

CAMP BARTON STAFF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 — 7:00 PM EDT.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES



A. (President) Call to Order

Read Aloud:

“It is Tuesday September 23, 2025, the time is **7:04pm**, and the meeting of the CBSAA Executive Board is now in session”.

B. (Secretary) Roll Call of the Executive Board The secretary will take roll of the executive board.

Video or Audio Recording Initiated ☒

2023-2025 Executive Board - Term Ends September 30, 2025

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD		PRESIDENT		IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT		VICE PRESIDENT- Administration	
<div><div></div> Alan Dixon -Excused</div>		<div><div></div> Scott Stolte</div>		<div><div></div> Peter O'Connell</div>		<div><div></div> Tim Clive</div>	
VICE PRESIDENT- Membership		VICE PRESIDENT- Strategic Planning		VICE PRESIDENT- Business Development		TREASURER	
<div><div></div> Kevin Gross</div>		<div><div></div> Vacant</div>		<div><div></div> Keith Gibbs</div>		<div><div></div> David Ludewig</div>	
SECRETARY / HISTORIAN		PROGRAM CHAIRMAN		SERVICE CHAIRMAN		PAST PRESIDENTS	
<div><div></div> DJ Jones</div>		<div><div></div> George O'Connell</div>		<div><div></div> Vacant</div>		<div><div></div> 1) _____ 2) _____</div>	
COMMUNITY RELATIONS CHAIRMAN		BOARD LIAISON – BPC / Scouting America		<div><div></div> Liam Murphy</div>		<div># Excused: 1 # of Absence: 3</div>	
<div><div></div> Doug Saunders</div>		BOARD LIAISON – Three Falls LDC		<div><div></div> Marc Salino</div>			
		BOARD LIAISON – NYS Dept. Parks, Rec & HP		<div><div></div> Vacant</div>			
MEMBERS AT LARGE							
<div><div></div> Eric Bloom</div>		<div><div></div> Stephen Heinz</div>		<div><div></div> Michael Stoll Sr.</div>		<div><div></div> David Hanselman</div>	
<div><div></div> Sean Szymanski</div>							

2025-2027 Executive Board - Term Begins October 1, 2025

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		BOARD LIAISON – NYS Dept. Parks, Rec & HP		<div><div></div> Sigrid Popowitch</div>			
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*It is noted for this evening's meeting that the President is without his voice and the VP of Administration will preside.

C. (Secretary) Recording of Membership & Guests in Attendance:

- Registered CBSAA Members in Attendance:
 - ✓ Kristen Likel, Matt Slimowicz, Bill Mack, Jim Graney, Laura Michaels, Stephen Bogart, Ruth Keagle
- Guests in Attendance:
 - ✓ Bonnie Quackenbush

D. (Vice President-Administration) Establishment of Quorum & Review of Meeting Procedures

Read Aloud:

- “It is noted that a quorum (**is / is not**) **IS** present for today's proceedings”.
- “It is asked that all attendees please review the following meeting procedures”:
 - ❖ Be Prepared
 - ❖ Remain on low volume or muted when not speaking.
 - ❖ **Old Business** = Topics previously introduced to the board – Provide Updates
 - ❖ **New Business** = Topics introduced for discussion, review, consideration, for the 1st time.
 - ❖ (*Italicized Wording in (Blue)*) = indicates the speaker of that section.
 - ❖ Please Follow & Hold the Focus of Discussion on the Agenda
 - ❖ Raised hand or chat box feature to speak out of turn or ask questions.
 - ❖ Be mindful of time
 - ❖ Everyone is encouraged to actively participate.
 - ❖ Only elected officers & appointed board members may cast vote or present a motion.

E. (Vice President-Administration) Good of the Order

1:00min (7:01pm)

Read Aloud:

- “At this time, are there any requests from the general membership and or guests to speak during the “Good of the Order” / “Section J”?”
- “Will the Secretary please note any aforementioned requests to present under Section J of the agenda.”
 - ✓ D. Jones – The good of the order requests have each been noted by the Secretary in order by request.

F. (Secretary/Treasurer) Standard Business Items

1:00min (7:02pm)

Read Aloud:

- “To the Executive Board - At this time, are there any requests to amend the meeting agenda?”
 - ✓ If necessary, the secretary will notate and review (read aloud) all requested amendments to the 9.23.25 agenda.
 - ✓ If necessary, **Motion** to approve the aforementioned amendments to the agenda.
 - **Motion to approve the added items to the 9.23.2025 Agenda**
 - ✓ K. Gross – 2nd – P. O'Connell – No Obj. No Abst. – **Motion Carries**
 - **Motion to approve 9.23.25 agenda, amended and in its entirety.**
 - ✓ P. O'Connell – 2nd D. Ludewig – No Obj. No Abst. -**Motion Carries**
- Review /Approval of - minutes from 6.10.25
 - **Motion** to approve 6.10.25 minutes
 - ✓ P. O'Connell – 2nd D. Ludewig – No Obj. No Abst. -**Motion Carries**
- Financial/Ledger Report
 - **Motion** to approve Financial Report & June, July, August 2025 Bank Ledger(s)
 - ✓ D. Ludewig – 2nd O'Connell – No Obj. No Abst. -**Motion Carries**

G. (President) Welcome/Opening Remarks

3:00min (7:05pm)

1. Presidents Opening Remarks

- ✓ **S. Stolte**- It's nice to see everyone – Apologies for not having a voice, - My report was presented for this meeting in writing as the “State of the Association- Address” - I will defer much of what I would normally say to P. O’Connell in his report however one thing to note is that its important to reflect on this past summer – and amidst all the adversities and challenges we were able to host camp, and run an excellent program for the Scouts/Adult Leaders- Badges at Baton won’t be shut down, its going to continue and it will get bigger and better.

H. (President) Old Business – Reporting & Updates:

20:00min (7:05pm-7:25pm)

1. Officers:

- ✓ President (**Scott Stolte**)
 - Report Submitted – No questions/Comments Noted
 - This meeting marks the final meeting of the 2023-2025 Executive Board Term – I would like to take time to thank all of our outgoing and incoming board members and recognize their time and dedication to this association and cause.
 - ✓ **Outgoing:** George O’Connell, David Hanselman
 - ✓ **Change of Role:** Kevin Gross (VP Administration), Tim Clive (VP Membership), Sean Szymanski (VP Strategic Planning)
 - ✓ **Incoming:** Mark Fish (Program Chairman), Robert Eckert (Service Chairman), Sigrid Popowitch (Liaison -NYS Parks) Ben Brown, Scott Miller, Sandy Johnson, Jeff Middendorf (Members at Large)
 - ✓ & To all those Executive Board Members who have accepted the new 2025-2027 term.
- ✓ VP – Administration: **Outgoing (Tim Clive) / Incoming (Kevin Gross)**
 - T. Clive- Not Present – No Report Submitted
 - K. Gross – No Old Business to Report
- ✓ VP – Membership / Membership Committee Chair: **Outgoing (Kevin Gross) / Incoming (Tim Clive)**
 - K. Gross – No Old Business to Report
 - T. Clive- Not Present – No Report Submitted
- ✓ VP – Business Development: (**Keith Gibbs**)
 - No Old Business to Report
- ✓ VP – Strategic Planning: **Incoming (Sean Szymanski)**
 - No Old Business to Report
- ✓ Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair: (**David Ludewig**)
 - Report Submitted, No Questions presented.
 - Thank you for the continued receipt of checks to the association.
- ✓ Secretary / Correspondence Committee Chair: (**DJ Jones**)
 - Report Submitted:
 - ✓ Requests that all incoming board members review the posted meeting procedures and finalize setting up their provided @bartonstaffalumni.org email address accounts.
 - ✓ I have made recommendations to the President that our board procedures/points of order be reviewed prior to the start of the new term.
 - ✓ Preparations for Fall issue of the Frontenac Point of View CBSAA Newsletter and underway- requesting content from members and volunteers to help preparations etc.
 - ✓ The process of donation correspondence remains unclear and needs to be finalized. Who is preparing the letters, and tracking that they are sent and completed to the association’s donors? *Item not acknowledged

