



# the LANTERN'S LIGHT

by The Many Point Alumni Association



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Spring is here!!! The MPSAA has a lot going on as we lead into the summer months. First, We'd like to thank all of the generous donors from last year. There were a surprising amount of premium gifts get bounced back to us, so if you did not receive one, please let us know, and we'll resend.

This year's focus for camp will be on the Nature program's at camp and updating the program content within the well-kept nature facilities. The goal is to highlight the ongoing topic of sustainability as well as nature education and conservation. All of which can be nicely tied together at our nature centers and the program's they support. Some light forms of technology now available to the field will support the program and bring a whole new element to its impact on Scouts. Please see the Nature Center Project page later in the letter.

Some other topics you'll be seeing more about are the Many Point Heritage fund, the launch of our new podcast, and the second volume of the Song Book that Al Boyce and Grace Lepsch compiled.

We've discussed a career Mentoring program for quite some

time, and the newly formed committee has launched the effort with great support from Many Point's leadership.

One event that is coming up soon is the Spring Fling. We'll be hosting this at Lord Fletchers (on Lake Minnetonka). Please come join the excitement. The Podcast crew will be hosting a variety show featuring banquet songs, stories, and some trivia from all generations. A portion of this will be live. If you'd like to see the entire event, come for some fellowship, appetizers, and entertainment.

Another event is the Many Point and MPSAA work party that will be combining efforts this year. We have some program projects to focus on which will support the efforts of this year's staff.

Lastly, details of our annual election are highlighted in this letter.

We wish everyone the best as the day's get warmer, and hope to see you soon!

Mike Kuklok  
MPSAA

## Upcoming Events

### **April 22 - Spring Fling!**

Lord Fletchers, Lake Minnetonka  
Doors open at 5:30PM

### **June 2-4th, 2023**

Many Point Work Party and  
MPSAA Work Party

### **June 25th, 2023**

First week of Scouts!

### **August 25th-27th, 2023**

Alumni Campout Celebration Yee Hah - Bring Your Boots for Chuck Wagon themed party. A BBQ supper is provided.  
[www.mpalumni.org/campout](http://www.mpalumni.org/campout)

Check out our Events  
on [mpalumni.org](http://mpalumni.org) and on our  
Facebook Page.

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**PODCAST**



Soon, we'll be releasing the first podcast featuring conversations and stories from all generations. Visit the podcast website at <https://www.bytheshores.org/>.

The idea came from telling stories and comparing generations on the ride home from Many Point. The incredible interviews by the Friend's of the Many Point History Center played a big part in the idea

coming to life. Thanks! So....Why not? We're going to give it a try.

The plan is to release the first cast's leading up to the Spring Fling and taking it from there. As with anything Many Point, it will take form and be great.

If you are interested in telling your story or have ideas on how to further take the Podcast, please let us know. Email Mike Kuklok at [kukl0016@gmail.com](mailto:kukl0016@gmail.com).



# MANY POINT HERITAGE FUND

Thanks to you, the new Many Point Heritage Fund continues to grow! We've received 19 individual cash gifts, 1 corporate cash gift, and 2 estate gifts. The current totals are

\$165,000.00 in cash and over \$2 million dollars pledged. We're well on our way to our \$10million dollar goal! THANK YOU to everyone that has given and to those of you who are planning to give toward a forever fund for camp!

We continue to develop the ongoing program, and as a volunteer run initiative, under Northern Star's Make Your Mark Campaign, the Heritage Fund program responsibility has been formally adopted by the Many Point Alumni Association Board of Directors. The board has created a new position of "Heritage Fund Activity Coordinator" and current Many Point staff member, Drew Vanderbilt has stepped up for the role.

Alex Farrell (MPCD) has created the first Heritage Fund "wish list" which is long and includes things like, updates to Larkin Lodge, Family Camp cabins, and central staff housing. The list has program ideas on it as well such as, a night skies observatory and a greenhouse for year-round farming and plant science merit badge! Fresh berries anyone?

There is so much that could be done, and the bottom line is that this initiative will protect and grow Many Point forever. If you would like to help us with this exciting project or contribute to the fund with dollars or an estate plan, we'd love to talk to you! Contact Many Point volunteer

Jay Belschner at [jay.belschner@certifi.com](mailto:jay.belschner@certifi.com) or Matt Magers, Northern Star's Major Gifts/Planned Giving Director at [mmagers@northernstar.org](mailto:mmagers@northernstar.org).

