 2002

- Ed Lund Picnic Shelter completed

## 2003

- Two Scouts of Hmong heritage represent Samoset Council at World Jamboree in Thailand
- Flambeau Canoe Base garage constructed with trailer and set of 8 canoes – donated by Al and Chris Hanna
- Big Splash Council Camporee at Lake Pacawa, Plover

## 2004

- Gabriel House is completed for staff housing at Akela's World
- Samoset Council changed from 5 to 6 districts to "better serve Scout units"
- Jeff Lato appointed to new executive position to give leadership to the Endowment Campaign

## 2005

- Hanna Venture Base building expansion completed
- New 60 foot climbing tower and zip line built at HVB donated by Chris and Al Hanna
- Baloo's Cave at Akela's World completed



*Al & Chris Hanna cutting the ribbon at the Tower Dedication Ceremony.*

## 2006

- Spider Lake road re-routed to the East to increase useable camp property and for safety
- Family Camp Area moved

## 2007

- Addition to Tesomas Program Center completed for additional offices and Dudley Health Lodge
- Koskelin Welcome Center added to new entrance of Tesomas
- Steve Johanssen and Shane Polsin represent Samoset Council at World Jamboree in England

## 2008

- Bruce Mickelson leaves Samoset to be Scout Executive of the Greater Alaska Council
- Mike McCarthy named new Scout Executive for Samoset Council
- Electricity and water installed at each campsite of the relocated Family Camping Area
- Construction started on new shower house and bathrooms for eastern Tesomas troop sites
- Former Treveranus Health Lodge rebuilt as a Computer Lab

## 2009

- Selective logging finished at H.J. Phillips Scout Camp
- East Shower House completed, donated by Al & Chris Hanna
- A new bouldering wall building completed at Camp Phillips
- Great Lakes Centennial Jamboree held at the Experimental Aircraft Association grounds at Oshkosh: over 10,000 Scouts attend



*East Shower House, donated by Al & Chris Hanna*

## 2010

- 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, 90th anniversary of Samoset Council, and 75th Anniversary of Camp Tesomas
- Samoset Council prepares to send three troops to the 100th anniversary National Jamboree
- Crystal Lake Scout Reservation hosts National Camp School
- Samoset Camps Alumni Association founded (see page 50 for more information).
- 2010 Alumni and Friends Reunion at Camp Tesomas June 11-13

# CAMPING LEADERSHIP

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## TESOMAS CAMP DIRECTORS:

1935-1944	William E. Hoffmann	1975	Michael Eagan
1945-1948	Edward Schweckel	1976-1988	Bill Julian
1949-1953	Elroy E. Bersch	1989-1990	Michael Ptaszynski
1954-1957	Edward Zahn	1991-1992	Dennis Erickson
1958-1959	Lee Crail	1993	Cliff Stanis
1960	Jerry Edwards	1994-1996	Todd Sackmann
1961	Howard Trester	1997-1998	Chris J. Martin
1962-1963	Ralph Nieland	1999	Mike Meshak
1964-1965	Harvey Luben	2000	Josh Stevens
1966	David Kuckua	2001-2002	Allan Archie
1967-1970	Walter Prahl	2003-2004	Drew Nelson
1971	Richard Segram	2005	Tim Piotrowski
1972-1974	Lawrence Marten	2006-2010	Scott Domino

## AKELA'S WORLD CAMP DIRECTORS:

1993	Dennis Stamstad	2002	Chad Schepp
1994	Steve Carton	2003	Scott Polebitski
1995	Steve Potratz	2004	Michael Oehmke
1996-1997	Aaron Ellis	2005-2006	Chris Burish
1998	Rick Amelse	2007	Ben Hable
1999	Julie Putskey	2008	Brock Raabe
2000	Todd Sackmann	2009	Reid Rayome
2001	Josh Stevens	2010	Ben Cooper

## HANNA VENTURE BASE DIRECTORS:

2000	John Jagoditsh	2005	Jeff Rice
2001	Mike Franson	2006	Carlos Martinez
2002	Drew Nelson	2007	Brock Raabe
2003	Aaron Stachovak	2008	Jill Schaub
2004	Cailyn Krembs	2009-2010	Erin Straw

## CRYSTAL LAKE SCOUT RESERVATION DIRECTORS:

2000	Todd Sackmann	2005-2007	Michael Oehmke
2001-2002	Storme Nelson	2008-2010	Scott Domino
2003-2004	"Trapper" John Schultz		

