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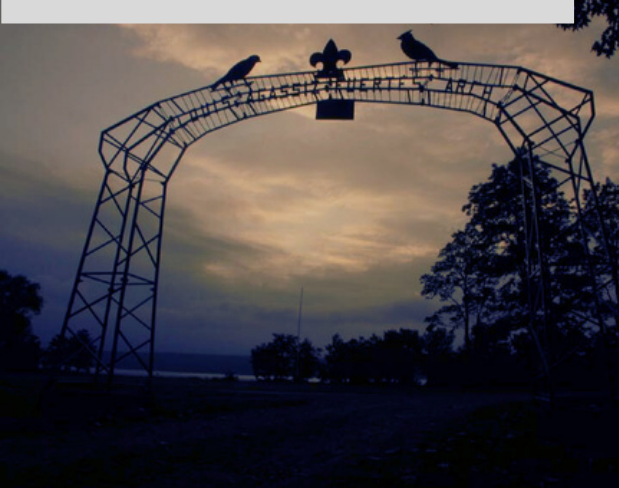


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CBSAA 5th Annual Meeting

--- JULY 14 ---



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Centennial
100 Years at Frontenac

**SUMMER
2027**

THE FOUNDER; SAMUEL D. BOGAN

THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND IMPACT OF OUR FIRST CAMP DIRECTOR; THE CHIEF SCOUT.



"Do not pass yourself by... Sure, you are a potential hero, and I admire and salute you for that. But there is a greatness which is part of everyday life that is beyond medals and citations. It is the magnificent inner spirit of yourself. You think, perhaps, that you know your own full measure, but you do not." - Samuel D. Bogan

In time, the author hopes to bring to light a comprehensive story of the Camp Barton Staff. The story of the men and women who made Camp Barton great. It is most fitting however, that the story of the origin of the Camp Barton Staff be told first. For everything that followed may then be understood.

Samuel Douglas "Sam" Bogan, was born on November 20, 1898 in Livingston Louisiana to parents Rev. Samuel Skolfield Bogan & Mrs. Virginia Margaret (Whatley) Bogan. He was the 2nd eldest of nine siblings born between 1896 and 1914 -(Harney, Grace, Margaret, Adapoe, Bernice, John, Geneva, and James)

Sam's childhood was integrated in faith and ministries which led to his family residing in several parts of Louisiana between 1900 and 1920. The "Bogan Brigade" moved in and around Shreveport Louisiana where his father was a prominent Methodist Minister. Brief excerpts from his 1966 novel "No Larger Fields" indicate that from a very young age Sam, and older brother Harney, carried a strong passion for nature, pioneer traditions, and exploration. Sam would go on to attend Louisiana State University.

Boy Scouting in the United States had been introduced in 1910, and in 1913 Ithaca saw its first organized troop. It is referenced in an Ithaca Journal article from [April 14, 1922](#) that Bogan first became interested in Scouting at the age of 12. According to the same article, Bogans first step into Scouting occurred when he took on the role of Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 6 in Baton Rouge, LA for one year, and then assumed the role of Scoutmaster. Bogan simultaneously helped organize what would become the old Attakapas Council in October of 1919. Bogan was actually hired by community leaders before there was an official council. Sam promoted Scouting in the area, built interest for a council, and became a key founder. Bogan would unofficially served as the Council Executive until he was formally commissioned by the Boy Scouts of America on November 22, 1919. Sam's paperwork had been held over at the national office until he turned 21 on November 20th. Sam Bogan at the time, and to date, was the youngest professional Scout Executive in the country. As Scout Executive, he organized Camp John Evans, and was its first director in 1920 and 1921.

Bogan would simultaneously play a critical and founding role in what would become the Ouxouiga Lodge of the Order of the Arrow- starting at Camp John Evans as a fraternal order for Scouts who exemplified the highest standard of effort and spirit.

In early 1922, a Cornell alumnus named Henry Clay Smith was working in Baton Rouge Louisiana on an extension assignment for Cornell University when he befriended a now 23 year old Bogan. Smith, knowing that the expanding Ithaca Council was searching for an executive, recommended Bogan in learning of his experience locally. Bogan would be hired sight unseen by the Ithaca Council and was officially announced as the new Scout Executive in the Ithaca Journal on [March 15, 1922](#). A contributing factor in this hire was Louis Agassiz Fuertes, the Ithaca Councils chairman for the committee purposed in developing a camp. Fuertes' support during this time, would carry with Bogan his entire life and made a profound impact on him. Sam arrived in Ithaca New York on a typical poor weather March day in 1922 and did so with the understanding that he could enroll in, and attend, Cornell University while working for the council. Sam would graduate with honors in 1926.