2. Distinguished Board & Community Relations:

- ✓ Chairman of the Board (**Alan Dixon**)
 - Chairman’s Minute
 - ✓ Excused / Not Present – No Report
- ✓ Immediate Past President (**Peter O’Connell**)
 - Report Submitted.
 - ✓ Pete discussed the outcomes of summer 2025 pertaining to a post camp follow up meeting with the Baden-Powell Council.
 - ✓ Important items to touch on:
 1. All went well—Finances are even. CBSAA owes council \$600.00 for sold apparel that we collected on.
 2. Things that didn’t go well – (swimming, campsites, rifle, water access)
 3. Report on building assessment:
 - Most are in good shape- except Gannett Lodge, Family Camp Shower House, Old Shower House/Current Quartermaster, Kitchenettes.
 - Big push for building use for 2026, water etc... directly with NYS.
 - Equipment Storage – Boat House was not mentioned in report.
 - a. BPC will seek out rental for storage
 4. Dates are set for 2026 – CBSAA can do Save-The Date, Staff Recruitment as soon as ready.
 5. Council states they will help more with promotion.
 6. CBSAA will continue to set the parameters for program
 - Matthew Bull Ideas
 - a. “Crossing the Bridge” – Cub Cross-over opportunity
 - b. 2027 – 3 Cub weekends before Badges as possibility while Tuscarora is in operations.
 - c. 4th weekend in 2027
 - **K. Gibbs**- expressed need for CBSAA to try and preserve the Gannett Lodge. Would like to take lead on this.
 - **S. Stolte** – buildings on the chopping blocks – Ranger House, Gannett Lodge, Chapel, all A Frame Cabins
 1. S. Miller will visit camp and look at Chapel – and will report back to committee.
 - ✓ Made very clear to BPC that they need to stand up for their rights – regarding access

- **P. O'Connell**- all buildings must go through Historic Preservation before anything happens.
- **D. Jones** – encourages board to consider developing plan to save A-Frame Cabins for staff use (Possible relocation to McGuire's)
- ✓ Past President(s)
- ✓ *Date TBD*

3. Standing Committee Chairman:

- ✓ Program: **Outgoing (George O'Connell) / Incoming (Mark Fish)**
 - **G. O'Connell:**
 - ✓ Wishes to thank everyone for all the effort for Badges at Barton 2025. A lot of obstacles were overcome- everyone was very flexible and willing to help and work together to actually make it happen, That is critical for future summers.
 - ✓ Council is concerned over certain program elements solely due to lack of attendance for a small sample size of what has actually occurred.
 - ✓ Staff Housing is a very critical point for 2026
 - ✓ We did mow in preparation, but we got in trouble in doing so
 - ✓ Welcome Mark Fish- new Program Chairman, I will continue to serve on the program committee.
 - **M. Fish** – No Old Business to Report
- ✓ Community Relations: **(Doug Saunders)**
 - Report from the Last TF-LDC Meeting submitted by **M. Salino**, it is noted that Fisher Associates has launched their survey as of 9/17/2025 and it will remain open through 10/17/2025. The LDC/Fisher will be present at the Trumansburg Farmers Market on 9/27 from 11:00am – 2:00pm and supporters of Camp Barton are encouraged to attend.
 - ✓ I will be attending the October LDC meeting in place of M. Salino who is unavailable.
 - **L. Murphy** – No update or report from the BPC/Scouting – focus at this time is on re-chartering and recruitment for units/packs – focus will open up to camp discussions at the board level in November.
 - **S. Popowitch** – No Old Business to Report.
- ✓ Historical Documentation & Preservation: **(DJ Jones)**
 - Historians Minute
 - ✓ Shares a presentation titled “Uncle Louis” a history of Louis Agassiz Fuertes including his youth, education, professional growth, and his role as a Camp Barton Staff Member
 - ✓ Presentation Link shared in the chat box throughout the meeting and sent accompanying the minutes.
 - ✓ Report Submitted
 1. Storage concerns regarding F. Popowitch's property remain – I strongly encourage the board to consider purchase of a storage shipping container that Frank has graciously offered to let us keep on his property. Items not needing temperature control or significant historical preservation should be moved into this unit when available – including program equipment from camp.
 2. No Communication Received in Response to LAF Arch loan to Friends of Stewart Park to date-
 3. Totem Pole was safely moved to same location as LAF Arch and is no longer at King Cabin
- ✓ Service: **Incoming (Robert Eckert)**
 - Working on Mattress Removal from Popowitch
 - ✓ **S. Popowitch** – Selling on Craigslist – has \$40.00 for CBSAA
 1. Plans for Plaque Collection remain in question.
 2. S. Miller may be interested in plaque collection

I. **(President) New Business** -Topics presented for review/consideration/voting

45:00min (7:25pm-8:10pm)

1. Officers:

- ✓ President **(Scott Stolte)**
 - Would like DJ to get the Save the Date for 2026 out ASAP
 - The relationship with the BPC Professionals is in better condition than it has been for many years
 - Boo At Barton – we need to have CBSAA personnel support that program
 - ✓ **G. O'Connell** – Boo at Barton will need to use CBSAA Cooking Equipment
 - ✓ **M. Fish** – need griddle / stock pot – waiting to hear back from R. Robb & L. Green to coordinate obtaining them.
 - ✓ **S. Popowitch** – has personal enclosed trailer available for use for events upon request.
- ✓ VP – Administration: **Outgoing (Tim Clive) / Incoming (Kevin Gross)**
 - **No New Business to Report**
- ✓ VP – Membership / Membership Committee Chair: **Outgoing (Kevin Gross) / Incoming (Tim Clive)**
 - **Not Present, No Report Submitted**
- ✓ VP – Business Development **(Keith Gibbs)**
 - **No New Business to Report**
- ✓ VP – Strategic Planning: **Incoming (Sean Szymanski)**
 - Would like to initiate planning for 2027th Centennial Anniversary at Frontenac Point.
 - Will be reviewing current strategic plan and working to present modifications and further detail.
 - ✓ **L. Murphy:** Encourages Board to consider local collaborations when planning for 2027 -namely Taughannock District.
- ✓ Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair **(David Ludewig)**
 - Reminder to Program Committee to establish CBSAA \$\$ Contribution for Badges at Barton 2026
 - Excited to begin putting together fundraising campaign for 2027
- ✓ Secretary / Correspondence Committee Chair **(DJ Jones)**
 - Fall Newsletter Preparations are underway – asking for content to be sent in (articles, etc.)
 - Sharing some new membership incentives in lieu of mandated dues. – **T. Clive / D. Jones** will share ideas to board soon.

2. Distinguished Board & Community Relations:

1. Chairman of the Board **(Alan Dixon)** – Excused /Not Present - No Report Submitted
2. Immediate Past President **(Peter O'Connell)** – No New Business to Report

3. Past President(s)

✓ Date TBD

3. **Standing Committee Chairman:**

- ✓ Program: ***Outgoing (George O'Connell) / Incoming (Mark Fish)***
 - **G. O'Connell** – (Response to chat questions) - Barton B will be offered for 2026 (We will retro-award for 2025 whenever possible)
 - **M. Fish** – indicates appointment of G. O'Connell & S. Bogart to Program Committee.
- ✓ Community Relations: ***(Doug Saunders)***
 - **No New Business**; Forgot to mention under old:
 - ✓ Attendance Fact – Last weekend of Badges at Barton- attendance doubled – Scott Stolte was not present (Coincidence?)
 - ✓ Reminder to complete the Fisher Associates Community Survey for the LDC before October 17th
- ✓ Historical Documentation & Preservation: ***(DJ Jones)***
 - **LAF Arch** – remains in storage- Friends of Stewart Park have not responded to communications to date.
 - ✓ **L. Murphy** -requests contact names for FOSP – D. Jones to send.
 - **Moose**: - American Legion Post (Trumansburg) has expressed interest in displaying the moose (on loan) & helping to restore it
 - ✓ D. Jones will follow up accordingly
 - ✓ Totem Pole – removed from King Cabin and relocated to storage with the LAF Arch- thank you to R. Eckert for coord.
 - **Historical Designation**
 - ✓ **B. Shaw** reached out and provided us the LDC language for its resolution from Dec. 2023.
 1. The language is “thin” and not detailed- I have concerns it will progress or move forward as is.
 2. D. Jones: I have explored process for NYS – it isn't complicated but we need the owner of the property to approve and in this case that means both the front and the back end of the processes. -Unsure how to navigate that?
 - Does the LDC resolution already provide approval?
 - ✓ **K. Gross** – State Park falls into separate category within the HP Office- specific to management
 1. We can push that department and office formally
 - ✓ If anyone knows how we can do this – I don't want to step on LDC toes- but its been 2.5 years and nothing has been done.
 1. **S. Popowitch** – did not get a lot of positive feedback when asked at office – will send us contacts for formal ask.
 2. **K. Gross** also can find names / contacts for who we can speak to for formalities
 3. **P. O'Connell** – also suggests we re-engage F. Bonn on this topic.
 - **S. Popowitch** – State Environmental Quality Review (HP Reviews alterations to buildings of certain age or more)
 - **Storage Facility we are renting**
 - ✓ Payments are set for 7 months – but we should consider asking for additional support.
 1. Invoice for \$177 vs budget \$200 – will have extra \$ to carry over.
 2. **D. Ludewig** – Commits to cover the 8th month of the rental.
 - ✓ We remain on waitlist for larger unit.
 - ✓ Service: ***Incoming (Robert Eckert)***
 - **No New Business** to Report

J. **(President) Good of the Order**

5:00min (8:08p-8:13pm)

↳ “Will the Secretary please identify all approved speakers, and their order at this time”

