

the LANTERN'S LIGHT

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The long winter has gone, and Spring is around the corner. We're excited to have a lot going on as we prepare for an awesome summer.

First, we are planning to have a virtual Spring Fling on Thursday, April 29th. We want to have a virtual event to share some talent, host a slide show, and to have our annual meeting. Please watch your emails and social media for updates.

On June 4th-6th, Granny's Banquet will be hosted at Many Point. Camp is a safe place for everyone to gather. The plan is to have a full weekend of camaraderie, time to recall great memories and stories of Granny. It will include a full program, full Granny style meals, and to come together and share stories - just like Granny would want us to. Lodging and meals are included with this free event.

The 75th Anniversary is this year, and Many Point is hosting a 75th Anniversary Celebration during the

summer for everyone who has ties to Many Point to enjoy! There are great options to get your family involved with activities throughout the week of July 4th - 11th. Check out the information in this newsletter for how to get involved.

The MPSAA will have its campout after camp this summer. All of those who want a relaxing and fun filled weekend should also keep that in mind. Great food, camp tours, music, weekend of camping, and more. The campout this year is August 27th - 29th.

Lastly, the Many Point Book has been printed, and is to be available early March. The cost is \$25, and it is worth every bit of it. More information is enclosed on how to order that as well.

Hope for closure to this pandemic is on the horizon. Continue to stay well, everyone. Keep your wicks trimmed, your Spirit high, and your Lantern's bright.

-Mike Kuklok MPSAA President

Upcoming Events

March 24, 2021

Board Meeting
Virtual

April 29th, 2021

Virtual Spring Fling
7:00-8:30 PM

May 13, 2021

MPSAA Work Party

June 4th - 6th, 2021

Granny's Banquet
www.mpalumni.org/granny

July 4th - 10th, 2021

Many Point's 75th Anniversary
Celebration Week
www.manypoint.org/75

July 10th, 2021

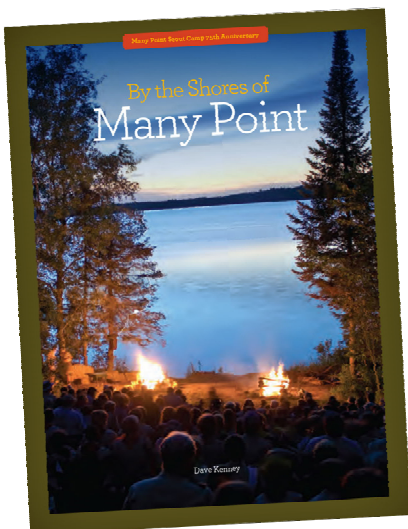
Many Point's 75th Banquet
www.manypoint.org/75

August 27th-29th, 2021

Alumni Campout Celebration
www.mpalumni.org/campout

Check out our Events
on mpalumni.org.

MANY POINT HISTORY BOOK SHIPS



The Many Point History book has been printed, and is shipping to people who pre-ordered. Books arrived at the council office on March 11th. The book brings you through time with the 75 amazing years of Many Point history. Plus, every staff member is listed in this book.

Get your own Many Point History book by going to <http://manypoint.org/news/history-book/>.



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www.mpalumni.org

<https://www.instagram.com/mpalumni/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/43753666056>

VIRTUAL SPRING FLING

The MPSAA will be hosting a virtual Spring Fling this year on Thursday, April 29th, 2021. Starting at 7:00, tune in to catch some Many Point music, learn about the several events happening throughout the summer, and join us in our annual meeting. More information on this hour long event can be found at www.mpalumni.org/springfling.



Granny's Banquet

J U N E 4 T H - 6 T H

We're excited to grant Granny's last wishes where everyone can have more space to celebrate with each other at the common place we all love, In proper Many Point fashion, "Granny's Banquet" will be held at Many Point the weekend of Jun 4th - June 6th for all of those who would like to join and celebrate the 30 years we had with this amazing woman.

A weekend full of warm air and sunny blue skies, you are invited to come enjoy the outdoors, share stories, sing at campfires, tour camp, laugh with each other, and enjoy the traditional Many Point banquet with a full program bringing you through Granny's story. Featuring messages from legends who worked closest with Granny, this Banquet is for everyone impacted by this incredible character we know as Granny.

A variety of lodging and a delicious menu is included with this **FREE** event. Visit the event page for details and information on all activities both on-camp and nearby camp.