LATE 1921

Upon his arrival to the Ithaca Council, Bogan was met with vast enthusiasm from a growing list of prominent Ithacans. A key relationship quickly formed with Charles H. Newman, a local attorney who was instrumental in Scoutings advancement in the area. The Ithaca Council was growing rapidly and "Scouting Fever" had set in. Bogan soon implemented his strategies from Louisiana and began further promoting Scouting, recruiting leadership, and networking the leadership together. It became clear though that Bogans main expectation was to tend to the Ithaca Council's forthwith priority, a camp, and Bogan new he would need to lead, and assemble a leadership "staff" worthy of the challenge.

Eight months prior, on June 3rd of 1921, the Ithaca Council announced that plans for a Scout Camp had been made. Led by then, Council President, Ernest D. Button, and outgoing Scout Executive Louis O. Heinhold, the camp was originally announced to be held the 18th - 30th of July 1922 at Lake Ridge on the east side of Cayuga Lake near what would become Miliken Station. Just 8 days later, after surge of interest occurred following the article, the report from the council had changed such that the camp would now be held the first two weeks of August of 1922, with a capacity of 50 Scouts.

In a 1977 publication of the [Cornell Alumni News](#), Bogan references growing excitement from the boys and their leaders, as if they knew something big was going to happen. Bogan states that he visited each troop and asked the Scouts if they wanted a camp, if they wanted to come to a camp, and if they would excite their friends to do the same. Bogan exclaimed that he had "more irons in the fire than hours in the week" during his first few months in Ithaca. It would be Bogan, Aggasiz Fuertes, and Newman who would ultimately pursue the site at Taughannock based on various "Cornelian Influencers". Bogan arranged to meet with



SUMMER 1922

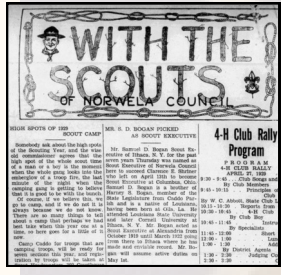
John & Amelia Jones, a well off couple from Philadelphia, who owned the then 800 acre estate. The Jones' allowed use of their land for the new camp and a site was selected on what is now "North Point" for the main encampment. Bogan, Aggasiz-Fuertes (who was chairman of the camping committee), and Newman would decide to name the camp after the first president of the Ithaca Council, a Cornell Alumn (1891') by the name of Col. Frank Arthur Barton. Barton was the long time commandant of the ROTC at Cornell. During Bogans first one hundred days mimeograph applications for camp were sent out, and capacity filled fast. A wave of new Scouts had hit the Ithaca Council like never before - all in excitement of what was to come at Camp Barton.

THE FOUNDER- CONTINUED...



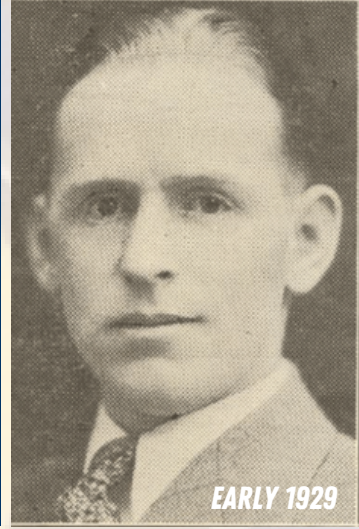
By the time Sam Bogan would depart Ithaca in early 1929, the Ithaca Council, now known as the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council - in honor of Bogans friend, fellow staffer, and mentor who tragically was killed in a motor vehicle accident in 1927, the Camp Barton Staff is a unique and extravagant blend of renowned scholars, public figures, and men with an appreciation of theatrics, humor, music, and a passion for not only the operations of the camp, but the stewardship of its grounds. The Camp Barton Staff Legacy, although very much in its infancy is evident and true. Without need for maturation the Camp Barton Staff establishes itself as a highly desirable place in the community. Bogan uses Chi-Sigma, the B, and the Camp Barton Hall of Fame as a form of natural selection to identify the men who are ready for staff, and those who are the pioneers of it. For 7 years & 37 days Samuel D. Bogan has led tirelessly by example through a period of great development and new beginnings. He has embedded tradition and created culture. He has forged the spirit of Camp Barton through development of the camp environment into those supporting it. Bogan's culture fosters readiness of the men who will take the torch from him and advance the path forward. Key staffers such as Fredrick D. Wilcox, Harry Albert Britton, Irving T. Beach, Guy C. Mitchell, Frederick T. "Fritz" Boesch, Kenneth D. Spear and others create a core element each summer. History is written, and a legacy is born.