Stay excited and stay tuned! <https://mpalumni.org/heritagefund/>

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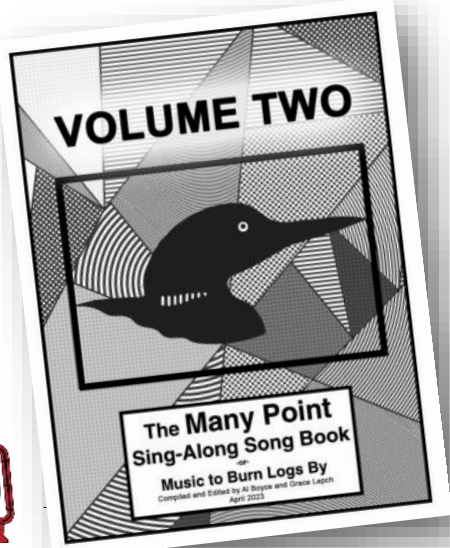
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## SONG BOOK VOLUME II

With the help of an army of camp staffers, Al Boyce and Grace Lepsch have been compiling a second volume of the Many Point Song Book. The original was compiled by Al Boyce. The latest volume tells the musical story from the original volume until now. With hundreds of songs, chords, and oftentimes URLs to tutorials or originals, this song book is THE compilation of songs sung at Many Point!

Hard copies will be printed soon, and available at cost.

Visit <https://mpalumni.org/songbook/>



# WORK PARTIES AT MANY POINT

## MANY POINT WORK PARTY & MPSAA WORKPARTY

### JUNE 2-4, 2023

Each year the Many Point Properties Committee hosts a Work Party the weekend following Memorial Day. Traditionally, we have 75 – 100 volunteers come to camp for the weekend. Throughout the weekend, projects such as building repairs, facility cleaning, trimming overgrowth, painting, roofing, and a whole lot more are accomplished. These projects are crucial to preparing for our Scouts each summer. We have many projects in the works this year and appreciate all the help we can get. We have projects that accommodate all skill sets.

This year's dates: June 2-4, 2023

**Camp Provides:** Food, lodging, fellowship, and a special recognition gift!

**Where to register:** <https://forms.gle/XgKTFjaaM3RMvcgE6>

**What are we working on?:** Projects will be released later in the spring. Look forward to an email in late March!

Come, connect with your camp and Scouting friends, while helping make Many Point an even better place for Scouts and Families.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!



The Alumni will be working on specific projects during the work party to prepare for the summer. We will be focusing on completing Outdoor Skills learning areas for all three camps, so they are ready for staff and also be constructing a fourth element in one of the camps. Materials are at Many Point and will be ready! Depending on the group size, we may also be wrapping up some loose ends for the bike program (labeling bikes and posting signs for trails). It would be great to have 20+ people there to help.



Let us know if you can go: <https://evt.to/aoiauhaew>

Questions? Contact Mike at [kukl0016@gmail.com](mailto:kukl0016@gmail.com)





**SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND - 6PM to 11PM**

# **Spring Fling**

Friends and Family Welcome • \$10 per person  
Appetizers and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Included  
Cash Bar Available • Lodging Available Near By  
Free Parking • Live Podcast & Trivia  
Reunite with Fellow Staff for Lunch or Supper

Located on the shores of Lake Minnetonka  
3746 Sunset Dr, Spring Park, MN 55384

<https://mpalumni.org/fling/>



Let us know



# MPSAA CAREER MENTORING

“Many Point made me the person, the partner, and the parent that I am today!” “My time at Many Point did more to prepare me for my profession than anything I learned at school.” “The lessons from Many Point last a lifetime and apply to so many of life’s arenas!” Having worked at Many Point, you are keenly aware of the aptness of these statements. And these statements apply to every career path. The Many Point Staff Alumni Association and Many Point Scout Camp are working together to help current staff become more familiar with a variety of careers plus a variety of paths to take in defining a career. This is a great opportunity to connect current staff with past staff members who have traveled various paths in their lives as they have “chased their dreams.”

This effort takes several avenues..

