



the LANTERN'S LIGHT

by the Many Point Alumni Association

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The winter months are upon us, but that isn't slowing down Many Point or our organization! This year has been full of excitement, and there is much more in the near future to get people together.

First, I'd like to reiterate some comments written later, and give a thanks to Sean Wachsmuth for fueling the MPSAA Facebook Group this past summer. Photos upon photos that created this chain reaction of interest. Nothing short of amazing, and something that we, as an organization should continue to look forward to.

In coming weeks, we have a Holiday Party at the

Park Tavern in St. Louis Park, and we have also secured a location for the Spring Fling. There has been a lot of interest in having a Saturday event, so we listened, and will give it a go this coming Spring. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April, 27th for our Spring Fling to be held at Turtles in Shakopee, MN. There will be plenty of parking, a "wall of photos" and much more.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our organization. All of us make Many Point what it is.

- Mike Kuklok, President

WHEN MANY POINT RAN ON ICE

In a letter dated January 2, 1947, Wint Hartman, the Director of Camping for the Minneapolis Area Council later renamed the Viking Council, directed the Camp Ranger, Boots Hanson to "Enlarge the ice house and arrange to have 800 (14"x18"x24") blocks of ice harvested for the 1947 camp season."

Thus began an annual harvest of lake ice that would last until the late 1960s. It was only with the arrival of electric service in all the camping areas that this annual activity finally came to an end. In the early days the camp established and stocked ice houses in the main area, at the Gaylord Lodge, and



Upcoming Events

Saturday April 27, 2019
Spring Fling
Turtles, Shakopee, MN

Weekend—May 15-19, 2019
Alumni Work Party

Weekend— May 31-June 2, 2019
Work Party

Weekend August 23-25th, 2019
MPSAA Campout @ Ten Chiefs

Check out our Events
on mpalumni.org.

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Premium Gift



MPSAA Coin

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Farewell to the Marcus Family

This past summer was Ranger Paul’s last summer, and despite our best efforts to convince her otherwise, Elayn went with him. We were very fortunate to have Paul and Elayn at Many Point since February of 2009. In the ten summers they were at Many Point, they touched thousands of lives. What Many Point will miss most is having two people that are positive role models. They are great examples of how to be a great friend, work hard, do things right, and create meaning in the work you do. They have moved (back) to Michigan to serve in a similar role in a Ministry based Camp.

To recognize everything Paul and Elayn did in their 10 years of service, they were recognized with a hammer with inscribed with a reading from Corinthians, a light up model climbing tower (Paul’s first big project), and the staff surprised them by wearing a “Thanks Paul and Elayn” t-shirt to closing banquet that listed all of Paul’s accomplishments.

Evan Yingst
Many Point Camping Director



Paul and Elayn– We wish you best on your next adventure!



Pizza provided by the MPSAA. Full menu, drinks, and entertainment available for purchase.



PHOTO CALL

Over the past few months we have been collecting staff photos on the MP Alumni FACEBOOK page. If you have nay to share please log on and add them . Our board has created an album for EVERY year. Simply upload to the proper year (or the closest year). This has been a wonderful way to reconnect with old staff and share stories from years past!



IN-THE-SEARCH: MANY POINT HISTORY CENTER IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Original Staff Lanterns fTags
2. Staff neckerchief slides made or worn at Many Point.
3. Many Point Staff neckerchiefs.
4. Many Point memorabilia (Key fobs, pen, coins, medallions, coffee mugs)
5. Many Point "pre - Loon" patches. (We have the big patches)
6. 1930s-1940s Fishing plugs/lures
7. Kitchen items used in 1930s cabins (pots/pans, ice tongs, ice picks, lanterns,
8. Pictures of early water craft (canvas canoes, Wooden rowing boats,
9. Lost logging artifacts (boom chains, cant hooks, railroad spikes
10. Early Scout manuals, Scout books, signed books given to Many Point in 1947-1948, etc.)

If you would like to donate any of these items please Contact Doug Palmer at 952-831-5006.

2018 Summer Camp Recap

The 2018 summer was a remarkable summer. There are a lot of benchmarks and numbers that we can look towards as we measure success. But, at risk of sounding cliché and like a broken record, the 2018 Many Point staff believed in our mission. At each banquet, our entire staff proudly recite together our purpose of developing character, citizenship, fitness and family through fun. There are countless examples of our staff encouraging, teaching, challenging, supporting, mentoring, modeling, and growing the 6000 people that came this year. Scouting methods and Goals of our Outdoor Program are alive and well.

