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## ON THE HORIZON

### Camp Barton Needs Your Help! Here's how...



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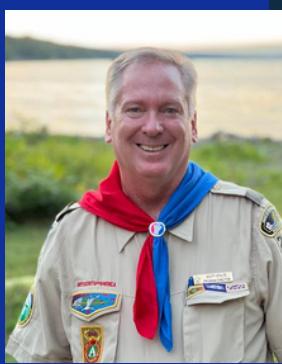
Join us for the day or stay for a night or two as we host our 3rd Annual Meeting of the CBSAA and welcome alumni spanning 7 decades.

Registration Opens in June!





# CBSAA'S FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN FOR CAMP BARTON



**Scott D. Stolte**  
Staff '78-85, '22-23  
CBSAA, President

## To my fellow Camp Barton Staff Alumni;

No greater a moment in Camp Barton's 102 year history has existed then what our association will need to endure at this time. What has been presented to you all online and through email, and is available for additional review by clicking each image to the right is the action we must take now. Not tomorrow, not in a year, now.

Contributions to the CBSAA secure the opportunity to save Camp Barton. This opportunity rests in our ability to mobilize funding and resources for the program, and sustainable practices for the property.

This process, this campaign, it is a living item. It will change and grow and evolve and our associations support must adapt to these circumstances.

Camp Barton needs all of us right now. We must come together, we must accept this challenge.

It is now our duty, passed down from generations before, to see to it, that the Camp Barton spirit lives on, that Camp Barton remains available to youth, and that no stone goes unturned in order to preserve it.

I plead to you all, as fellow staffers, as professionals, as friends, as family to make a sacrifice during this time for Camp Barton so that our sons and daughters may have the opportunities we once shared.



## CAMP BARTON COST ITEMIZATION

2024 Scout Programming, 2024 Operations, and Future Opportunities at the Community Park.

### Section 1 - Scouts BSA Camping Program

The Camp Barton Staff Alumni Association has endeavored to raise the following contributions in support of Scouting at Camp Barton - Specifically - the Badges at Barton Scouts BSA Short Term Camp Program in 2024, however not limited to capital investments that encompass future seasons.



## CAMP BARTON COST ITEMIZATION

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### Section 2 -The property known as Camp Barton

The Camp Barton Staff Alumni Association has endeavored to raise the following contributions in support of the property known as Camp Barton - Specifically - the preservation & upkeep of facilities, the health and aesthetic improvement of its grounds, trails, and areas of function, its landmarks, and the re-invest into maintenance and restoration of the flora and fauna.



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### Section 3 -Three Falls LDC / CBSAA Collaboration

The Camp Barton Staff Alumni Association has endeavored to raise the following contributions in support of the Three Falls Local Development Corporation (LDC) that will take over the management and operations of the property known as Camp Barton upon finalization of the sale to the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation.



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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Dr. David Hanselman

Camp Barton Staff Member  
1952-1953  
CBSAA Executive Board  
Member At Large



**Then, 1952**  
**17 yrs of age**



**Now, 2024**  
**89 yrs of age**

Dr. David Handelman's journey in Scouting & Camp Barton began 80 years ago as a young 9 year old boy living in his parents new cottage along the private road. He watched in awe of the drum & bugle corps, the parade recession and lowering of the colors. David crossed over from Cub Scouting into Troop 18 at the Presbyterian Church. He attended the 1950 National Jamboree at Valley Forge, and was one of over 47,000 Scouts to be addressed by President Harry Truman. David at a young age took an interest in the natural sciences and wildlife and would be influenced and mentored in Scouting by the likes of E.L. Palmer, Arthur Allen, and Peter Paul Kellogg. David was prepared more than the average Scout for his first summer on Camp Barton Staff in 1952- the camp's 25th Anniversary at Frontenac Point. The Nature/Conservation Program that year, was based out of a room in the old Frontenac Hotel. David was quartered upstairs that summer. While on staff he finalized his requirements and earned the rank of Eagle. By the start of 1953, a new Nature Lodge was in camp- The Gannett Lodge, and David was its first director. To the amusement of many- David was accompanied by a young racoon he was caring for and a pet fox on loan from a local DEC trapper. One of his fondest memories during this time was teaching Bird Study - which was an Eagle Required Merit Badge until 1952. Dr. Hanselman finished a B.S. in Fish & Wildlife Management at Cornell in 1957, his M.S. in 1958. and that same year was married and moved on to Ohio to start work with the Ohio Dept of Natural Resources. This job led to the opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree, and in 1963 he completed his dissertation from Ohio State University. Pursuant to his new degree David would start a 33 year journey as faculty at the State of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse ending with his retirement in 1996. He now spends his time with four generations of family, attending church, and pursuing his most prized hobbies - woodworking, magic, and photography. David still spends a great deal of time at what is now his families cabin along the private road keeping a watchful eye on camp.