First the MPSAA and Many Point Scout will ask former staff to volunteer to serve as mentors, guides, or to help provide internships for staff. There will be a sign-up form online that will work to organize the options. Bear in mind each former staff brings a variety of possible opportunities to learn about a job path. Some former staff may have access to internships, apprenticeships, or job shadowing while others can offer advice from their experience.

The intent is to get input from current and past staff when seeking information about careers. Perhaps a staff member wants to know what it is like to be a lawyer, a truck driver, an electrician, or a person dealing with digital analysis or marketing. Once this information is gathered, calls may go out for past staff to help in specific areas - especially if trends emerge. Again, this will be available online to complete and start to make connections.

Another avenue might be in helping current staff receive credit for work done at Many Point. Bemidji State University has expressed an interest in doing this. Chances are strong that any credit earned at Bemidji State University (BSU) would be transferable to other schools within the Minnesota system...but not limited to the Minnesota system. Other staff

members have arranged to earn credit for work done at camp. Think of the various skills we learned in regard to training staff, communication, program development, budget, staff recruitment, team work, problem solving, nature work, swimming instruction and more. Again, the skills from Many Point last a lifetime and fit every path of life.

The two forms of input listed above will be available online. Any response will not take more than 5 - 10 minutes to complete. If you prefer to fill out the survey in a paper format, that is acceptable - but might take a little longer to get compiled in the database. All information will be kept internally and protected. When someone makes an inquiry the connection can be made with help from the MPSAA.

The information is going to be kept internally. Soon, it will be made available to staff. When someone makes an inquiry, the MPSAA Board and Membership team will help facilitate that connection. As the MPSAA and Many Point Scout Camp continue to grow the program, efforts can be explored to better manage the information that best fits the participating members. As is obvious - the goal is to help Many Point staff members to continue to grow and to chase their dreams. Past staff members are encouraged to sign up to help newer generations continue their growth after Many Point. That is what you did at Many Point - help young people to grow. Please continue the tradition and help young people to chase their dreams!

**SIGN UP HERE TO HELP FELLOW STAFFERS WITH THEIR CAREERS!**



<https://mpalumni.org/careers/>



# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CAMP

A BIG thanks to the generous contributions for helping us keep the Spirit alive at Many Point in 2022.

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# THE NATURE CENTER PROJECT

For nearly 80 years, Many Point has created opportunities for Scouts and Scouters to embrace the incredible natural environment. While immersed in the pure natural setting for weeks at a time, Scouts learn about nature, the environment and sustainability. Much has stayed the same with nature hikes, plant identification, ecology canoe trips, and the traditional Loon Lore activities.

The Nature Centers are in great shape and continue to provide a fulcrum of environmental learning. Many Point would like to enhance the and update the tools and content within the program areas to give Scouts better opportunities to learn with modern advances. Not only will this further enhance hands on methods for merit badges and troop program but will also create a draw for Scouts to visit the nature centers.

Along with the wish list for 2023, Many Point’s program committee will also be updating program materials to provide a better foundation

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Microscopes   | Large Display Microscopes         | Aquarium Filtration |
| DNA Models    | Hydroponic Systems                | Weather Instruments |
| Insect Models | Sustainable Energy Demo Equipment | Night Skies Tools   |
|               | Cloud Models                      | Plant Models        |
|               |                                   | ....and More        |