# ON WINGS OF EXCELLENCE

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*This award recognizes the staff member selected by his peers as most exemplifying the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law.*

## **TESOMAS RECIPIENTS:**

1992	Todd Sackmann	2000	Curt Barr
1993	Chris J Martin	2001	Drew Nelson
1994	Aaron Ellis	2002	Rob Amelse
1995	Brad Clark	2003	Chris Burish
1996	Mike Meshak	2004	Scott Domino
1996	Brian Sackmann	2005	Reid Rayome
1996	Jason Anderson	2006	Ben Wohlleber
1997	Will Churchill	2007	Seth Chamberlain
1998	Josh Stevens	2008	Kyle Retzki
1999	Troy Pichelman	2009	Erin Straw

## **AKELA'S WORLD RECIPIENTS:**

1994	Jill Wiesneski	2002	Seth Bergin
1995	Joe Wilson	2003	Renee Sukow
1996	Charlie Janssen	2004	Bryce Volrath
1997	Ann Orłowski	2005	Ryan Keen
1998	Justin Ploegert	2006	Brock Raabe
1999	Jamie Amelse	2007	Ben Nicholson
2000	Brian Gaunt	2008	Brenton Wiernik
2001	Matt Hall	2009	Ben Cooper

# RESERVATION STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

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*Given for Unselfish Dedication and Devotion as the Outstanding Reservation Staff Member of the Year*

2002	Elvis Bauman
2003	Mike Tryczak
2004	Dave Polebitski
2006	Scott Domino
2007	Aaron Keen
2008	Reid Rayome
2009	Ben Nicholson

# SAMOSSET COUNCIL LEADERSHIP 1990-2010

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## COUNCIL PRESIDENTS:

1989-1993	Rollie Martin
1993-1996	John Koci
1996-1999	Gene Davis, Jr.
1999-2001	Dick Judy
2001-2002	Jim McIntyre
2002-2003	Tom George
2003-2004	Bill Brandimore
2005-2006	Dan Daubert
2007-2008	Roger Lucas
2009-	Dr. Frederick Prehn

## COUNCIL EXECUTIVES:

1991-1997	Michael Sulgrove
1998-2008	Bruce Mikkelson
2008-	Mike McCarthy

# TOM KITA CHARA LEADERSHIP 1990-2010

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YEAR	LODGE CHIEF	LODGE ADVISOR
1990-91	Todd Sackmann	Rick Radloff
1991-92	Chris Martin	Rick Radloff
1992-93	Aaron Ellis	Rick Radloff
1993-94	Jake Chasteen	Rick Radloff
1994-95	Aaron Ellis	Rick Radloff
1995-96	Curt DeLeske	Steve DeLonay
1996-97	Brian Gaunt	Steve DeLonay
1997-98	John Jagoditsh	Todd Sackmann
1998-99	Rob Amelse	Dick Amelse
1999-00	Curt Barr	Dick Amelse
2000-01	Tony Paprocki	Dick Amelse
2001-02	Chris Burish	Dick Amelse
2002-03	Tim Piotrowski	Frank Drake & Dan Symmank
2003-04	Adam Schmidt	Frank Drake
2004-06	Reid Rayome	Sandy Irwin
2006-07	Ben Wohlleber	Sandy Irwin
2007-08	Kyle Retzki	Sandy Irwin
2008-09	Hunter Wojcik	Sandy Irwin
2009-10	Craig Beer	Sandy Irwin



# SAMOSET EAGLE SCOUT HONOR ROLE 1990-2010

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## 1991

Adrian Albrecht	Matthew Duwe	Bradley Kupczak	Brian Neis	Michael Shiffler
Kent Archibald	Christopher Egle	Brian Larson	Jade Newburn	Shawn Sommer
Michael Bandoek	Kevin Egle	Tom Lemirand	Joey Ott	Gary Sweet
John Bella	Brian Frank	Brian Lepak	John Phillips	Andrew Taft
Brent Berge	Ronald Franz	Raymond Jr. Martin	Chad Plautz	Jeremy Thompson
Jacob Chasteen	Peter Hartmann	Matthew McGrath	Scott Santoski	Daniel Vanden Heuvel
Brian Check	Thomas Henline	Dale Mehr	Mike Schiferl	Stephen Vandre
Jay Christopherson	John Hunt	David Melski	Brian Schmidt	Jeffrey Wegner
Joel Christopherson	Andrew Jirovec	Andrew Miazga	Stephen Scholz	Christopher Werner
Seann Clive	Casey Klofstad	Steven Michaels	Michael Schuelke	Justin Zirngible
Brian Dean	Matthew Koerten	Corey Mielke	Ryan Schulta	Brett Zriny
Andy Dent	David Krause	Isaac Mittenzwei	Andrew Schultz	
Toby Devine	Sam Krueger	Nathan Morris	Martin Shaw	