1. **Scott Stolte**
 - ✓ Thank you for the tremendous support for Badges at Barton 2025
 - Food provisions were outstanding – best ever – thanks to all those who helped with that.
 - ✓ This may possibly be the largest meeting we have held to date.
 - ✓ Scott shared a poem – wrote back in January or February 2025- I hope you will all read it – Camp Barton Shall Ever Be
 - ✓ I do not see the need for the board to meet monthly at this time. I want to see the standing committee's meet.
2. **Stephen Heinz**
 - ✓ Repair / Restoration for Nature Lodge – taking things down and putting up again is a hard process – S. Heinz has experience with foundation restorations – consider this route.
 - ✓ Waterfront – encourages Program Committee to make sure things are worked out before camp begins (swimming / boating etc)
 - Must have rescue boat available to use.
 - ✓ **S. Johnson** – Kayaks are not a suitable solution for a rescue boat.
 - ✓ **S. Stolte** – NYS did not give reason for shut down. – We have over-qualified persons
 1. All this was addressed with council.
 - ✓ **P. O'Connell**- can use McGuire's dock for use of rescue boat.
 1. We should consider CBSAA taking ownership of boating apparatus w/ insurance.
 - 3. **Liam Murphy:**
 - ✓ We need to keep L. Murphy in the loop so he can keep council informed and help navigate.
 - Camp will be on council back-burner until November to start pressing concerns with council.
 - Advantage of shared space and neighborly environment from us to the public.
 - ✓ **G. O'Connell**- identify boundaries for accountability for ourselves vs. the public.
 - **S. Stolte, K. Likel, P. O'Connell:** Concerns (Shared Space – YPT. – Need to classify “Rental” – what are we renting? - Specific areas of occupation. – Exclusive use to areas and shared use of entire park ... Designation matters.
 - ✓ Need to have conversation with the State and the NYS Park Police.
 - 4. **DJ Jones:**
 - ✓ I have significant concerns that we do not have a seat at the table with the LDC or NYS and we are the most accurate representation of the camp, the program and the property- not the BPC currently.

- ✓ I propose that the CBSAA propose to enter into a working agreement – or a memorandum of operations with the BPC as soon as possible – Something that ensures a true collaborative partnership for decision making, deliberations and navigation of Camp Barton.
- ✓ The CBSAA most accurately represents Camp Barton – yet we have to take faith that the BPC will do so – this is a failure on our part if we do not pursue this.
- ✓ CBSAA needs to be the lead for 2027.

5. **Ben Brown:**

- ✓ Question about a cub event for 2026 – question – will the bouldering wall be available? – S. Stolte- we expect to have it open.
 - Reminder- it will need to be reviewed/for safety from Scouting – (Council can help coordinate)
- ✓ Barton B – suggests that we retro award the B and the 2nd yr segment.

K. (Secretary) CBSAA Operational Calendar Review

1:00min (8:13pm-8:14pm)

1. **Operations:**

- ✓ **Review** –Strategic & Business Development Plan Report & Review Presented to Executive Board

2. **By-Laws:**

- ✓ No Pending Items

L. (Secretary) Next Board Meeting Scheduling & Property Specific Events Calendar Review

1:00min (8:14pm-8:15pm)

- ✓ **Next Board Meeting:** 1 Month = **October 28 (Tuesday)** / 2 Months = **November 18 (Tuesday)** **Tuesday November 18th**

✓ **Events @ Frontenac Point:**

i. **LDC-Municipal / NY-State / Non-Scouting;**



i. **NYSDPRHP:**

- ✓ June 1 2025 – State Park Open for “Passive Recreation”

i. **Three Falls LDC:**

- ✓ None Noted- TBD

i. **Municipal/Private Organizations:**

- ✓ None Noted- TBD

ii. **Scouting America & Scouting America; Baden-Powell Council:**



- ✓ Boo at Barton – October 4



- ✓ Spring Cub Adventure Weekend – May 2-3 (2026)

- ✓ Summer Cub Adventure Weekend – August 1-2 (2026)

iii. **CBSAA:**



- ✓ July 14 (2026) – CBSAA 5th Annual Meeting

- ✓ **Motion** to Approve Calendar/ Proposed Calendar Modifications/ Revisions

1. **Skipped**

Recurring Monthly Meetings:

- ❖ **NYSDPRHP:** TBD
- ❖ **Three Falls LDC** -1st or 2nd Thursday /Month (9/930am)
- ❖ **Baden-Powell Council Executive Board** 3rd Monday / Month

CBSAA Standing Committee Meetings:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ❖ Membership: | ❖ Finance: |
| ▪ TBD | ▪ TBD |
| ❖ Reunion: | ❖ Correspondence: |
| ▪ TBD | ▪ October 13 |
| ❖ Program | ❖ Service Corps |
| ▪ TBD | ▪ TBD |
| ❖ Community Relations | ❖ Historical Society |
| ▪ TBD | ▪ TBD |

M. (President) Conclusion of Meeting / Closing Messages

1:00min (8:15pm-8:15pm)

- ✓ **Motion:** Adjournment

- K. Gross – 2nd – D. Saunders – No Obj. No Abst. – **Motion Carries.**

- ✓ Thank you all for attending!

Total Scheduled Time: **1hr: 15min**

Start Time: **7:04pm**

End Time: **8:39pm**

Actual Time: **1hr 35min**



May the great Master of all Scouts be with us til' we meet again.



SCOTT D. STOTLE
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September 16, 2025

To: All Members of the Camp Barton Staff Alumni Association, related Scouting Friends, and Families.

RE: State of The Camp Barton Staff Alumni Association

Dear All:

On October 1, 2025, I will begin the third year of my two-year term as President of the CBSAA (pun intended). As I have done for each of the past two years, I write to tell you, on behalf of the CBSAA Board, how thankful we are to have each and every one of you in our lives and as a part of this great group of dedicated Scouters and to provide a State of the Association Address.

This summer, despite numerous obstacles presented by New York State and the LDC, the 2025 Badges At Barton program was a great success. It could not have happened without the countless hours of hard work contributed by the remarkable CBSAA membership in conjunction with the Baden Powell Council. Together we were able to overcome many roadblocks placed in our way and to provide a quality program.

Early in the year, we were told that we would have no access to any of the buildings, water, shower house, bathrooms, etc. Days before the first session, we were informed that we could not use the rifle range. The day before the first session we were told we could not mow or clean the campsites to make them safe for our Scouts. The Monday following the first session we were advised that there could be no swimming (yet the powers that be seemed to have no problem with non-scouts from the community using the parade field for picnicking and swimming in non-designated, unsupervised, and unsafe areas). We know that "they" (the State, the LDC, and probably both) do not want Scouts at the property at all and have breached the contract with the Baden-Powell Council in so many ways. Despite all this, we rose to the occasion and created a tent city to house the outdoor kitchen, office building and trading post. Baden-Powell Council provided a dining hall tent, water truck, storage trailer, boats, etc., and all was well with the world. They will not succeed in shutting this program down.

I truly believe that we can double or triple the number of Scouts that participate in this program over the next two years. To do so, we need to be proactive and start preparing now. I have spoken with BPC about the need to get a save the date notice out in the next month and to begin advertising and emailing in January 2026. We need the LDC to be more responsive to the Baden Powell Council (and the CBSAA if they would ever communicate with us) and to honor its contractual obligations. I read the building report that was presented to the LDC and there is absolutely no reason that the Dining Hall, Trading Post/Handicraft Building, Shower House/Bathrooms, Health Lodge, Administration Building, Rifle Range, and some of the cabins in Family Camp should not be available to us next summer. Having stated

the above, it is my belief that we will probably have the same situation we had this summer next year. We got through it this summer and can do so again next year if need be.

It was truly great to see everyone this summer, especially the several new commers who were at Camp to help. A very special thank you to all who participated in Badges At Barton 2025 at Camp, as well as those who could not physically be in Camp, but helped with logistics and other needed services from a far. In conclusion, for the third year, I am happy to report that the State of the Camp Barton Staff Alumni Association is Great! Together we shall continue to accomplish amazing things and influence, in a positive way, countless numbers of young men and women.

Attached is a little poem that I wrote this winter in honor of all past, present, and future Camp Barton Staff Members. Camp Barton Shall Forever Be.

Our next meeting shall be at 7:00 PM ET on September 23. Please attend.

Now, may the great Master of all Scouts be with us until we meet again.