We also knew we were successful in 2018 through unit reservations. As we gathered for our closing banquet, we had 220 units signed up for camp in 2019, a whopping 7 more than the summer before. To the staff of 2018, that meant we



impressed our guests and provided what Scouts are looking for, so well our guests didn't want to go anywhere else. Another number to note – 14 more out of council units attended Many Point than in 2017 – which says to us that our traveling Troops are telling their neighboring units good things about Many Point. Our staff continue to be impressive young adults!

But so much more happened in 2018 that made Many Point special. MPSAA Board member and CIT Director Sean Wachsmuth was our “Alumni Social Media Specialist” who made the effort to share Many Point's daily happenings with our Alumni. On top of that, Sean also spearheaded an effort to improve the CIT

Base Camp, led the building weekends, and created a home for the CIT's that represented the excellence that is ingrained in our culture. If you see Sean at the Fling this year – give him a pat on the back for everything he's done to make MP better.

Another special moment this year was when our Camp Leadership Team worked together to develop our “Guiding Principles.” A lot of thought and work product was put into trying to articulate what was most important to our camp culture. We landed on Safety, Mission, Guest Service, Excellence, Ownership, and Integrity. These Guiding Principles will help us teach new staff how to carry on our amazing MP culture that was started by Wint and Boots 73 years ago.

The summer ended on a high note. We had many special tenures to celebrate. Dave Casella, 20 years, was recognized with a family photo in front of Buckskin's leaning tree, and in the frame was our health lodge logo and a sailboat. Matt “Rock” Menke, Mike McCollor, and Joel Young were surprise guests and Matt shared words on behalf of Dave's first camp career, Neil Dolan (Campwide PD) shared some personal appreciations as well as sharing some notes from Dr. Tashjian and our other Camp Doctors.

Kevin Mies, 25 years, was recognized with a Legacy Loon. Twenty-five is also known as the “Legacy Year,” in recognition of one's legacy created over 25 years at Many Point. To recognize Kevin's 25 summers and wide variety of camp jobs, a list of all the jobs that Kevin has done at Many Point was read out loud, and staff who were in that job this summer stood up. To no surprise, almost the entire room was standing. Kevin was recognized with a hand carved loon with a plaque recognizing his tenure.

Arlene “Granny” Arvola, 30 years, was recognized in many ways. It's tough to put to words how much Granny has meant to Many Point over 30 years. The

reputation that she has earned through endless work ethic, effort, talent, leadership, and selflessness has created for Many Point a reputation throughout



Scouting of a camp with excellent food. To try and articulate this, and fully recognize her, the food service staff from 2018 and prior presented an acronym of GRANNY BREAD, each letter defining a characteristic that helped to define everything Granny means to Many Point. Joe Glaccum presented Granny with a clock, and Many Point recognized Granny with a custom sheet pan and rolling pin recognizing her tenure.

All in all, the summer of 2018 was a fantastic one. Our Many Point Programs and Properties committees are working hard to ensure our camp continues to be the best place possible to fulfill our mission. Thank you for your continued support of Many Point through the Many Point Staff Alumni Association. Camp continues to grow through your generosity.

Evan Yingst
Many Point Camping Director



MANY POINT ICE CONTINUED

Family Camp. In 1947 Wint directed Boots to store 600 ice blocks (125 pounds each) at the Main Area Ice House and 400 blocks at Family Camp.

As lake ice harvesting came to Many Point in 1947, most homes in the United States had converted to electric refrigerators. As a child I remember an ice truck still delivered ice to my neighborhood. Ice customers would place a card in their window to request how many pounds of ice were needed. Ice as a refrigerant, traces its beginnings to ancient times, but by the late 1800s the ice industry in the United States was in the top 10 of American Industries. Some historians claim that the total ice industry of harvesting, building ice boxes, storage, transportation and delivery employed one in five workers. In a personal aside, my great grandfather built "ice boxes" in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The city of Detroit Lakes played a major part in the ice industry. Because of its location as mid-point between the West Coast and Eastern markets trains of the Northern Pacific railroad would ice their box cars at this point. As late as the 1960s there was a huge ice storage building on the shore of Big Detroit Lake. Once the largest producer of ice for the Northern Pacific Railroad, the Fargo-Detroit Ice Harvesting Company stood where the Holiday Inn stands today.