Bogan would resign from his post in Ithaca in April of 1929 and would return to Louisiana to become Scout Executive of the Norwela Council in Shreveport on May 1, 1929 yet again leaving an enviable record in his wake. Bogan would be enthusiastically welcomed by the areas troops, some holding banquets in his honor in excess of 200 guests.



Bogan, true to his Scouting foundations would elevate the desire of the camping element to the Norwell Council- specifically at Camp Caddo. Caddo, today known as [Kinsey Scout Reservation](#), becomes Bogan's next installment of successful camps. He would establish many of the same values and principles developed at Camp Barton. Values centered around a talented, well trained group of leadership. KSR remains Louisiana's premier Scouting camp experience today.

Samuel D. Bogan, Scout Executive of the American Legion in Lumberton, Louisiana, was elected to the position of Scout Executive of the Norwela Council in Shreveport, Louisiana, on May 1, 1929. He was the first Scout Executive of the Norwela Council to be elected to the position. He was a member of the American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of the Ithaca Council and the Camp Barton Staff. He was a member of the Ithaca Council and the Camp Barton Staff. He was a member of the Ithaca Council and the Camp Barton Staff.



EARLY 1929

Bogan's stint with the Norwela Council would last until June of 1934 when his next chapter and promotion would bring him back to the north eastern US where he would again take the reigns as the top Scout official of the Quinnipiac Council of New Haven Connecticut. Bogan, and his family would leave for Connecticut on [July 5th, 1934](#). Not only would his mark be left with the Norwella Councils enrollment, leadership advancement, and camping developments - but remarkably amidst the onset of the great depression, Bogan would most notably be recognized for pulling the Norwella council out of a major financial crisis and eradicating their debt.

For Samuel D. Bogan, the move to Connecticut would be his last relocation, and the beginning of his final chapter in professional Scouting, one that would last until his retirement on [December 1st 1963](#). The Quinnipiac Council, much like the Ithaca Council a decade prior, had caught wind of Bogan's abilities and aggressively campaigned to acquire his services. It is also known that the national office of the Boy Scouts of America played a hand in Bogan's transfer to Connecticut. At the time, the Quinnipiac Council was regarded as one of the Scouting's key councils. The council's location and proximity to Yale University was of major importance during a time of national crisis. Similarly - Camp Barton's proximity to Cornell University during these same years would prove immeasurable. The Quinnipiac Council's pride and joy opened in 1922, and then relocated and "re-opened" in 1927 at its present location - sound familiar?. [Camp Sequassen](#) would become Samuel D. Bogan's new home, and would be the canvas of his career's most outstanding accomplishments. Not only did Camp Sequassen rapidly become the gold standard of Scouting camp's for the northeastern US, it also became the benchmark for the model of volunteer dedication and service to a camp by means of an alumni association. The concept of a return investment was Bogan's backbone through it all. John Evans, Kinsey, Barton, Sequassen - all built on the notion that a leadership and staff which inherently passes a torch of expectation, tradition, and empowerment not only to the youth of the program, but to itself, is the adhesive necessary for success and longevity. The proof is in the pudding.



JUNE 1933

While Bogan's home remained in New Haven the expansiveness of his footprint on Scouting was global. Not only did he tend to the needs of the Quinnipiac Council, and further its status as one of the nations top tier councils still to this day, he ventured outward and would establish a massive international Scouting exchange program for Scouts from around the globe to experience the brotherhood afar. Bogan became deeply routed in the World Jamboree and served as a Chief of Operations during the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th events held in 1959 (Phillippines), 1963 (Greece), 1967 (Sweden), 1971 (Japan), and 1975 (Norway) respectively.