# A LETTER TO ALL FRIENDS OF CAMP BARTON

**A Look Back 56 years to May of 1968....**

ITHACA JOURNAL

Saturday, May 18, 1968



## Glance Backward

### Hotel to Go

By BARBARA BELL  
Journal Staff Writer

To order groceries, someone in the old Frontenac Hotel would sit at the telegraph key, tap out the code for Murphy's store in Trumansburg, and proceed to list the needs.

The message would be noted in two or three homes between the hotel, now one of the buildings at Camp Barton, and store, but the opening code would indicate ultimate destination of the message. Not much later, the delivery wagon would be on its way downhill with supplies.

What a modernized business that was, in the days before telephones, and how much faster and more efficient a way to order food than sending someone to the hamlet. (Incidentally, modern communications are today sounding the death-knell of the telegraph system which was so handy to Frontenac Hotel.)

Apparently the first white settler at the point was James Garrett, who arrived about 1797. He is listed as a soldier of the War of 1812. The point, earlier known as Port Deposit and Frog Point, is in the southeast corner of Town of Covert, Seneca County. Its address has been Trumansburg ever since that village's first post office was opened.



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## WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2024?



### CAMP BARTON



### CBSAA SERVICE CORPS



### BADGES AT BARTON



### CAMP BARTON STAFF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

#### To my Camp Barton Friends, ....old, new, passed, and future;

There's a timeless movie shown every year on television, It's a Wonderful Life, a classic from 1946. Scouting has led the way for my own wonderful life. Pals in my Scout troop, the skills and good times camping and learning about nature, knots, first aid, cooking, personal fitness, citizenship, swimming and life saving and getting along with others.

I remember in my first year learning the news that we would be going to a Scout camp as a troop. It was exciting. Other troop members had been there and the enthusiasm and memories were high. This place that awaited me was called Camp Barton.

As we approached the camp ... the sign "Welcome to Camp Barton" ... down the hill.... other troops were gathering. That opening day..., health lodge, dining hall orientation, swim tests - early July that water was freezing! The campfires, the songs, the stories, the trip up to see the huge Frontenac Falls. Etched in my memories forever.

Me and my buddies worked for merit badges on our road to Eagle: Swimming, Life Saving, Cooking, Nature! I learned about poison ivy the hard way; they said leave it alone. It found me!



When I was 15 my Scoutmaster helped me get a job for the summer. I met so many people during my summers at camp, so many adventures and experiences. Many new skills learned including meeting and helping others. After high school, staffing at Camp Barton continued through and beyond the college years. Little did I know at the time that staff members would form an association and we would find ourselves trying to save this wonderful piece of land at Cayuga Lake.

Staff and friends from many years have now met again. I do hope we can continue to find our fellow alumni, and band together strongly so that future generations can have Camp Barton, just as the founder Samuel D. Bogan had prophesied in 1927.

More help is needed to keep this beautiful place alive. Volunteers are needed year round. Summer staff are needed. Money is needed to maintain and develop the new organization. Can you come help? Can you donate?

Please consider being a part of the Camp Barton Staff Alumni Association.

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#### MANAGERIAL TRANSITION TO THREE FALLS LDC & NYS

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Camp Set Up Day

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

#### PAID & VOLUNTEER STAFF APPLICATION

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JUNE  
27

"Town Hall"  
Open/Public Meeting

August  
3

Annual Meeting &  
Reunion Event



Monthly Executive  
Board Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the Month



# REMEMBER WHEN....

We dedicate this section to the memories of times spent at Camp Barton. We dedicate this to section to the memories of those no longer beside us, those we hope will walk with us again, and to those we have yet to meet. Thank you for all of the memories and contributions to this section!



"My father, and my older brothers William and Fred all found ourselves in Scouting. We made many lifelong friends and developed interests that carried through each of our own families. We wouldn't have adopted Scouting so strongly in our lives had it not been for Camp Barton and all of the other staff members we were surrounded by. My Scoutmaster was Rev. Sidney Winter - he was stern, and no nonsense but we all benefited and learned from him. He cared about Camp Barton more than anyone we knew, and that inspired us to do the same. - Here I am, 94 years, Camp Barton has and always will be part of my life - David Geller



Masonry Merit Badge. I was the first to use the new nature-conservation building, "The Nature Lodge" or Gannett Lodger--but it had its price. Bill Alder, the Scout Executive, was a man of high energy and capability. Just before camp opened a big pile of rocks showed up at the new building and Bill Alder told me I was about to earn Masonry Merit Badge. Seventy years later I can still walk by my chimney and reminisce about the good time working with Bill Alder on its construction."