If you have photos of Granny from your time at Many Point, please email us at granny@mpalumni.org. Let's raise our banquet-punch glasses to Granny. We'll see you in June!

Join us by registering at www.mpalumni.org/register



STAFF FOR A WEEK

As part of the celebration of our 75th Anniversary this summer we are inviting our Many Point Staff Alumni to be on staff again for a week this summer. We welcome each of you to show the excellence of the Many Point staff over the past 75 years and assist our current staff in delivering an incredible program to this summer's campers. Program areas may include the All Star Program, aquatics, merit badge instruction, older Scout programs, etc. You will be housed in staff tents or indoor accommodations, depending on the weekly availability and eat their meals with the camp staff (don't worry, you won't be on ma/pa!). Staffers will be selected based on skills needed each week during the summer and an attempt will be made to have a diverse group representing the different eras. Staffers will be required COVID safety procedures before and while attending camp. All persons at camp over 72 hours must be a registered with the BSA and come with a complete camp physical form. We will be counting on you if you sign up!

Apply online at www.manypoint.org/staff or scan this QR code:



Evan Yingst
Many Point Camping



75TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK

Many Point Scout Camp invites you to attend our 75th anniversary week at Many Point from July 4 – July 10th. The week will culminate in a special banquet program the evening of Saturday, July 10th. Following the banquet, the Many Point Staff Alumni Association will be hosting a concert that all are welcome to attend. There are still a few Family Camp cabins available for the week. In addition, families or groups of up to 6 people are invited to camp in Voyageur for the week.

For those attending for the week, Many Point Staff will be providing open beach time the entire week, and your group will be able to register for two programs a day that are traditionally available to Scout units. During the day on Saturday, July 10, program areas will be open for both tours and to give them a try. You are welcome to plant a tree in our 75th anniversary Diamond Jubilee forest as Scouts at camp are working

to plant 1,500 red and white pine seedlings in our beautiful camp forest.

For information on lodging, fees, and registration, please head to www.manypoint.org/75. Please reach out if you are interested in volunteering to help make this a great experience and/or to help with Saturday events.

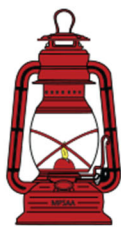


Questions about the event? Please contact Many Point 75th Anniversary Chair Joel Young at 612-710-4594 or young.joel.r@gmail.com.

Questions about registration? Please contact Many Point Camping Director Evan Yingst at 612-261-2466 or eyingst@northernstar.org.



AUGUST 27-29, 2021
MANY POINT
STAFF ALUMNI CAMPOUT



All Many Point Staff Alumni are invited to join us for our fall campout as Many Point wraps up its 75th season. With more details to come, the MPSAA is planning for an incredible event for your family and friends. It will be an excellent opportunity to unwind and relax as we reach past the pandemic. From August 27-29th, there will be a full weekend of exciting activities including volunteer projects, camp tours, music, cookouts, contests, campfires and more.



Visit the event's page at mpalumni.org/campout to get more information on reservations and lodging.



**FRIENDS OF THE
MANY POINT HISTORY CENTER**

There are two additional interviews posted. Long time staffer and alumni leader, Matt Mencke interviewed Lee Cornell and also Mike McCollor. You can read both of these interviews on the alumni website:

<http://www.mpalumni.org/friendsofhistorycenter/>.

The Friends of the Many Point History Center have done an outstanding job keeping the famous Many Point History Center updated and fresh. The group is looking for more help. If you are interested and would like to do some hands on display work, research, and get to gather with a awesome group, they are welcoming more to join.

Please contact info@mpalumni.org to get started. You may also contact Doug Palmer at 952-831-5006.



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COME STAY AT FAMILY CAMP



Many Point Scout Camp is inviting all Camp Staff alumni and their families to come to Many Point for a week of Family Camp. We extended our season to add two additional weeks before Scouts begin arriving for the summer.

That means there at 10 weeks to choose from! Family Camp is a fun-filled, affordable vacation destination. A cabin for the entire week is only \$350, and there are tent sites for \$130 and RV sites for \$160. Family Camp has a full program schedule starting right after breakfast and runs until after dinner. The beach is the highlight of the week, with sand toys, a water trampoline, and boats for your family to us. All of this is provided by the 6 dedicated Camp Staff that will ensure your week is the best of your summer.