## 1992

Benjamin Aughenbaugh	Tim Egle	Brian Knox	Daniel O'Meara	Timothy Sparapani
Michael Babcock	Aaron Ellis	Brant Koci	Daniel Onchuck	Paul Strobel
Ryan Backes	Joel Falk	Eugene Krause	Thomas Ostrowski	Philip Stromme
Darren Bade	Jeffrey Ferch	Michael Kreiling	Jeffrey Ott	Chad Strope
David Barbier	Kent Gabrielsen	Shane Krings	Daniel Ott	Adam Stublaski
Chris Berry	Andrew Gabrielski	Jason Krueger	Robert Ott	Timothy Swiston
Gabriel Billings	James Gerdes	Greg Lebeck	Jesse Pagels	Richard Tanck
Scott Brown	Seth Hamre	Ryan Leininger	Brian Puent	Christopher Toner
Robert Carlson	Brian Happli	Dan Lierman	Christopher Rhyner	Noah Treuhaft
Jeremy Chapman	Jon Hinrichsen	Jesse Lipscomb	Jeffrey Salkowski	Bradley Wiernik
Jacob Christensen	Ryan Horton	Pat Marcell	Dustin Scheid	Nathan Zirngible
Joseph Clements	Dean Johnson	Edwin Matthaiddess	Robin Schmirler	Craig Zywicki
Jason Dean	Jason Jones	Aaron Matz	Jeffrey Schneider	
George DeMet	Paul Jones	Jereme Mellenthin	Nathan Schuck	
James DeSota	Adam June	Brian Munson	Benjamin Smith	
Joshua Donath	Kenneth Kleman	Allen Oleinik	Jason Smith	

## 1993

Jason Anderson	Luke Budleski	Russell Hoffman	Calvin Millbach	Brian Sackmann
Justin Anderson	Glenn Ceyress	Brian Huttenburg	Aaron Miller	Tom Shiffler
Andrew Andres	William Churchill	Ryan Jones	Tony Murdock	Joshua Smith
Ryan Aschbrenner	Richard Churchill	Matthew Joy	Michael Murphy	David Spatz
Chad Balz	Michael Conger	Brian Kozak	Jason Neukirchen	Kelly Stankowski
Justin Bartkowiak	Aaron Copenhaver	Jeffrey Kroll	Tim Nowaczyk	Andrew Strope
Adam Berghammer	Curt De Leske	Luke Kujawa	Kevin Nowaczyk	Michael Sullivan
Eric Berryman	Scott Diamond	Jason La Haye	Erik Olsen	Chris Teeters
Ken Bigley	Chad Firkus	Andrew Lane	Tim Pangburn	Justin Thoms
Alan Bork	Steven Frey	Chadwick Lilley	Andrew Paprocki	John Tomczak
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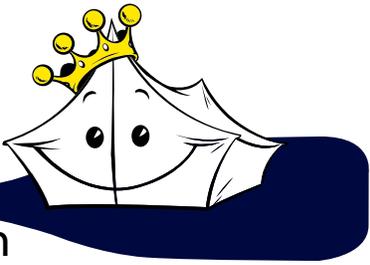
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# SCAA



Samoset Camps Alumni Association

Founded in 1920, Samoset Council is proud to celebrate 90 years of serving families through the Scouting program. Since its incorporation, Samoset has prided itself in providing the finest Scout camping programs in the United States, and along with fine programs, the best staff to carry out those programs! For the first time in our history, Samoset has taken the important step of organizing an official alumni association with the formation of the Samoset Camps Alumni Association (SCAA).

The SCAA encompasses the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation, comprised of Tesomas Scout Camp, Akela's World Cub Camp and Hanna Venture Base. The SCAA also includes alumni from Camp Chickagami and our nationally recognized winter camp programs.