Three years following his retirement in 1966, Bogan would publish his book [No Larger Fields](#) - the story of his personal Scouting journey, focused in part with the history of the Quinnipiac Council & Camp Sequassen. Bogan was an already established author at the time, 20 years prior in 1946 Bogan had published and released a well regarded narrative surrounding a Scouters journey at Philmont Scout Reservation called [Let the Coyotes Howl](#). The book would be referred to as a pivotal "promotional piece" and a major attribute to the popularity of Philmont, which at the time of its release, was just 8 years into operations.

A career spent devoted to the positive development of male youth in America founded on the basic principles of outdoorsmanship, survival, citizenship, athleticism, and leadership. A devotion to the well being of culture. Samuel D. Bogan was arguably synonymous with the term selflessness. He was the embodiment of Scouting.



1963



Camp Barton would be graced with one final visit from Samuel D. Bogan during the summer of 1977, the camps 50th Anniversary season at Frontenac Point. Bogan was welcomed by alumni from his era, and many of his successors. Brothers of whom he did not know, but who knew of him, and carried a profound gratitude for his efforts to establish Camp Barton 54 years prior. Then Camp Director, Alan C. Dixon, recalled spending time with Bogan during his visit and noted the aura that filled the air when he was present. A humble, calm demeanor, a stoic presence. A man for whom without we would not exist. Our Founder.

Samuel D. Bogan, husband to Elenor C., father to Stephen D., Sylvia D., and Forrest A; renound Scouting professional, author, and community figure passes away on Sunday April 25th 1982 at the age of 83 leaving behind a legacy within every path he walked. A life not once discouraged by obstacles but rather motivated by their difficulty. A man whose value might best be meased by the object of his pursuit and a man who shows us how opportunity exists each day in all that we do to positively influence those around us. Whether it's through acts of kindness, mentorship, or advocacy for causes we believe in, our legacy is the path which allows us to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others.

In 2027 we will celebrate 100 years of operations at Frontenac Point. We will celebrate Camp Barton for what it was established for, and what it has meant to thousands upon thousands. We will continue to recognize the life and legacy of our founder Samuel D. Bogan, and the gift he worked so tirelessly to provide all of us with. We will rededicate ourselves to Bogan's writings of the Camp Barton Spirit, and we will continue onward in our pursuit to preserve Barton's history, its present, and its future for all. The formation of the Camp Barton Staff Alumni Association is a reflection of the values Sam Bogan bestowed in every path he forged. Timeless values that we must remain in pursuit of.

Three Falls State Park may now be the name identified with Frontenac Point for those unknowing of its past. The facade may continue to stray from scenes forever etched in our memories. Whether Camp Barton continues to remain synonymous with Three Falls State Park and Frontenac Point rests within our committment to ensure that both awareness and appreciation exist above and beyond what efforts may be made in opposition. Our dedication to these efforts is the echo of Sam's beleif in Camp Barton, and we must prevail.

“However soon the time may come when we shall relinquish the direction of this camp to another generation, I prophesy that the time will not come when the music of these waves will cease to echo in the memories of Barton's sons, when the voice of our night shall lose its melody, or the spirit of unselfish service engendered here shall have passed away; for when our sons, like Odysseus, behold the rosy-fingered dawn, they will stand erect before their Creator, tasting that divine reverence which leads to an appreciation of all that is beautiful and true.”

“This ground is hallowed. It is dedicated to human progress, and to the divine right of youth to make each generation better and nobler than the last. “

-July 15, 1927 - Samuel D. Bogan, The Founder.



The Camp Director
Camp Barton



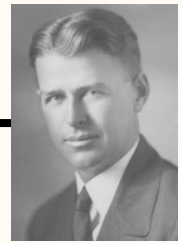
FRIDAY AUGUST 19, 1977 - SAM RETURNS TO BARTON....



BOGAN FAMILY TREE



Samuel D. Bogan
(2 Eldest Sibling)



Harney S. Bogan
(Eldest Sibling)



Stephen Cornell Bogan
Presently Age 97
New Haven, CT.



Sylvia D. Bogan
Died 1978
Fraternal Twin of Stephen

Eleanor C. Bogan
(Wife)



Forrest Agassiz Bogan
Presently Age 93
Neavitt, Maryland



CAMP BARTON Staff Alumni Association

HELLO???. IS IT ME YOU'RE LOOKING FOR???