Harvesting lake ice at Many Point was a difficult and labor-intensive job. It had to be done when the ice was over a foot thick. The air temperature had to be just below freezing: If it was too cold the blocks would refreeze; if too warm it

was difficult to handle the blocks. After the large blocks were cut, they were removed from the water with an inclined ramp and placed in trucks and hauled to a storage shed. In the shed the blocks were covered with clean sawdust. The sawdust was an insulator- and would keep the ice from melting. Ice would keep all summer. Each day enough ice would be uncovered for that day.

With the arrival of electric power to all camps in the late 1960s the "ice era" came to a close. Ice boxes were removed from campsites and the daily truck ice run came to an end. Electric power allowed for camp trading posts and commissary services. The Many Point History Center has a display on Ice Harvesting.



By Doug Palmer

References:

Knowlton's Ice Museum of North America, 317 Grand River Ave., Port Huron MI 48060 (Website)

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STORIES FROM THE MANY POINT HISTORY CENTER

As the updating of the back wall of the History Center has progressed the committee has tried to present a comprehensive history of Many Point. As we studied the founders of the camp one name was consistently absent. That man was W. Glen Wallace. Glen was the original architect who designed many of the original camp buildings.

For me, Glen brought back personal memories. Glen was my first Scoutmaster in Troop 107. The troop was sponsored by the Prospect Park Methodist church in Southeast Minneapolis. Glen took us to Many Point in 1951 and 1953. We camped in Ten Chiefs-Sequoyah campsite where the camp ended. I remember Glen as a strong leader who made Scouting fun and exciting. He was also instrumental in encouraging me to achieve the Eagle rank.

The biography below along with his picture will join the "Wall of Founders" in the History Center.

- Douglas Palmer (1954-1964) Many Point Staff Alumni Historian

W. Glen Wallace was Many Point's first architect. His plans for the first buildings at Many Point gave the camp a rustic atmosphere. During a time of post-war building materials and labor shortages, he used both native and manufactured materials in creative ways in his building plans.

A personal friend of Many Point's first camp director Wint

Hartman, Glen was a registered architect with an impressive scouting background. Eagle Scout, Scoutmaster, Skipper of the Sea Scout Ship Pegasus, and recipient of the Silver Beaver award for distinguished service to scouting.

During a 20 year period beginning in 1935, Glen served on the Minneapolis City Council. Afterwards, he was a City Planning Engineer and served 15 years as Executive Secretary of the

Minneapolis Capital Long Range Improvements Committee. Wallace also worked part-time as an architect. He was considered one of the grandfathers of the master planners for youth camps and worked on youth camp plans in 48 states. In Minnesota, his projects included Many Point Scout Camp, the Minneapolis Boys and Girls Clubs Camp in Mound and Indian



W. Glen Wallace. (1905-1987)

SPRING FLING - SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

Mark your calendars for this amazing event. On Saturday, April 27th, the MPSAA will hosts its annual Spring Fling in the historic downtown Shakopee at Turtles 1890 Social Centre.

Plated Dinner with your closest friends prior to the Evening Social.

Amazing food, awesome activities, and great fellowship.