Yours in Scouting,

Scott D. Stolte

Scott D. Stolte
CBSAA President

Camp Barton Shall Forever Be

(by Scott D. Stolte In Honor of All Camp Barton Staff, Past Present and Future)

In the heart of nature, where dreams reside,
Lies Camp Barton, by the lakeside.
A haven where the sun meets the trees,
A place of memories, carried on the breeze.
Laughter echoes through the woodland glade,
Friendships bloom that shall never fade.
By the campfire's golden, glowing light,
We share stories deep into the night.
Adventure calls on trails so wild,
Where every step is freedom's child.
The whispers of the forest speak,
Of secrets hidden in every creek.
In fields of green and skies so blue,
Each day brings wonder, always new.
The spirit of Barton, fierce and free,
In every heart shall always be.
The songs we sing, the games we play,
In Camp Barton's embrace, we wish to stay.
No matter where life's journey leads,
This sanctuary fulfills our needs.
So, here is to Barton, forever bright,
A beacon of joy, in day and night.
With every sunset and morning dew,
Camp Barton, our hearts belong to you.
Camp Barton officially is no more,
A State Park sign stands at its door.
In the Chapel we take a knee,
And thank the Lord most reverently,
For Camp Barton shall forever be,
A cherished place in memory.
Through time and tide, and seasons all,
Its magic stands, enduring and tall.

CAMP BATON IS, AND SHALL, FOREVER BE!



DJ Jones <secretary@bartonstaffalumni.org>

Treasurer's Report - September BOD Meeting

David Ludewig <treasurer@bartonstaffalumni.org>

Mon, Sep 22, 2025 at
4:56 PM

To: DJ Jones <secretary@bartonstaffalumni.org>

Fellow Alums:

Here is a quick summary of financial activity since our meeting on June 10th. This report includes the bank statements from June and July and August, attached.

I. FINANCES REVIEW (Amount & Sources of Moneys Received, Amounts of Disbursements, Amount of Cash on Hand, Receivables Amount, Copy of Bank Statement):

Current cash on hand from all sources is \$5,785.48. This represents a total of \$5,785.48. (Manufacturers Bank cash balance) + \$0.00 (Checks not yet deposited) + \$0.00 (PayPal account balance) + \$0.00 (Eventbrite account balance).

Current recorded net income (donations and sales) received since June 10th from all sources is \$5,061.82.

Disbursements from the bank account since June 10th total \$1,468.67.

Pending Disbursements. None.

Receivables amount is \$0.00.

II. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Activities Update):

The New Fiscal Year began August 1, 2025.

Badges At Barton – Reimbursement of certain expenses (less than \$1,000) has been promised to the Baden-Powell Council. This will be paid upon completion of P&L from this summer's program at Camp Barton. We also need to list how much merchandise is on hand, as well as where it is being stored.

End of Year Accounting & Tax Return Filing – Preparation of end of year accounting documents is nearing completion and 990 PF Tax Return for the 2024-25 Tax Year should be ready to file in October.

Ongoing Monthly Expenses – Now that the CBSAA has been operating as a regular concern for several years, expenses are settling into somewhat of a rhythm, and has quietly grown to about \$400 per month. Expenses include the newly contracted storage unit at \$177 per month + software and webhosting charges, as well as budgeted expenses to cover the organization's historical archives (subscription to use Ancestry.com & random eBay expenditures).

Fundraising – Dues and a few other small donations continue to come in via PayPal or to the Post Office Box most months throughout the year, covering our basic expenses. A certain generous donor stepped up and paid six months of our storage unit rental, which allowed us to take that on. We encourage donations such as these in addition to whatever anyone can contribute to help support the organization and its activities. As we become clear on what our needs will be for the current year, the Financial Committee will meet to activate an appropriate campaign to raise whatever funds are determined to be necessary.

Nothing else to report. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly with any financial issues you want to bring to my attention.

Respectfully submitted,

David Ludewig

David Ludewig / Treasurer

THE CAMP BARTON STAFF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Past President Report:

September 23, 2025 - CBSAA Executive Board Meeting

Pete O'Connell

Zoom Meeting with Council re. Badges at Barrton:

We asked for a Zoom Meeting to recap the 2025 Badges at Barton program and begin planning for 2026 and beyond.

The meeting was held at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 17. In attendance were the following:

Matthew Bull - Council Executive, BPC

John Babbage - Council Program Director, BPC

Scott Stolte - President, CBSAA

George O'Connell - Outgoing Program Chair, CBSAA & Camp Director B@B

Mark Fish - Incoming Program Chair, CBSAA

Kevin Gross - Vice-President, Membership, CBSAA

Pete O'Connell – Past President, CBSAA & Business Manager B@B

We asked for the following agenda and there a few additional topics covered. These are the notes on each item:

-What went well

Food and Feeding. Lots of good comments. “Seconds!” “Best food we ever had at a Scout Camp!” Pete commented that cooking out of the tents was way easier than the kitchen.

Discussions were had regarding the refrigeration and the help from Americana Winery. Discussed the need for at least access to the property's refrigeration, even if the kitchen is still not useable. Matthew noted this. Discussed building a trailer mounted refrigeration unit if that can't happen.

Food and commissary supplies this year totaled \$5074.85, which is \$17.32 per person fed, but includes items not normally on the food budget, including charcoal and propane fuel used for cooking. Last year this number was \$13.75, but we had many more paid participants last year. This year's numbers were 205 paid plus 88 staff and volunteers.

The large tents, both the council supplied ones for dining and the blue ones Scoot obtained through a donation to the CBSAA. In all the CBSAA and their members spent approximately \$1500 for tents and cooking equipment.

The PROGRAM went very well, with a lot of last-minute recruiting of merit badge counselors and critical staff.

Also mentioned in comments were the campfire program, meal programming and retreat.

Overall, the Council was very pleased with the program and the job that CBSAA did with their volunteers. We thanked the Council for their support in working with the State and the LDC to resolve some issues quickly (lack of latrines for WE3, for instance)

-What didn't

There were numerous issues with this season's operation. Discussions were had and noted by Matthew for the following:

- Lack of swimming. Matthew plans to make a presentation to the state to show how robust and safe our program is with the goal of restoring swimming next summer.

- Air Rifles. This may be something that will need to be terminated due to state park rules. Matthew will confirm

- Campsites. These are needed for the program. We were chastised for mowing them and this will not be allowed. Matthew will address with the state.

- Porta Potties – 4 were too few for the first few weekends with participants around 75. All were full to the brim when they were serviced.

- Water truck or water access. Ideally, Trumansburg water will be back on next year and the shower house operational. If not, a water faucet stand will be needed for sanitary purposes. The hose with a plastic shutoff will not cut it.

- Set up time on Fridays. If we cannot keep items up during the week (4 days) or we can't rent the facilities for 2 weeks and one weekend, the reservation needs to start at 7 AM on Friday and the gate needs to be unlocked for access for water, food, tent, and latrine set up early Friday, as well as weekend set up by staff.

- Staff housing is needed. The building assessment from the state indicated the Family Camp Cabins are serviceable (but not the kitchens or the shower house), so Matthew is to discuss including them in the rental. Otherwise, we need to find a solution for out-of-town staff.

- Everyone recognizes that promotion was late. In order to grow on the success of this year, promotion has to start sooner. The Council agrees. With the fee set and the dates confirmed the Council and the CBSAA will send out e-mail blast for a save the date promotion. -

-Confirm dates

- Dates for next year are confirmed as August 14-16, August 21-23, August 28-30. The last date is the weekend prior to Labor Day. This is always our biggest attendance weekend. We don't have a lot of returning Scouts and leaders, so maybe it is just popular as a last chance for summer camping experience.

-Equipment storage solutions between weekends.

- Per the item above, if we can't keep tents up and rent for a contiguous period, some more localized arrangement needs to be made for equipment storage. The Handicraft building and the boat building were mentioned. Matthew is to investigate as possible 4-day rentals for 2, in-between weeks.

- Also mentioned were the archery shed, a place for the kitchen equipment and the BBQ pit.

- Council's plans to move forward with LDC and use issues

- Some general discussions were held on this topic. Matthew's conclusion is that the LDC does not yet have the power to make these decisions regarding program areas, and he will discuss directly with the State.

- As far as Fees and rentals, Matthew is just going to deduct the direct costs due to the lack of building use. This will result in approximately half the normal fee.

- Any feedback received.

-In general, all very positive, both from Staff, Council Scouts, Leaders and CBSAA volunteers.

- How budget worked

- budget was about \$600 in the black, and fees will remain the same, with the emphasis on increasing the number of participants. The only paid staff position was some weekend's health officer.

-Earlier promotion

- Immediately, or anytime, save the date email blast from the Council and from CBSAA. Social media posts.

-January a package with Tuscarora promotion and Barton.

-Barton B Stickers to give away at events

-Registration to open with Tusky when CBSAA provides the core and a-la-cart Merit Badge list.

-Leader's guide, same

- A direct mailing

-CBSAA to have say in how Black Pug merit badge offerings will be defined and updated. There was discussion regarding some MBs with Mattew agreeing that some first year Scout MBs needed

Earlier recruitment and commitment of CBSAA staff

- Staffing

- As noted above, only one paid staff position

-Excellent group of volunteers, many for all 3 weekends

All reported having a great time

- Volunteers needed

-Noted that recruitment needed as soon as possible to define program.

-Key positions need to be secured

-2026 and Beyond

-Matthew spoke of possibly adding a 4th weekend in 2027 and possibly a Tuscarora to Barton program.

-We need to discuss the 100th Anniversary and ideas for the 2027 season at Barton.