CHECK OUT "IN-SEARCH-OF ON THE CBSAA WEBSITE - CLICK HERE

The CBSAA remains committed to identifying and documenting the lives of 104 years worth of Camp Barton Staff Personnel. The search for our associations anatomy continues to unearth the details and journeys of so many profoundly amazing human beings - all of which worked at Camp Barton. In time we plan to share the extensive story of the Camp Barton Staff. We do so to provide a broader perspective of what really has made Camp Barton so successful, and what developed from within its culture. It is a truly amazing account of the over 2000 lives whose common bond was, is, and remains Camp Barton.

Thanks to modern methods of research and accessible records, the information that has been obtained has been surprisingly plentiful, and the detail vast, yet a significant amount of information remains to be discovered & unearthed.

Our ultimate quest is to connect, discover, recognize, and remember as many of our alumni as we can, and we cannot do it without your help..... maybe it's you that we are looking for???

Below are the names of our alumni dating back to camps first season in 1922. Names are organized by year, starting at their first recorded summer on staff, and are categorized by the CBSAA's level of information & communication with them (or lack thereof) at this time. Each image once clicked will open & enlarge a version that may be downloaded. Please take a look - if you see a name, and you know something - share it with us. Reach out to them. Help us connect!

CAMP BARTON

OUR MISSING ALUMNI.....
1922 - 2025
HELP US DROP A PIN
ON THEM!



HOW TO STAY CURRENT
IN 2026

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CAMP BARTON @ FRONTENAC POINT

Three Falls LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Three Falls Local Development Corporation.

CBSAA SERVICE CORPS

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The CBSAA has officially Adopted all surrounding roadways of Camp Barton. - 1st event details coming soon!

BADGES AT BARTON

2026 Dates
 • August 14-16
 • August 21-23
 • August 28-30

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CAMP BARTON STAFF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Monthly Executive Board Meetings
 4th Tuesday of the Month

July 14 Annual Meeting
STAY TUNED 2027 Centennial

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Joseph D. Crossgrove

Camp Barton Staff Member 1969 - 1990, 2024



CAMP RANGER

Zip Recruiter defines a Camp Ranger as a professional responsible for the maintenance, security, and daily operations of a campground, park, or outdoor organization property. Websters Dictionary defines it as a person responsible for the management, maintenance, and protection of a campground, park, or forest.

For over two decades our definition was simply Joe.

Until 1969 Camp Barton did not have an official Camp Ranger. Caretaking of our beloved camp was a shared unwritten responsibility of all those who used the land and its resources in Scouting. Chi Sigma was the first service installment at Camp Barton - which evolved into an Order of the Arrow Lodge. Other entities such as the Camp Barton Alumni Association, and the Camp Barton Campmaster Corps would equally do their part to contribute to Camp Barton's upkeep over time. The bar however was set when the Louis Aggasiz Fuertes Council hired Joseph D. Crossgrove in the fall of 1969.

Joe, a native of the Freeville/Dryden area had been regularly volunteering at camp for several years at that point, especially since the 1968 captial campaign brought in plenty of necessary work to upgrade the infastructure and added several new buildings around the property. Joe's appointment was announced in the Ithaca Journal on [March 12, 1970](#). Joe was a full time employee across the lake for NYSEG at their Miliken Station generating plant and would simultaneously serve as the ranger - nothing short of a second full time "plus" responsibility. The newly constructed ranger house, and shop would become the camps base of caretaking operations and Joe would be the man in support of Barton's growing popularity and regional interest.