Whether you have served one summer or 15 summers, we all have special memories of a place which changed our lives. The SCCA hopes to give you the opportunity to experience camp once again and to connect you with other alumni!

Through financial gifts, the SCAA also hopes to provide:

- Staff Scholarships for those who choose to work at camp after entering post-secondary education.
- Program funding for specific area "wants" not generally covered by the annual camp budget.

To become a member of the SCAA or to make a contribution, contact Samoset Council, 3511 Camp Phillips Road, Weston, WI 54476, Phone 715-355-1450 or visit our website: <http://alumni.samoset.org>.



*A few of the Alumni who gathered for the 50th Anniversary Reunion in 1985. I-to-r: Kurt Krahn, Wayne Plant, Unknown, Glenn Gritzmacher, Merritt Marquardt, Irv Sumner, Doc Bersch, Wayne Gibberd, Dick Salzer, Karl Marquardt, Sheldon Bapenfus, Dick McAllister, and James Akey.*

# PRESERVING THE LEGACY

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Camp Tesomas thrives today because of the efforts of so many Scouters and camp staff over the past 75 years. Whether serving on staff, leading troops, attending work treks, or making contributions, you have made Tesomas what it is today. It is impossible to recognize and individually thank everyone who has made Samoset Council known as the council “Where Camping is King”. So, on behalf of all the Scouts who have ever attended Camp Tesomas, Akela’s World, or Hanna Venture Base, please accept a hearty “Thank you!”

## HOW TO HELP:

The leaders of Samoset Council take very seriously their obligation to continue to provide the very best in Boy Scout Camping. Adding facilities and maintaining the current programs requires an ongoing commitment of volunteer effort and money. Samoset Council employs a fulltime Endowment Executive who is working to insure that we do not lose what has been built. Please give as you are able.

### **Endow a Fellowship**

At the 2005 reunion the camp staffs of Bill Julian raised money to endow the Nature Director position with the Bill and Loretta Julian Fellowship. Talk to your friends and the Council if you wish to so honor someone.

### **Become a Sponsor of the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation**

A \$2,000 donation sponsors ten acres of the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation in perpetuity. The gift may be made over five years and is recognized with a tile at the camp entrance.

### **James E. West Fellowship**

A \$1,000 donation to the Samoset Council Endowment Fund insures the continuation of Scouting for all the boys it serves.

# LAST WORDS - AL & CHRIS HANNA

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Al Hanna is an Eagle Scout from Mosinee and Camp Tesomas Staff Alumni from the 1940s. He is very much one of us. In 1988 Al Hanna wrote the following letter to his old Scoutmaster, thanking him for the influence the man had on his life. The letter reflects what we all may feel about our own Scoutmasters and Scout leaders. Since then Al and his wife Chris have said “Thank you” to Scouting many times over with their generous gifts to Samoset Council and Camp Tesomas to fund camperships, build needed facilities, and establish the Hanna Venture Base.

It seemed fitting to leave the last words of this book to someone whose generosity has made a difference in the life of anyone who walks the trails at the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation: *“I will now close with gentle thoughts of cherished memories and a lifelong respect for my Scoutmaster. I salute you.”*

November 14, 1988

Mr. Richard Fontaine  
Marsh Drive  
Mosinee, Wisconsin 54455

Dear Dick:

It is highly doubtful that you will remember me, and if you do it will be as that little kid with glasses who eagerly pursued his Eagle Scout badge during the wonderful days in the 40's when you were scout master of Troup 55. Names like Krueger, Voss, Green, Justesen, and Hanna have probably faded from your memory. Nevertheless, so much of what you taught us about character, scouting, self-reliance, and service has been passed on from you to us and, in turn, from us to our children.

Going back to the beginning, about a month ago a cousin (Jewel Hanna) sent an article cut out from the Mosinee Times picturing you and your wife Ethel and noting your 60th wedding anniversary. Upon receipt of that article, the floodgate of beautiful and lasting memories opened, and my mind was a charged computer of good thoughts and fond memories of cookouts, paper tents, jamborees, the pledge of allegiance, and meetings in the basement of the old grade school.