-Matthew discussed 3 or mor consecutive weekends at barton in 2027, before Badges and a crossover weekend for Cubs coming into Scouts



Secretary, Correspondence Chairman, & Historians Report

September 23, 2025 – CBSAA Executive Board Meeting

DJ Jones

Name

Old Business:

Secretary:

➤ Standard Reminders / Housekeeping

✓ Board Members are asked to:

- Please use association provided emails for association/Camp Barton related correspondence
- Please use the association Google Drive to share documents & files.
- Reports / Reporting Board Members:
 - The following board members are expected to submit reports in advance of each meeting with enough time for review by the board.
 - An Editable PDF & Word Reporting Template is provided by the secretary before each meeting.
 - **Chairman of the Board** – Monthly “Chairmans Minute”
 - **President** – Old & New Business
 - **Immediate Past President** – Old & New Business
 - **Vice President of Administration** – Old & New Business
 - **Vice President of Membership** (Membership Committee) – Old & New Business
 - **Vice President of Strategic Planning** – Old & New Business
 - **Vice President of Business Development** -Old & New Business
 - **Treasurer / Finance Chairman** -Monthly Financial Report & Old & New Committee Business
 - **Secretary / Historian / Correspondence Chairman** - Agenda, Minutes, “Historians Minute”, Old & New Committee Business
 - **Community Relations Chairman** – Old & New Committee Business & reports for the 3 Liaisons (NYS/TF-LDC/BPC-SA)
 - ✓ **Liaisons-** Old/New Business reports submitted to Community Relations Chairman prior to meeting.
 - **Program Chairman** (Program Committee) – Old & New Committee Business
 - **Service Chairman** (CBSAA Service Corps) – Old & New Corps Business
 - Non-Reporting Board Members:
 - **Members At Large:** Members at Large may request to present a topic during the Good of the Order Section at any time.

✓ Ongoing Clerical Work:

- Membership Letters
- Google Drive Updates
- Google Calendar Updates
- Ongoing Meeting & CBSAA Promotion

Correspondence Chairman:

Last Committee Meeting: May 15, 2024

➤ Communications

✓ Social Media Updates:

- CBSAA Facebook Page (Admin) = 107 Followers +6 since last meeting
- CBSAA Facebook Group (Admin) = 395 Members +1 since last meeting
- Camp Barton Facebook Page (Shared Admin) = 920 Followers +25 since last meeting
- Camp Barton Facebook Group (Admin) = 626 Members +28 since last meeting
- Family & Friends of Camp Barton Group (Admin) = 176 Members +11 since last meeting
- CBSAA Instagram (Admin) = 151 Followers +5 since last meeting

✓ Email Contacts: 371 contacts for individuals eligible for association membership that are not registered.

✓ Website: www.bartonstaffalumni.org

- Continued Meetings w/ web developer (Typically 2nd Monday/Month)- Most recent meeting 8.12.25

✓ The Frontenac Point of View -CBSAA Newsletter:

- Requesting Feedback from the board on newsletter in preparations for Fall 2025 edition.

➤ Request review of association acknowledgment letters to donors – process ie: who, what, etc...

Historians Report/Minute:

✓ “Uncle Louis” – A look at the life of Louis Aggasiz Fuertes.

➤ Historical Preservation & Storage (Updates)

✓ Fuertes Arch

- Have not received follow-up/return correspondence from the Friends of Stewart Park
- Arch is being stored by CBSAA member.

✓ Moose

- American Legion Post 770 (Trumansburg) -Contact is Lee Stepp
- Suggest we partner with them to raise funds for restoration & signage
- Lodge is interested on whether CBSAA will provide the moose on loan for display.
 - Will follow up on future conversations when available

✓ Totem Pole

- Moved from King Cabin to same location as Fuertes Arch
- Thanks to R. Eckert & crew.

✓ Storage Facilities / Historical Memorabilia

- Climate Controlled Storage Unit (Trumansburg Rd. Ithaca) – Since August 25
- 1st 7 months of rent covered by donations (P. O’Connell & E. Bloom)
- Currently Marc S. & George O. have keys – 1 Key Remaining – To Be Designated.

New Business:

Secretary:

Ideas for consideration:

- **Membership/Finance Incentives (Patch, Neckerchief, Slide)**
 - ✓ New Members who register and do not submit suggested dues – received 1 **CBSAA Patch (Current)**
 - ✓ New Members who register and submit suggested dues – receive 1 CBSAA Patch & 1 Red CBSAA Neckerchief w/slide **(New)**
 - ✓ Board Members receive 1 Blue CBSAA Neckerchief w/ slide **(New)**
 - Additional Terms of Service – Different Color Neckerchief (color indicates distinguished service etc..) **(New)**
 - ✓ Registered members who donated \$100.00 or more in 2022 or 2023 received a **CBSAA Founders ____** (Pin/Plaque etc... To be designed)
 - ✓ Registered members who donate \$50.00 or more (1st time only & different from suggested dues) receive CBSAA Challenge Coin **(Current)**

Correspondence Chairman:

- Next Website Development Meeting September 29
- Website Log in w/ CBSAA Member ID #
 - ✓ Registered members will have access to the full website once logged in
 - ✓ Guests will have access to some features (Calendar, CBSAA Info, Donations, Membership Registration etc..)

Historian

- Application/Filing for Historical Designation.
- We have been asked by the Baden-Powell Council Recognition Committee to submit nominations for:
 - ✓ NESA – National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA)
 - ✓ Scouting America Alumni Award
- CBSAA to take lead & responsibility in the coordination of all things related to Camp Barton's 100th Anniversary @ Frontenac Point.
 - ✓ Rental of Property for Reunion / Events / Activities / Catering
 - ✓ Commemorative Actions (Dedications, Ceremonies, Merchandise/Memorabilia)
 - ✓ Community Relations / Media
 - ✓ Noted that we would want to collaborate with non-members / supporters who wish to be involved.

“Uncle Louis”

Louis Agassiz Fuertes

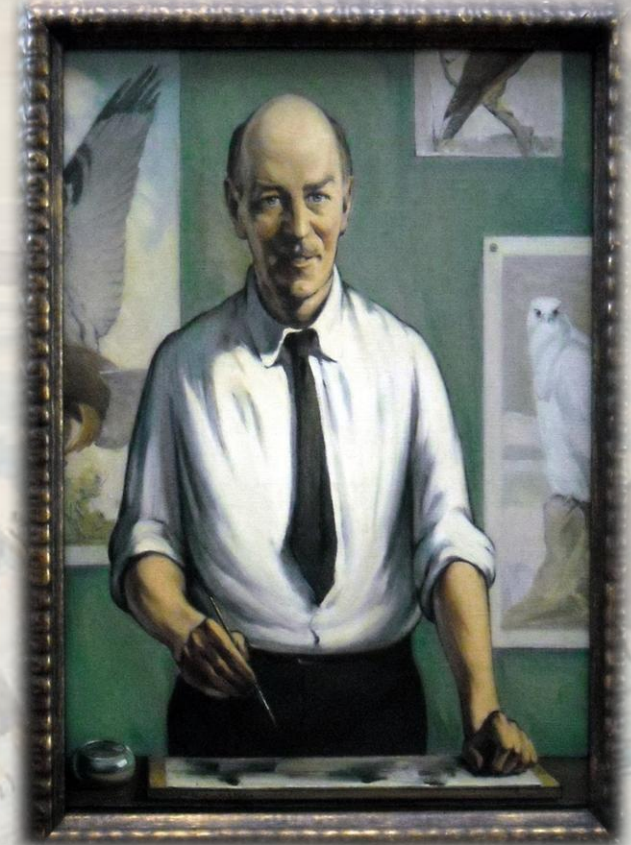
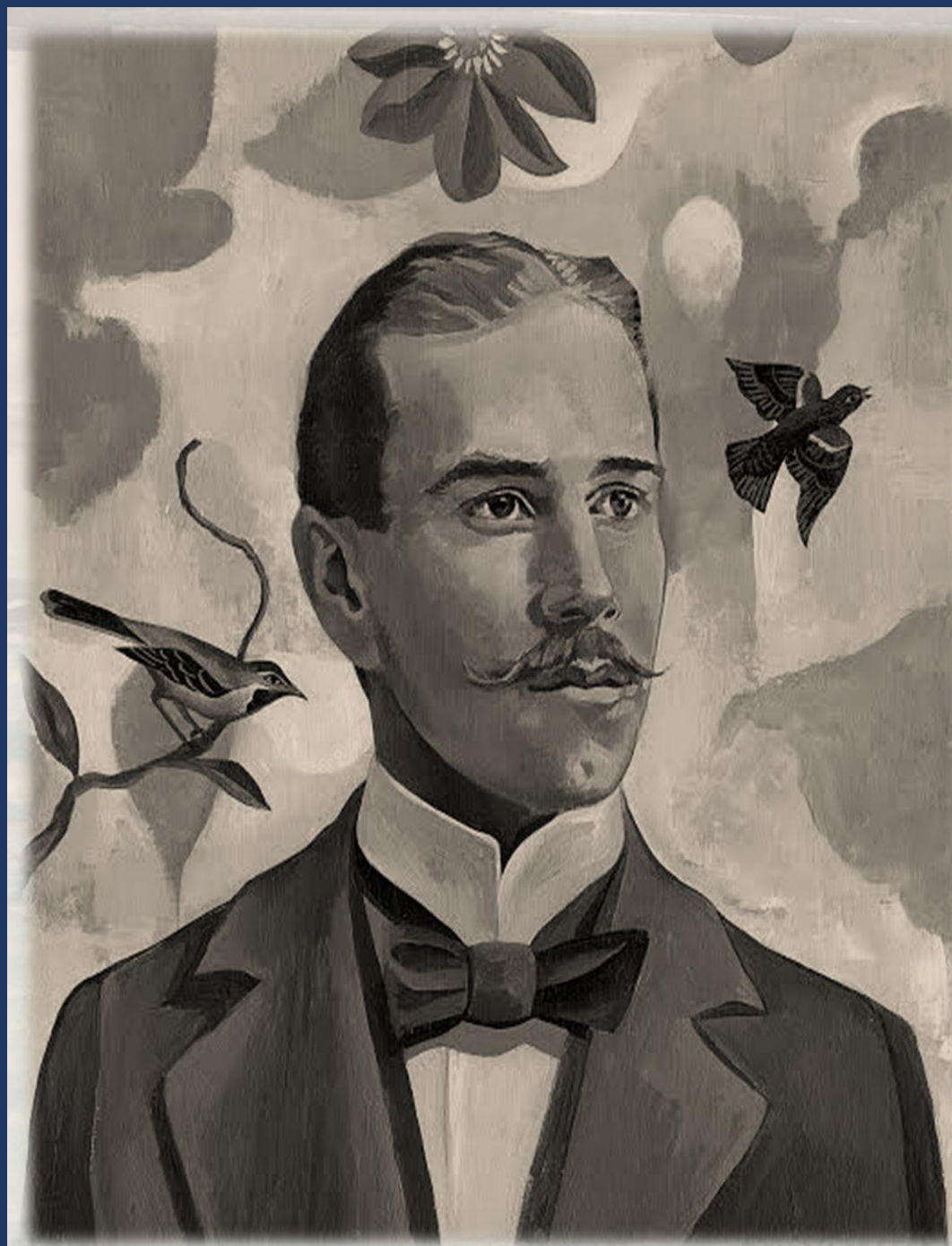
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Camp Barton Staff
1922-1927