It is difficult to quantify just how much one person plays a part or has an impact on something such as a camp. It is even harder to do so when the person is quiet, humble, and always ahead of the game. Thats Joe. He simply did the job, he did it well, and he did it right - not for acolade, or praise, he did it for camp. Joe cared about every square foot of the property, he took pride in every facility, and in doing so he naturally motivated others to help him. During Joe's tenure there was a sense of pride that existed, and a sense of responsibility to be there to help. There was an unspoken obligation that everyone embraced. If you look around in Scouting today - the camps that are surviving have this exact mentality. They survive because everyone wants to be part of the solution. Knowing Joe, he likely didnt intend to create this environment as he just assume do the work himself, however it developed in many, as a sign of respect for him. When you fully comprehend the amount of work Joe did, and what he established at the camp its really hard to beleive that Joe's employment in camp came to an end. In 1990, at the hands of professional Scouts with changing values, new ideas, and so called better solutions, the Baden-Powell Council moved on from Joe. Simply put, camp was never the same. Camp Barton would go on to have 6 additional rangers until 2019 and while our respect continues for their service, each of them called upon Joe for insight, guidance, and help. When they would do so, Joe was there - never once faulting in his charachter. In 2024, Camp Bartons last year of operations before the sale, Joe spent countless hours working at camp. He loaned the camp equipment it did not have, he purchased necessary tools, & fuel so that camp could operate. Joe, then, at the age 87, worked more hours than any other person that summer. *We made sure to thank his wife Elizabeth (Betsy) profoundly.* If you ever need an example to understand what the Camp Barton spirit is. Think of Joe - unwavering care and support. Nothing in return. No one to see it. Just taking care of a place so special to so many. If you ever need an example of why working / fighting to keep Camp Barton going matters -Think of Joe, because that's who it's worth doing it for. We salute you Joe!

"TENT CITY" - 10 QUESTION STAFF INTERVIEWS...

In this Segment we asked members to answer these 10 questions (or similar versions). As a highlight of their staff experience. We want to extend our thanks to everyone who participated!!

- 1: The "First Gear":** What was your first staff position, and what is one thing that made you fall in love with "the other side" of the campfire?
- 2: The Skill Transfer:** Which merit badge or camp skill have you used most often in your "real world" life/career?
- 3: Legendary Lore:** What is the best (or most ridiculous) staff legend, prank, or story that occurred during your tenure?
- 4. Dining Hall Favorite:** If you could have one more camp meal from the dining hall today, what would it be—and if you were the song leader at that meal- what song would it be?
- 5. The "Rainy Day" Test:** What is your most vivid memory of a total camp disaster (like a monsoon or equipment failure) that turned into a great staff bonding moment?
- 6. Tent City Secret:** Where was the best place on camp to find five minutes of peace and quiet during a hectic week?
- 7. The Mentorship Ripple:** Is there a specific fellow staffer or director who influenced how you lead others today?
- 8. Career Path:** What are you doing professionally in 2026, and how did your staff years help prepare you for it?
- 9. Postcard to Yourself:** If you could send a postcard to yourself (when you were on staff) what would it say?- Any sound advice?
- 10. The Campfire Closing:** When you think of camp today, what is the first sound or smell that comes to mind?

Reponses On Next Page



MICHAEL CATALANO 03'

- 1) I STARTED AS A DISHWASHER IN 2003; MY HANDS HAVE NEVER BEEN CLEANER. I ENJOYED THE INDEPENDENCE THAT LIVING AND WORKING AT CAMP AFFORDED ME.
- 2) I SHOULD SAY CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION, GIVEN THAT I TEACH AMERICAN POLITICS AND LAW AND COURTS AS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. HOWEVER, I ENJOY COOKING EVERY DAY AND MAKE USE OF THE MEAL PLANNING, PREPARATION, AND SKILLS FROM COOKING MERIT BADGE.
- 3) THE TALE OF POOR COCK ROBIN
- 4) I WOULD LOVE TO GO BACK TO THURSDAY BREAKFAST, NOT NECESSARILY FOR THE FOOD. IF MEMORY SERVES CORRECTLY, DURING THAT MEAL, JEFF ANDREWS WOULD GO ABSOLUTELY BANANAS PERFORMING RISE AND SHINE (ARKY ARKY).
- 5) THE UNINTENTIONAL BENDING OF THE PARADE FIELD FLAG POLE.
- 6) THE WATERFALL AT CAMP BARTON WAS ALWAYS SUCH A PEACEFUL PLACE. I LOVED HIKING MY BASKETRY MERIT BADGE CLASSES THERE TO ENJOY BOTH THE JOURNEY AND DESTINATION.
- 7) GARY DECKER WAS AND IS A WONDERFUL ROLE MODEL OF A LEADER. HE LETS THE PASSION FOR THE SCOUTING MOVEMENT FLOW THROUGH HIM AND MOBILIZE OTHERS TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY PROGRAM POSSIBLE.
- 8) I SERVE AS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON. MUCH OF MY PEDAGOGY FORMED DURING SUMMERS ON CAMP STAFF. I ESSENTIALLY HAD TO DEVELOP LEARNING OUTCOMES, LESSON PLANS, DEVICES TO KEEP STUDENTS ENGAGED, RESPECTFUL AND EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS, ETC. I FELL BACK ON MANY OF THESE PAST LESSONS WHEN STARTING TO TEACH IN HIGHER EDUCATION.
- 9) I KNEW MY TIME ON SUMMER CAMP STAFF AT BARTON WAS SPECIAL. STILL, I WOULD REITERATE HOW NO OTHER JOB WOULD COMPARE TO MY TIME SPENT WORKING AT CAMP BARTON.
- 10) NOTHING COMPARES TO THE CRISP, COOL SMELL OF THE LAKE IN THE EARLY MORNING AS THE BREEZE CARRIES THROUGH THE MESH OPENINGS OF THE TIN ROOF DURING EARLY AUGUST. FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR FOR THAT VERY REASON.