Evan Yingst --Many Point Camping Director
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More information available here:
<http://www.manypoint.org/family-camp>



Here is a testimonial from one long time Family Camper and what Family Camp has meant to her family:

Our son was a Scout who attended Many Point for several years. When he went the second year, our three daughters and I stayed in a cabin on the lake at "Family Camp" while my husband and our son were in tents "Scout-side." We stayed at family camp every year until our children became counselors rather than campers. What made Family Camp so enjoyable were the activities. Family Camp is how my husband and I grew up. We were outside, playing, making our own fun with our friends. Family Camp has a swimming are, a place to fish, a playground, tether ball, and all sorts of activities run by the counselors. The kids get to decide what to do. So much of a kid's activities today are in front of a screen or in structure activities run by adults. It's nice when kids get the chance to explore. The counselors lifeguard and make sure the children are safe when sailing and boating. They run arts and craft programs, and they are available to play tether ball or help with fishing or other activities. Within a day or two, they know the names of all the campers. One of my favorite memories from Family Camp was of seeing my daughter and two other girls tip over a boat so it turtled (sail was pointed straight down in the water). The immediate reaction of the girls was to wave for help, but the wise counselor signaled to them to try to get the sail back up. It was a moment of victory for those girls when they were able to get that sail back up!

The cabins have beds and a kitchen, and there are two bathhouses. You wake up in the morning and look out on a pristine lake. You walk at night and see the Milky Way. Family Camp was our way to afford going to the cabin, but it was so much more with all the activities. I'll still visit Many Point from time to time. I use to say that week at Many Point was the most relaxing week of the entire year form. I needed that week, too! -Kathy Longar

There are countless more stories of families like Kathy's that have been going to Family Camp for years. Cabins are still available most weeks – see you there!

REMEMBERING STAFF

As we prepare for a summer of healing, we continue to remember our friends and family on the Many Point Staff. The seemingly complex things in life became so simple, and the simple things in life became so cherished. We'd like to tip our hats and celebrate the life of the people who help make Many Point so great!

Rev. Dr. James (Jim) Pleasant Breeden, 85, passed away peacefully at his home in Easthampton, MA on September 20, 2020, surrounded by family. A lifelong educator and civil rights activist, Jim was noted for his expansive intellect, memorable eloquence, calm presence and steadfast commitment to social justice. Breeden worked at Many Point from 1950-1956.

Harry Woodward, on October 17, 2020, a victim of Covid-19. At the time of his death, Harry was a resident of Lyngblomsten's memory care unit following a devastating brain aneurism in 2008. He was born on May 6, 1944 to Mary Lou (nee Loomis) and Joe Woodward in Fargo, N.D. Both Harry's parents pre-deceased him. He is survived by his wife, Mary (nee Beckman), older sister, Mary Jo Kline, son, Nathaniel (Amy), daughter, Elizabeth Boykin (Sean) and six grandchildren. Harry worked at Many Point from 1963-1965.

Peter Bollig, Age 30 of Coon Rapids passed away unexpectedly Sunday Dec. 13, 2020. He attended St. Hubert Catholic Grade School and graduated from Holy Family Catholic High School, Victoria, in 2008. He received his BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of St. Thomas in 2013. Peter grew up as an active member of Boy Scouts of America, Troop 479 and received the rank of Eagle Scout. He spent numerous summers as a counselor at Many Point Scout Camp. Peter worked at Many Point from 2005-2006, 2009-2012.

Pete Thomes, 61, of Brainerd, Minnesota died Tuesday, January 26, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer. Pete was born in Buffalo, MN on December 5, 1959, son of Ray and Barbara (Pluth) Thomes. He was raised and educated in Buffalo, graduating from Buffalo High School in 1978 and then attended St. John's University. He was proud to be active in the Boy Scouts of America and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout at age 16. Pete also worked as staff at Many Point Scout Camp from 1976-1982.

Arlene "Granny" Arvola passed away on February 3rd, 2021. Arlene graduated from Menahga School in 1963 and moved to Minneapolis and was employed at Archer Daniels Midland and Northwest Airlines. In October of 1969 she married Kenneth Arvola. Later they moved to Menahga where she gained employment at the Menahga School as the head cook. Arlene served the children at the school for 34 years and loved every minute of it. In the summers Arlene would go to Many Point Scout Camp where she was the head cook for 30 years. Granny worked from 1980-1987, took a break, and returned from 1997 to 2018.

Our thoughts, prayers, and well wishes go to everyone experiencing hardships.

*If you are aware of a staffer who has recently passed,
please let us know so we can include a tribute in an upcoming newsletter.*