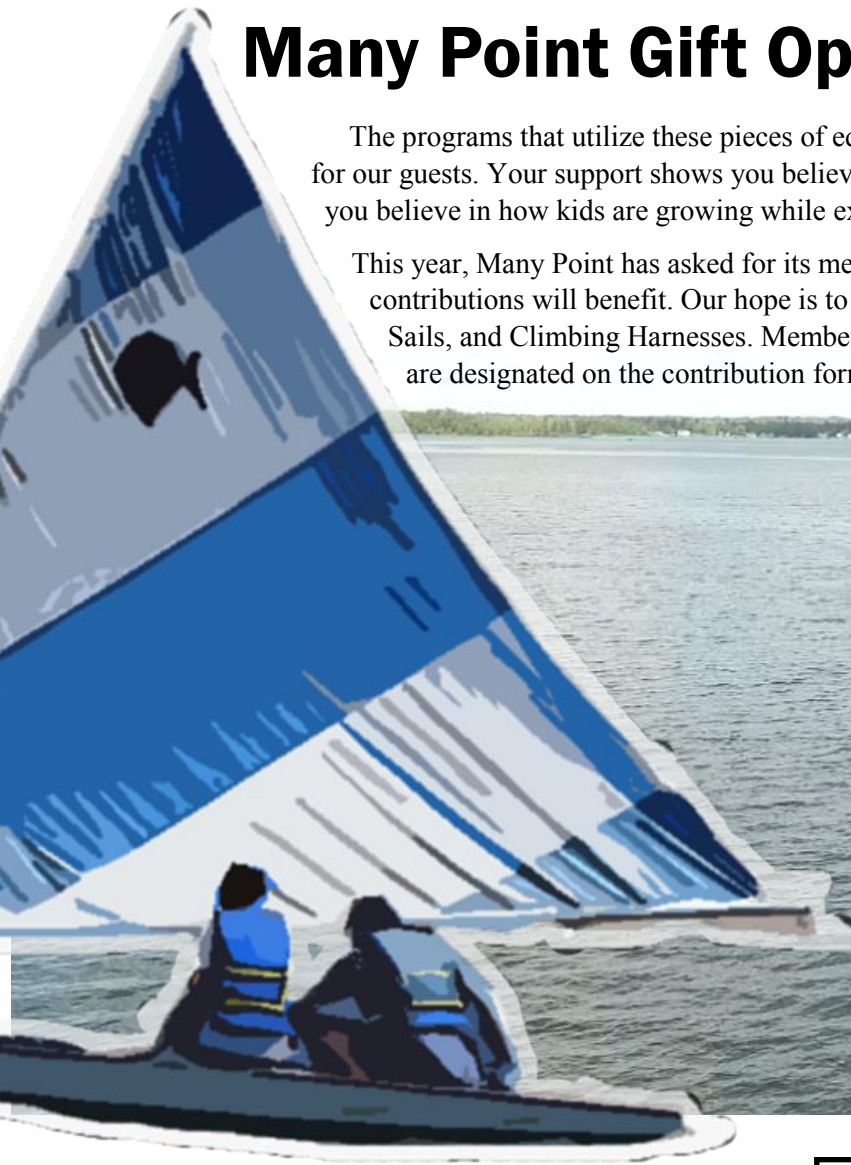
Details on the event will be posted on our website, Facebook, email and future newsletters. Don't miss it!



Many Point Gift Options for 2018-2019

The programs that utilize these pieces of equipment remain a popular and well desired experience for our guests. Your support shows you believe in keeping program at Many Point strong – and means you believe in how kids are growing while experiencing these activities.

This year, Many Point has asked for its members to consider three different program items that your contributions will benefit. Our hope is to help support the camp with three Sailboats, Replacement Sails, and Climbing Harnesses. Members have the opportunity to voice how their contributions are designated on the contribution form within this letter.



Premium Contribution Gift – 2018-2019

Each year, members who contribute \$40 or more will be sent a MPSAA Challenge Coin.



Membership

The MPSAA has made huge strides in updating it's membership roster. The next time you see Matt Mencke, please recognize his efforts.

The MPSAA wants to stay in touch with you. If you change your address, phone number, email, please make sure you let us know.

Email: membership@mpalumni.org or give Matt a call at 612-246-0571.

Remember you can find news and events on our Facebook group or at mpalumni.org.



2018 Contribution Form

Contact Information

Our current records show this contact information:

[Empty rounded rectangular box for contact information]

Dear Alumni Member,

Please review the following address information. It is important to the organization that we keep updated records. If anything needs to be updated, please complete the update column as needed.

Your contribution is appreciated. **Please circle items you would like your contribution to benefit.***

Sailboats Sails Climbing Harnesses

For contributions, please complete the form below OR go to **www.mpalumni.org/donate** to complete your contribution online.

Thank you for your support,
The Many Point Staff Alumni Association

Please Update My Information To:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Personal Email: _____

Annual Dues and Contribution

Name _____

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Contribution Amount

- \$15 (base membership) \$100
- \$40 (premium - Coin) Amount: _____
- \$60

Preferred Payment Method

- Check # _____ (payable to Northern Star Council, BSA)
- Cash: \$ _____
- Credit Card _____ Type: **Visa Mastercard Discover**

Employee Contribution

Employer (may match gift) _____

Spouse's Name _____

Spouse's Employer _____

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[EXP date boxes:][] / [][]

Signature _____

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*The precise amount to be gifted will be determined by the Board based on funds available and operating budget. Any amount that comes in following the gift decision will be accumulated in the MPSAA treasury for future use.