JONATHYN THORNTON 19'

- 1) I WAS A SCOUTCRAFT INSTRUCTOR AND THE ONE THING THAT I REALLY ENJOYED WAS GETTING TO MEET NEW SCOUTS EVERY WEEK AND LEARNING THEIR PERSONALITIES AND LIFE STORIES.
- 2) I LEARNED A LOT FROM LEADING COOKING MERIT BADGE, MOSTLY MY PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS. FOR COOKING MERIT BADGE I HAD TO ENLIST THE HELP OF SCOUTMASTERS EACH WEEK TO GO ON A SHOPPING TRIP. IT PUT ME OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE BUT I LEARNED A LOT. NOW IM VERY COMFY WITH SPEAKING INFRONT OF OTHERS
- 3) 3RD WEEK OF CAMP IN 2019 I WAS TEACHING CAMPING MERIT BADGE. AND ON THAT PARTICULAR WEDNESDAY I FORGOT ONE OF THE SCOUTS' NAMES. SO I GREETED THEM BY SAYING "HOW'S IT GOING DAVE " WHICH DEFINITELY WASN'T THEIR NAME BUT WAS THE FIRST ONE TO COME TO MIND. AFTERWARDS I CALLED ALL THE SCOUTS DAVE TO MAKE SURE IT WASN'T OBVIOUS I FORGOT THEIR NAME. THE NEXT DAY THE GROUP OF SCOUTS FROM MY CLASS BROUGHT ME A BOX WITH DAVE WRITTEN ON IT. THEY TURNED IT INTO A SORT OF OFFERINGS BOX. FAST FORWARD TO THE END OF THE WEEK, FRIDAY'S RETREAT. THE SCOUTS ANNOUNCE AT ROLL CALL "ALL DAVE'S LOYAL TO JONATHYN SIR!" AND MIKEY WHO WAS PROGRAM DIRECTOR LOOKED VISIBLY CONFUSED. THE NEXT MORNING THEY GAVE ME THE DAVE BOX AND INSTRUCTED ME TO OPEN IT ONLY AFTER 10 MINUTES. SO I DID WHAT ANY KID WOULD DO AND I SHOOK IT. I SHOOK IT CONSTANTLY FOR 10 MINUTES BECAUSE I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT IT WAS. IN ADMIN I OPENED THE BOX AND INSIDE WAS A SMALL TOAD. MORALE OF THE STORY, I LIKE MY AMPHIBIANS SHAKEN NOT STIRRED
- 4) IT WOULD BE THE COFFEE CAKES, AND ID PROBABLY SING THE PIRATE SONG.
- 5) I REMEMBER ONE YEAR IT WAS RAIN ALL WEEK, IT HAD WASHED AWAY MOST OF THE DRIVEWAY TO THE DINING HALL. ONE OF THE SCOUTMASTERS FROM CALIFORNIA DONATED A HUGE LOAD OF GRAVEL TO FILL THE PATHS. IT WAS A VERY GENEROUS THING, AND IT ENCOURAGED ME TO BE GENEROUS EVERY DAY.
- 6) SITTING INFRONT OF THE FLAGPOLE ON THE WATERFRONT WAS ALWAYS HELPFUL TO ME
- 7) IAN THE SCOUTCRAFT DIRECTOR TAUGHT ME TO LOVE KNOTS, WHICH HAS HELPED ME TEACH KNOTS.
- 8) IM IN COLLEGE TO BECOME A HISTORY TEACHER. HOWEVER IN THE SUMMERTIME I TEACH SAILING, AND TYING KNOTS 24/7 AT SCOUTCRAFT WAS INCREDIBLY HELPFUL
- 9) GET UP IN THE MORNING. WHEN YOU HIT YOUR HEAD ON YOUR BUNK GETTING STARTLED BY POTS AND PANS, YOUR HEAD WILL THANK ME.
- 10) THE CAMP BARTON BAND PLAYING AT RETREAT.