A World Renown

Naturalist, Artist, & Storyteller.....



Beginnings; Born in Ithaca, New York

Father- Estevan Fuertes – Astronomer & Civil Engineer

Founding Professor of the School of Engineering at Cornell University
Served as Dean for many years

Mother- Mary Stone Perry Fuertes

- LAF was named after Swiss-born American naturalist: Jean Louis Rodolphe Agassiz.
- Became interested in birds at a young age. He would often kill them w/ a slingshot and meticulously examine them.
- In 1890, at the age of 16 he submitted a bird specimen to the Smithsonian Institute – he received high praises for this and in 1891, at the age of 17, became the youngest person ever awarded Associate Membership to the American Ornithologists Union.



Foundations; Travel & the pursuit of education

Europe- Traveled abroad with his family in 1891. Some of his earliest and most valuable sketches were made during this trip while in Paris at the Jardin des Plantis.

LAF elected to remain in Europe and enrolled in the Institute of Keller, a school in Zurich, for one year.

Cornell- LAF enrolled at Cornell University in 1893 and elected to study architecture.

LAF's older brother James shared in a memoir that LAF was so bored and disinterested in his studies that during one class he actually leapt out of the classroom window into a tree to get a closer look at a bird he had never seen before.



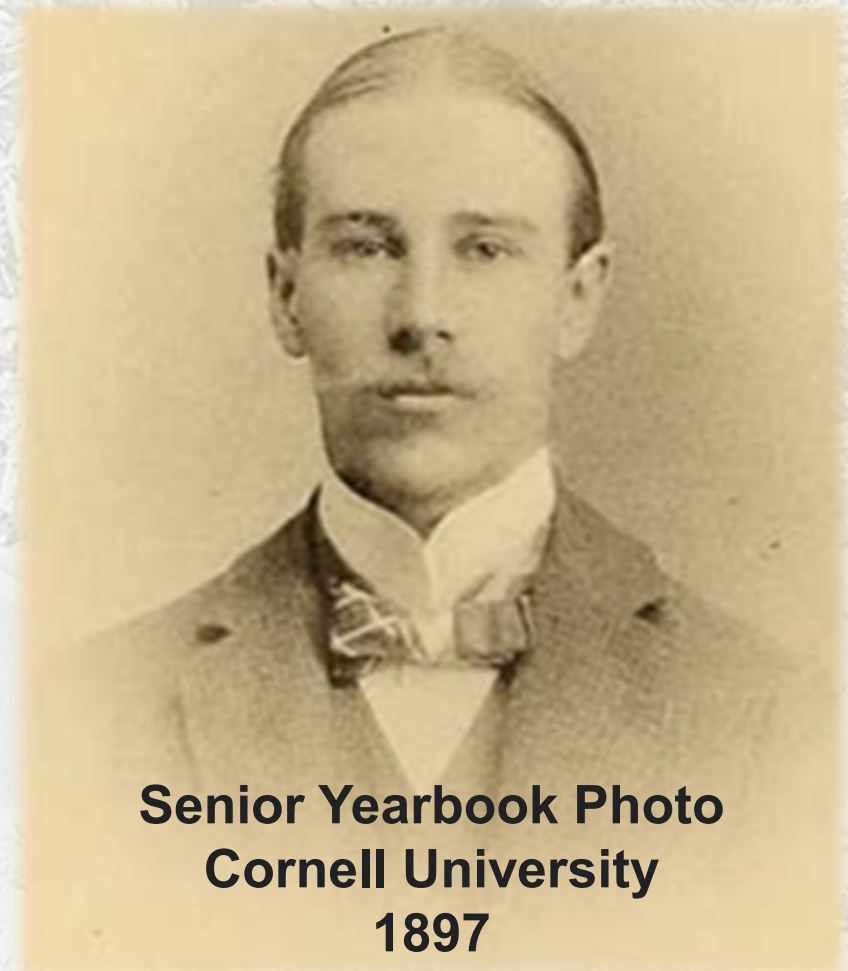
An Ornithologist, An Illustrator, & An Artist...

The Turning Point- LAF also had a strong passion for singing.

It was his involvement with Cornell's Glee Club that led him to meet Elliot Coues. Coues recognized LAF's talents and in 1895 exhibited 50 of his paintings / sketches at the Congress of the American Ornithologists Union. He received his first commission while an undergraduate.

In 1896 LAF was invited to attend the Ornithological Congress at Cambridge

In 1897 – LAF Graduates from Cornell University, becomes an apprentice with Abbott H. Thayer, and begins a series of expeditions throughout North America.



Senior Yearbook Photo
Cornell University
1897

Additional Professional Acclamations...

American Museum of Natural History - LAF served as a collaborator with museum curator Frank Chapman creating many of the early/original murals, book illustrations,

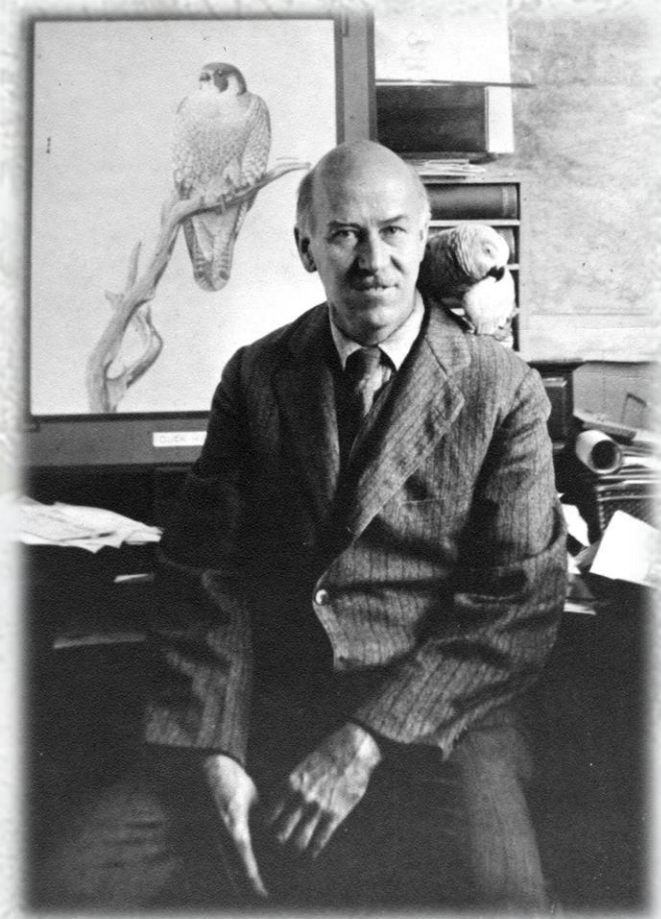
LAF discovered a species of oriole in Mexico, Chapman named it *Icterus Fuertesi*, common name "Fuertes's Oriole"

In 1922, LAF began regularly lecturing at Cornell about ornithology.