2018-2019 Calendar

Thursday, December 27th, 2018

the Park Tavern
3401 Louisiana Ave. South,
St. Louis Park, MN 55426
7 - 11:30PM

Wednesday January 16th, 2019

Board Meeting
(Check Website for Location)

Wednesday March 20th, 2019

Board Meeting
(Check Website for Location)

Saturday April 27, 2019—Spring Fling

Turtles 1890 Social Centre
112 Lewis St S, Shakopee, MN 55379
Dinner & Evening Social

Thursday, May 15, 2019 through

Sunday, May 19, 2019

MPSAA Work Party
Contact Doug Palmer for more information
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May 31— June 2, 2019

Many Point Work Party
More info at manypoint.org

June 23, 2019 - First Week of Scouts!

Friday August 23—25th, 2019

Alumni Campout
Many Point Scout Camp
Start Arriving at 12:00 PM
on Friday! Goes all
Weekend.

For event details.
www.mpalumni.org





MPSAA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Your contributions do make a difference!

DONATIONS TO MANY POINT SCOUT CAMP:

- 2018: CIT Hill
- 2017: Outdoor Skills
- 2015& 2016: Five Stand Shotgun Outpost
- 2014: Aqua Skippers, SkiDo Scooters, Mobile Targets, and Cargo Nets
- 2013: Boat Motors, Lake Inflatables, and Climbing Tower Poles
- 2012: Sailboards, Tree House Improvements, Voyageur Climbing Tower Poles.
- 2011: Sailboats.
- 2010: Sailboats.
- 2009: Radio Merit Badge equipment.
- 2008: 3 Canoes, 45 GPS units.
- 2007: PFDs, paddles, and lumber to construct the storage racks for 36 new tandem kayaks.
- 2006: Crazy Horse Tree House #2.
- 2005: Bradley Amundson Memorial Fishing Pier at Family Camp.
- 2004: Crazy Horse Tree House.
- 2003: Handicap-accessible hardware, 6 Shotguns, 6 Rifles.
- 2002: 3 Magna-Scopes, 36 climbing helmets, 4 wide-body windsurfers.
- 2001: Bouldering wall handholds, Patrol Boat, Sailboards, Outboard Motor.
- 2000: Pontoon boat for Fishing Outpost.
- 1999: Equipment to establish the new Fishing Outpost.
- 1998: 3 Adirondacks shelters.
- 1997: Sea Kayaks.
- 1996: Climbing Handholds for Climbing towers.
- 1995: Fire tower.
- 1994: Beach structure for Pioneer Beach.
- 1995:1991: Beach Structures for Voyageur/Turner Beach, 8hp outboard motor, 4 stereo microscopes.

PROJECTS:

- 2008-18: MPSAA Annual Work Party-Maintenance and cleaning of Gaylord's Lodge.
- 2010,14,15,16,17,18 Updates to the History Center.
- 2004: Published "Remembering Wint", a special Edition of the Lantern's Light

- 1998-07: MPSAA Annual Work Party-Clearing and maintenance of Wint Hartman Trail.
- 1998-14: Teaching Merit Badge seminars to current staff during staff week.
- 1996-14: "Staffer for a Week" program.
- 1998-10: Creation and Maintenance of Many Point Scout Camp website.
- 1996: Chainsaw & clean-up of storm of 1995.
- 1996: Creation of Many Point Songbook.
- 1996: Creation of 2 Many Point Songbook companion CD's.
- 1996: Writing & production of Many Point historical novel.
- 1995-96: Construction & Installation of exhibits in History Center.
- 1995: Emergency crew for the Storm of '95.
- 1992: Published "Remembering Boots", a special Edition of the Lantern's Light.
- 1991: Installing new seating in Buckskin fire ring.
- 1989: Staffed the "A Day in the Life of Many Point" Photo Shoot.
- 1988: Constructing Family Camp playground.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

- 1985-18: Sponsor 31 years of "The Lantern's Light", Alumni Newsletter.
- 2009: Hosted a retirement program for Ron Schroeder at the Spring Fling.
- 1997-18: Sponsor of 16 annual Alumni Fall Campouts.
- 1996-18: Sponsor of the Many Point Alumni Association website.
- 1988-18: Sponsor of numerous "Spring Fling" social gatherings for Alumnus.
- 1985-18: Creation and maintenance of Staff Alumni database and roster.
- 1986, 96, 06: Sponsor of 45th, 50th & 60th Alumni Anniversary Reunions at camp.
- 1988: Sponsor of the 1988 Ale Niemi Retirement Party.