ROBERT "BOB" KESTLER 05'

- 1.COMMISSIONER
- 2.MUSIC
- 3.THE OUTHOUSE AT CAMPFIRE EXPLODING
- 4.COMMIN' ROUND THE MOUNTAIN
- 5.RAIN, TYING UP THE BRIDGE SO IT DIDN'T FLOAT AWAY
- 6.THE FALLS
- 7.JAMIE SAROKA
- 8.CHOIR DIRECTOR
- 9.(FROM PHILLY) WHERE ARE YOU?
10. "ALL NIGHT ALL DAY"





RUTH (SMITS) KEAGLE 90'

- 1) MY FIRST STAFF POSITION WAS TRADING POST MANAGER. THE FEELING THAT WE AS STAFF HAD SOME SPECIAL POWER!
- 2) TYING VARIOUS KNOTS! COUNTING MONEY! RANDOMLY BREAKING INTO SONG WITH STUDENTS I WORK WITH!
- 3) BOAT IN THE DINING HALL
- 4) I ALWAYS LIKED THE CHICKEN BBQ! SONG - EITHER "I'M A LITTLE TEAPOT"(TO THE TUNE OF WE WILL ROCK YOU!), OR MY BONNIE LIES OVER THE OCEAN.
- 5) SUMMER OF 2016 A TREE NEAR THE ARCH GOT STRUCK BY LIGHTNING IN THE MIDDLE OF A STORM AND CAME DOWN ON THE ROAD AND STAFF AND SCOUTMASTERS HAD TO CUT IT OUT OF THE WAY. AND THE SUMMER OF 2017 - THE RAIN!! ALL WITHIN A MATTER OF MINUTES A LARGE TREE BRANCH HAD HIT THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND THE SWAMP STAFF CABINS AND CIT TENTS WERE UNDER WATER AND ALL STAFF THAT WERE SLEEPING THERE HAD TO EVACUATE! AT ONE POINT WATER WAS SO DEEP IN FRONT OF ADMIN YOU COULD ROW A CANOE DOWN THE ROAD!
- 6) CLOSET BEHIND THE CAMP DIRECTORS DESK IN ADMIN. OR THE WATERFRONT WATER TOWER.
- 7) MY OWN DAD WHO WAS A SCOUTING PROFESSIONAL AND WAS CAMP DIRECTOR AT ONE POINT.
- 8) I WORKED FOR A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ACTUALLY RUN A DAY CAMP FOR THEM IN THE SUMMER.
- 9) LET YOURSELF MAKE FRIENDS SOONER! SOME TIME WAS WASTED!!
- 10) "OH THERE'S A BOY SCOUT CAMP AT FRONTENAC" THE SMELL OF CAMPFIRE, THE SOUND OF THE CANNON AT RETREAT, AND JUST SO MANY MANY SONGS.....



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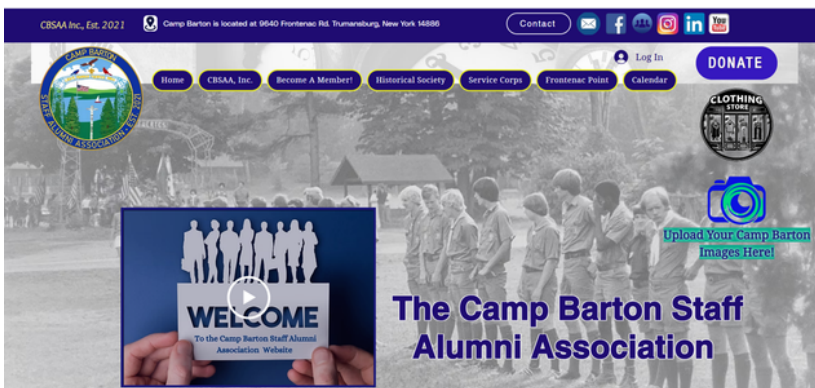
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