Fuertes & Scouting...

The Cornell Connection-



Through fall of 1921, and early 1922, Samuel D. Bogan was heavily recruiting professors from Cornell university to lead early establishments of Scout Troops and as well, form the core of the instructional staff that would operate the new Boy Scout Camp – Camp Barton. LAF would serve on Staff at Camp Barton from 1922-1927 as a Naturalist and storyteller. He led bird watching hikes, and talked of his expeditions.

The Scouts nicknamed him “Uncle Louis”

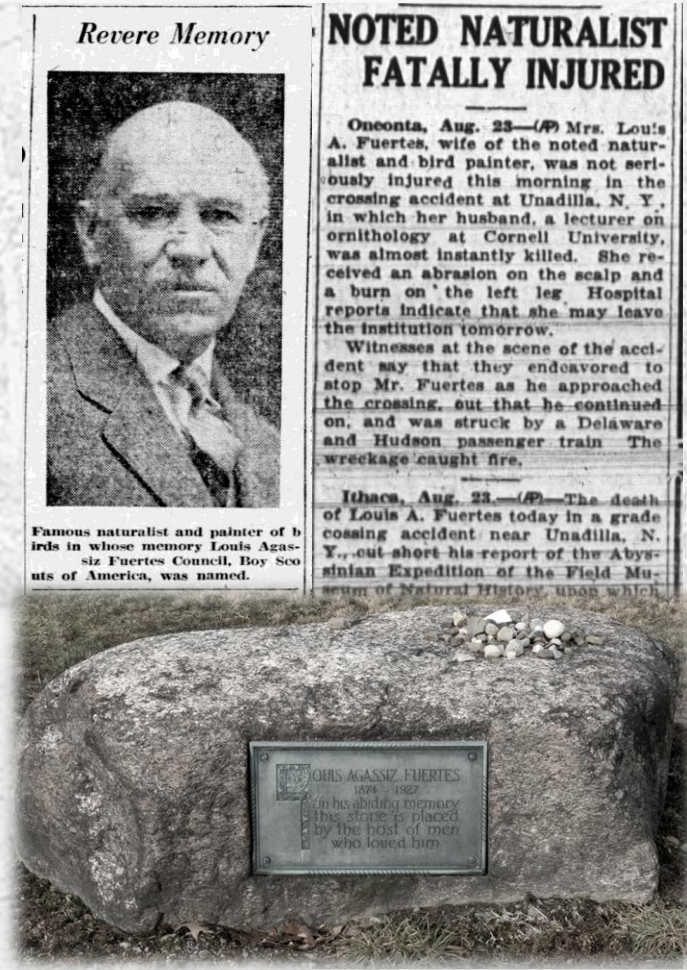


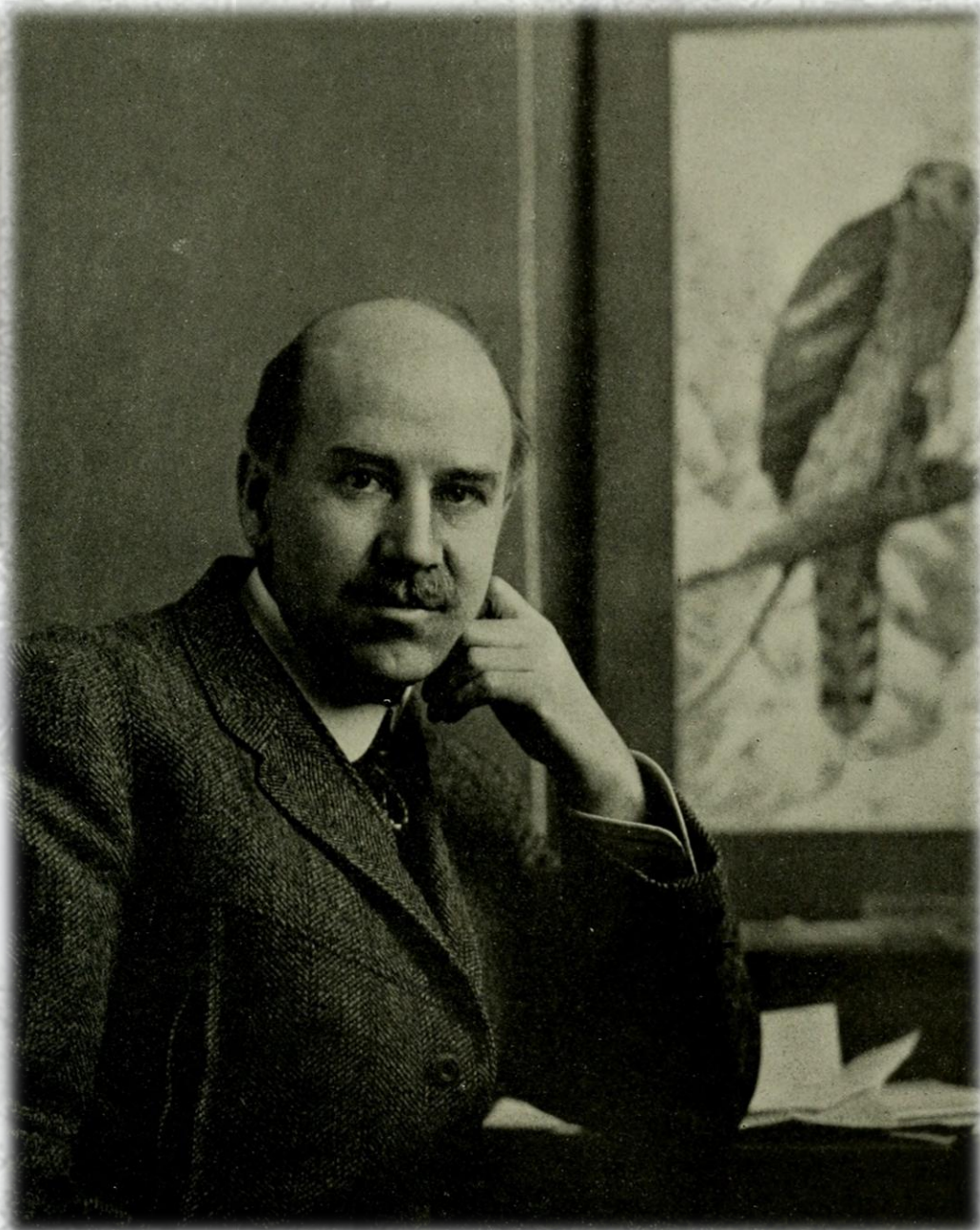
Passing On & The Legacy Left

August 22, 1927 Fuertes and his wife Margaret Sumner had returned from a brief expedition to Ethiopia and had gone to visit Chapman in Tannersville, NY – on their drive back to Ithaca, near Unadilla, NY Fuertes's vehicle was hit by a train at a crossing. Reports indicate that a stacked load of hay had blind spotted the crossing. Fuertes was killed at just 53 years of age, his wife, though badly injured survived.