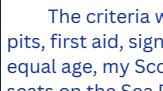
- Dr. David Hanselman



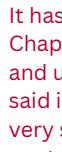
For our first year at camp, 1968, I was 11 and my brother Mark was 12, and we were chosen to represent troop 19. The more senior campers gave us the following advice: "Don't go for the watermelon until toward the end, when all the other scrappy scouts are covered in grease and tired out." So, we waited near the goal, the victory line everyone wanted to carry the watermelon over, as the grease got spread around. We then spread handfuls of tiny stones and lake sand on our hands and chests, so we could grip the watermelon, and went in for the kill. Yes, we got scratched & clawed, but while Mark pulled out the legs of the stronger competitors, I clutched the holy grail tightly over the line with would be defenders holding on my limbs to keep me back. Our troop was ecstatic. We were heroes for the day. -Michael Koplinka-Loehr



During the last week of July and first week of August 1976, I was a 14-year-old Scout attending Camp Barton with my troop from Huntington Station, Long Island, NY. At that time, I was an Eagle Scout and had earned most of the merit badges offered at Camp Barton so other than earning what I could towards Palms, I spent most of my time at the Waterfront, Rifle Range and hiking the Gorge both lower and upper. To my great delight on Sunday, of I believe the first week, the Program Director announced that there was going to be a Sea Plane landing on the Lake and that a small number of Scouts and Leaders, who met the criteria and passed several tests, would be invited to board the Sea Plane for a tour of the area.



The criteria were that you had to be a First Class Scout, over the age of 14, or a Troop Leader and attend several training courses including education on digging imu pits, first aid, signaling, emergency parachute landings etc. How could I not be included in this wonderful activity. So along with three of my fellow troop members of equal age, my Scout Master, and many others in attendance at camp, we spent Monday through Friday training and competing to get one of the very cherished but limited seats on the Sea Plane. On Friday afternoon at lunch the lucky winners were announced. I, my fellow troop members, and my Scout Master, had met the challenge, and were chosen, along with about 15 others, to take a flight that night on the Sea Plane. The chosen few met on the porch of the dining Hall after lunch and all were assigned a roll and some form of safety item to bring for the flight. As dinner approached, the entire camp was excited about the impending flight, however, it was announced at dinner that the lake was too rough in front of Camp Barton for a landing, so the Plane would land in a different location, and we would be put in row boats and towed over to the Sea Plane just out of view around the corner by Family Camp. After dinner the entire camp headed down to the fishing dock (then just off the Flagpole) and the fifteen or so chosen loaded into the row boats to be taken over to the Sea Plane. Tom Bond (then "Mr. Bond") and the waterfront boys began towing us to the Sea Plane. The weather was perfect, the lake a bit choppy, but it did not matter as we were going to fly in a Sea Plane. Most of us had never flown in an airplane before, let alone a Sea Plane. The ensuing flight was truly amazing. The lift off was so smooth that it felt like we had never left the water. The view of the lake and camp from the Sea Plane was so clear it was as if we were still in row boats, several of which sank that day, and I still can't figure out why. The other jealous Scouts who could not make the trip, "cheered" from the banks of the lake. It was the best flight of my life. At the final retreat on Sunday, all of us who had competed and had "flown" on the Sea Plane were presented with a Sea Plane 76 handmade neckerchief slide to memorialize the occasion. A few years later, as a Staff member, and former member of the inaugural flight, I was asked by the Camp Director Alan C. Dixon and Program Director Matt Salino to assist with the training of a new group of Camp Barton elite, who would once again fly high above Camp Barton on a Sea Plane. As technology had advanced since 1976, their experience was even better than ours. With the success of the two Sea Plane adventures, a few years later, we brought a submarine to Camp Barton, but that is another story for another time. -Scott D. Stolte



It has been recalled that a particular Bird Study instructor was routinely accompanied each morning to teach the badge by the Camp Chaplain.... and on one occasion, the instructor was struggling to get out of bed...and the Chaplain came into the swamp looking for him and upon rapping on the the tent flaps and yelling "wake up!" the chaplain was abruptly met by a shoe that had been hurled at him from said instructor..... That same instructor could often be heard yelling " You call yourself a man of the cloth!!" to said Chaplain..... That very same Nature Instructor was also said to have been part of several "Best of 7 Series" with his tent-mate. That's 7 weeks of camp - the contest -- total # sh\*ts taken per week. This # was recorded in the dining hall on the chalkboard, and was included in daily announcements to the campers/leaders... only the staff knew what the # represented. The camp would erupt in cheer when weeks winner was announced

90's

All Things Kip.....Kip Chord.....Kip Kip Go Away.....Kip gets lacerated by a machete.....Kip in the IMF..... Kip wrecks the camp truck....again... Kip tells the tale of Sam McGee .... " I tore the board from the cabin floor.....and stuffed in Dave French!!!"

2000s

Camp Director Jamie Saroka is meticulously selected for the dining hall production of Cock Robin.... led by the king of music Bob Kestler. Jamie will play- " The Fly" .... when asked why Jamie had to be "The Fly"- Jeff Andrews explained. Everything about Jamie is consistent with the buzzing, movement, and mannerisms of a fly. His hair also currently resembles the abdomen and thorax of a fly. ...."with my compound eye....."



A notable prank from the 2010's:

Tin Foiling the Nature Lodge, Knot-Weeding the Nature Lodge and moving the giant table from Sidney Winter into the Nature Lodge- just because....

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