Dick, whatever it means to you, I personally owe you an unrepayable debt. For you, as no other person, influenced my life while I was passing through boyhood into manhood. Like other boys who served in your troupe, you were an inspiration — gentle, patient, and always helpful. As to background, Jimmy Justesen and I received our Eagle Scout badges, in 1944, in the high school gym auditorium in front of you, and Chief Hoffman out of Wausau. I was the kid who unexpectedly, and to everyone's amazement, created heat and flame with a fire-by-friction set. How exciting the moment, how fond the memory. Hoffman was so complimentary of Jim and me when he pinned on our Eagle Scout badges. From there I earned two silver palms and, later, in the Sea Scout troupe, earned my quartermaster Sea Scout badge. I even remember the war years, when I received a metal for one hundred hours of community service in raising the American flag in the park overlooking the river — and of course paper drives. And then there were the Sundays I walked to your farm through the back woods and along the Wisconsin River to see you and your wife and to savor Ethel's cookies.

Since those days, I grew as a person but not very much in size. I am still only 5' 6" and 135 pounds. Back then, I think I was 5' 2" and 110 pounds — with weights in my shoes.

I am sure you remember the Hanna store on Main Street. My Dad and Mom eventually moved from Milwaukee, where we had settled after leaving Mosinee, to Santa Monica, California. They died about 10 and 14 years ago.

As for me, I went on to the University of Wisconsin, where I received a BBA, MBA, and JD. School was interrupted with my shipping out to Korea (Army). When I returned, I finished up my MBA and then moved to Chicago, where I had my first job. From there, the years all blend together. Marriage (only 30 years — compared to your 60), three children, a home, mortgage, good times, sorrows, but always dealing with life as though it were a challenge and never forgetting the Scout oath.

For me, life has been spiritually beautiful. I have a wonderful family, own and operate a major financial business that is well respected in the Chicago metropolitan area and known on a national basis. My business, which is known as mortgage banking, provides long-term real estate mortgage loans for large properties such as hotels, shopping centers, apartment buildings, office buildings and the like.

While I have no plans to return to Mosinee, this past summer I did do a six-day canoe trip in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota with my wife and middle son Jeff. On the way back we drove through Merrill, Wausau, Mosinee, Stevens Point and the like. I did spend enough time in Mosinee to look up my Dad's old store and my old home on Buchanan Street. Time has not changed Mosinee to any great degree. Of course, the bridge is new. The next time I'm driving through the area, I'll certainly call in advance and look you up. Maybe Ethel will have a cookie or two for an old friend.

As I near age 60, I realize more than ever, we owe people. I still want to pay my share. Thank you's are always too late, but I owe you a big one.

I will close now with gentle thoughts of cherished memories and a lifelong respect for my scoutmaster. I salute you.

With respect and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.C. Hanna', written in a cursive style.

Albert C. Hanna



## **TESOMAS MISSION STATEMENT:**

We, the staff of Camp Tesomas, are deeply dedicated to providing an experience that will stay with our campers for a lifetime. Our programs are proven to provide enthusiastic leadership, set good examples, and strengthen unit cooperation. In addition, we will contribute to rank advancement and the invaluable merit badges, two vital aspects in the life of every Scout. Through these ideas, we open the door to the building of self esteem and a sense of accomplishment. Most important of all, the Camp Tesomas Staff aims to share the "Tesomas Experience" for all who venture into our woodland haven. We will strive at any cost to make camping fun for those we share our home and our hearts with, here, Where Camping is King!



## **AKELA'S WORLD MISSION STATEMENT:**

We, the staff of Akela's World Cub Scout Camp, pledge to promote continued participation in the Scouting program by providing an exciting adventure that will inspire our Cub Scouts and Webelos to cross the bridge to Boy Scouting. We seek to instill the Scouting values in our campers and leaders to prepare them for the future by providing them a superior, fun Cub Scout program in Samoset Council. We are dedicated to providing a safe haven for our campers which will provide an atmosphere which serves to inspire them to "Do Their Best."

## **TESOMAS HYMN**

High above Lake Crystal's Waters,  
In among the trees,  
Flows the banner of Tesomas,  
Waving in the breeze,  
Hail Tesomas, Hail Tesomas,  
With your Scouts so true,  
With the spirit of good Scouting,  
Hail, O Hail to you!

## **AKELA'S WORLD HYMN**

When Akela holds his council  
And the campfire's all aglow,  
We will form our friendship circle  
As we sing so sweet and low.  
Oh Akela, brave Akela,  
True and fair Cub Scouts we'll be,  
To our Promise and the Pack Law,  
We will pledge our loyalty.