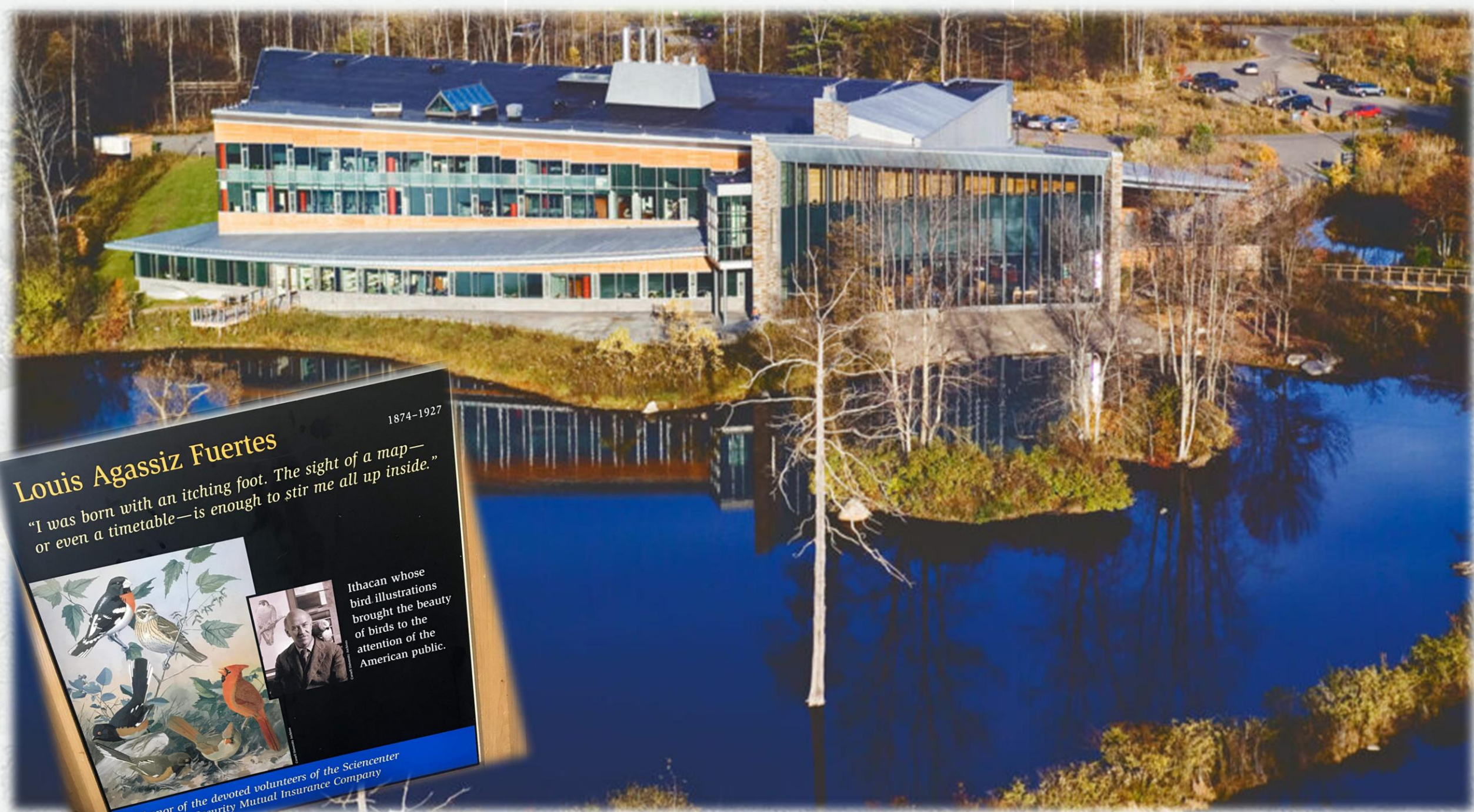


Honorary Scout - Following his death, the Ithaca Council received approval to award LAF posthumous membership, which at that time was one of the first recognitions of its kind provided by the BSA nationally. Fuertes' impact would lead to numerous uses of his name in recognition, both professionally and with local Scouting.







LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES.



1874-1927

Louis Agassiz Fuertes

"I was born with an itching foot. The sight of a map—
or even a timetable—is enough to stir me all up inside."



Ithacan whose
bird illustrations
brought the beauty
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attention of the
American public.

In honor of the devoted volunteers of the Sciencenter
—Given by Security Mutual Insurance Company



Estevan A. Fuertes

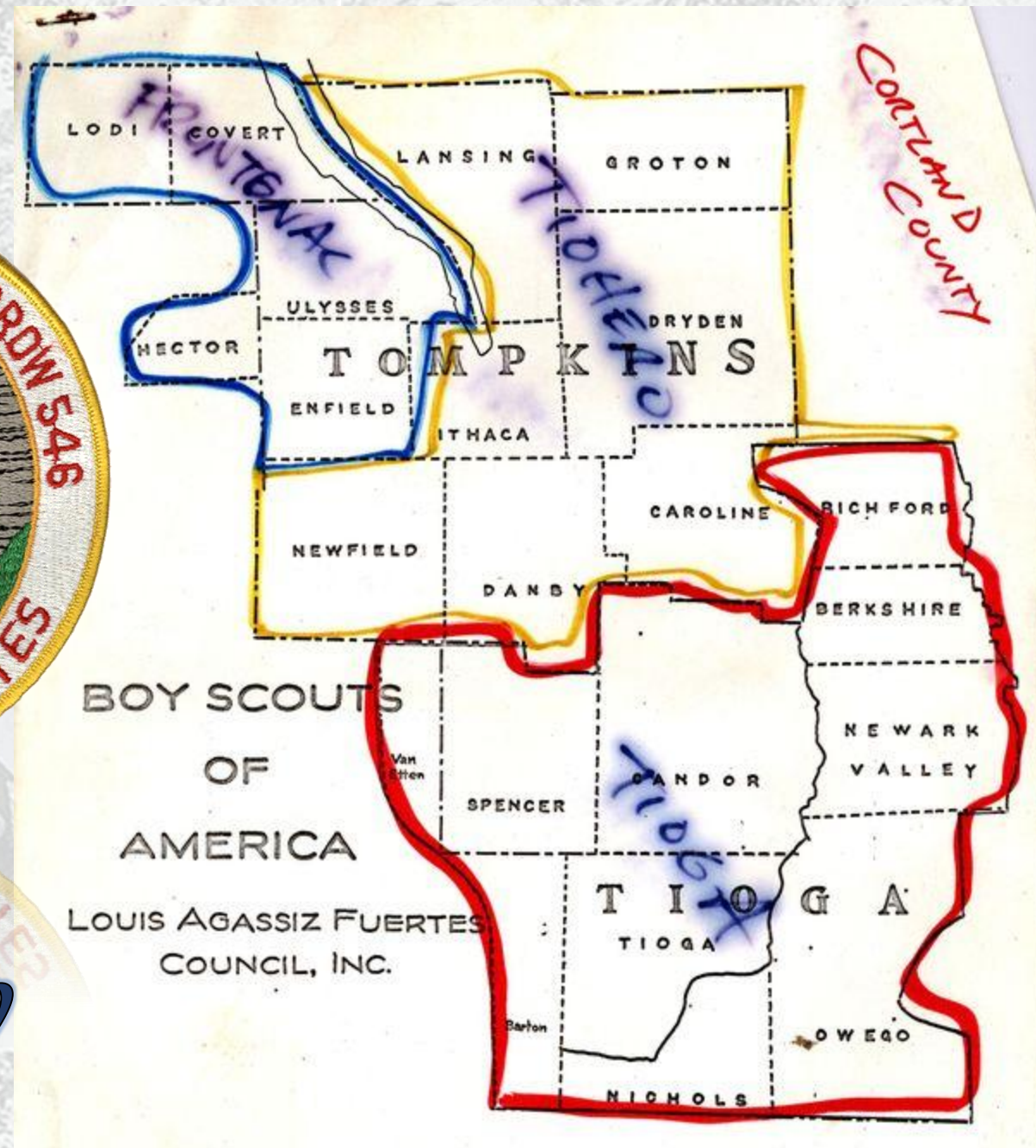




1927-1975



Districts & Order of the Arrow



Council Gets Name

The Baden-Powell Council of the Boy Scouts of America recently voted to the local council the new name.

At the regular executive board meeting, the new name "Baden-Powell" was approved. The council has 25 members.

Cortland - Ithaca Boy Scouts Consolidate

To Be Headquartered in Dryden

By J. Frederick Schulte

The Boy Scout council of Cortland and Ithaca has voted to consolidate. A joint meeting of the newly-consolidated council was then convened by Carleton Thompson, the Executive Board of the Region. There the principles of incorporation for the new council, for the present as Council, were

Scout Councils Vote to Merge

There are a few more scouts and a lot more camping territory to be enjoyed now that two local scout councils have approved a consolidation.

The Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council of Ithaca and the Tioughnioga Council of Cortland have agreed to combine resources to improve the quality of their programs and save money as well.

Commenting on the consolidation, local council executive Glenn Pannell said the Cortland membership is about a quarter of the size of the Ithaca council, while the Cortland group has wilderness camp-ground at Camp Purchas on-the-Cortland-Madison outside Lincklaen which has not previously been available to the local council.

Jack Hill of Ithaca will be the new council's first president and Tomas Milligan of Cortland will be its first vice president.

The council will continue to operate from its two service centers in Cortland and Ithaca until April 1, when they will be consolidated and moved to new facilities in Dryden.

Pannell reports that the scouts are holding a contest to name the new council.



Boy Scout Merger: Efficiency

Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1975

AUG. 27 1975

DRYDEN — By ARTHUR CLARK

The Baden-Powell Boy Scout Council, Inc., has moved into new offices on the campus of the Cortland Community College.

Glenn Pannell said the new office is a much better place to serve the public than the old office behind the United Way building on a street.

Pannell said the most difficult thing about this place is finding the TC3 driveway and then improving the old farm buildings.

He said, "As a United Fund Agency, it is important to get as much out of our money as we can. If we can see a way to get better results, then we have to vote on it."

been reduced by one with no decrease in efficiency, he added.

Because of the merger, the new council was able to present lowered United Fund budgets to both counties this year.

1975



*“Nature Brings Us Back
to Absolute Truth
Whenever We Wander.”*

-Louis Agassiz Fuertes