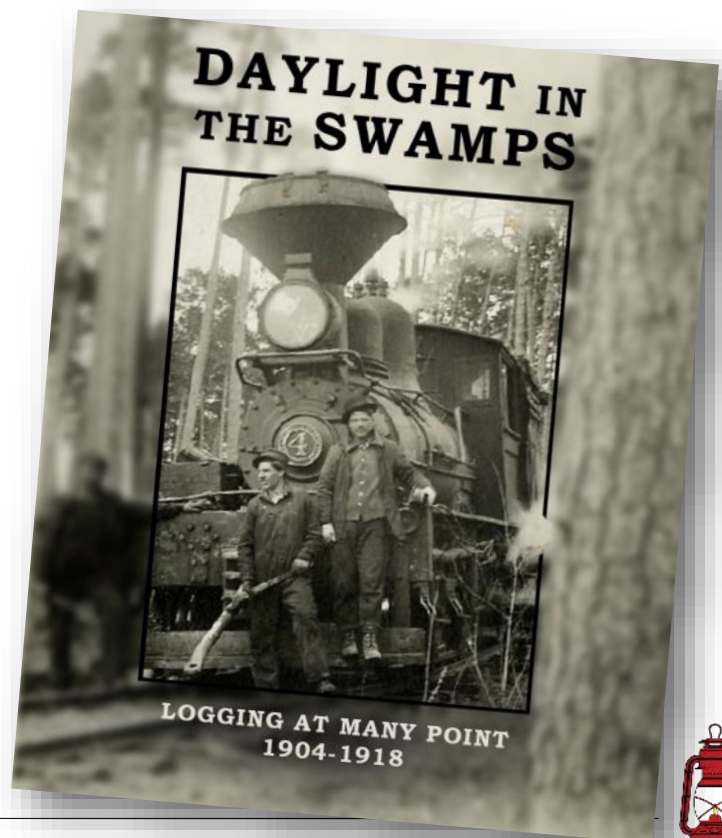


## 2023 PREMIUM GIFT

For 2023, contributions will go to support a variety of nature center improvements. Some of these improvements will be highlighting the natural mysteries at Many Point including forestry and the environmental succession at camp.

Daylight in the Swamps was carefully composed by Doug Palmer, Dave Price, Curt Cheese, Wilbur Joy, Travis Suttan, Dan Trudeau, Jay Wescott, and countless organizations to uncover the mysteries of logging at and surrounding Many Point.

Anyone that contributes \$40 or more will receive one of these 40+ page booklets.



## 2023 ELECTION:

Jack Hoye, Jack Loats, and Meghan Boudreaux headed up the nomination committee this season and lead the effort in filling nominations for Board positions for 2023-2025. These nominations will be published to the website prior to the election. The election will be open electronically on Friday, April 21st from 12:00PM, and polls will close on Sunday April 23rd at 12:00PM.

### A NOTE OF THANKS:

The MPSAA continues to promote innovation by creating opportunities to keep people involved with the organization, and the MPSAA is excited for what is to come this year at Many Point. Alumni are welcome to be engaged with Many Point; the growth of the Alumni Association is because of the members that continue to support the organization and Many Point. We're also strong because of the leadership that continues to guide the organization in a positive direction. For the past several years

with multiple terms, Chuck Fisher has brought his energy from teaching and his years at Many Point as a guiding light for us to become better. Also, for several terms, Sean Wachsmuth has brought us balance from his years on staff, and Scott Wentworth has brought us wisdom with his years of teaching and being on staff. We thank each of you for your participation, the hours of muscling through bringing ideas into reality where fairness to the campers, the staff, the camp and the MPSAA are balanced. Many Point and the MPSAA is better because of you three. Thank you.

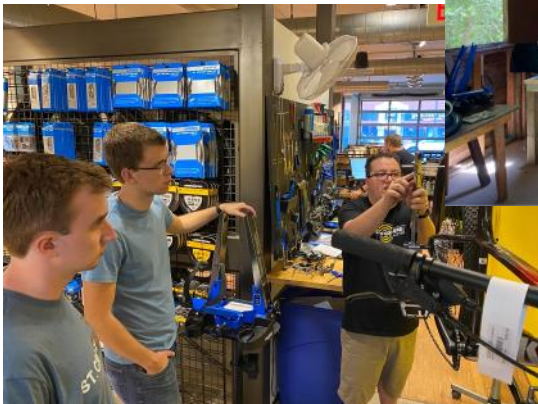
Keep your wicks trimmed and your Lantern's bright!

-Mike Kuklok

Please visit [mpalumni.org/election](http://mpalumni.org/election) to vote starting April 21st, 2023.

## THANKS TO ALUMNI AND FREEWHEEL BIKES

The bike program at Many Point was a hit, and was a success because of the generosity of the staff and with the help of Freewheel Bikes! Aaron and his team at Freewheel not only provided the Alumni and Many Point with an incredible value, but they also made sure the camp was setup with the correct number of different sized bikes, they provided us training on how to properly maintain the bikes, and help outfit the bike shop, so the correct tools are available for the camp and its bike program. In addition, Aaron and his team delivered the bikes, and now we have a standing partnership to continue making sure the bikes are ready season after season. If you are looking to purchase or have you bike tuned up, not enough good things can be said about Free Wheel. It's a class act operation. Thanks again to alumni Alan Johnson for connecting us to Free Wheel! Thank you Hunter Simar and Isaac Swift for your efforts to make the program outstanding at Many Point!

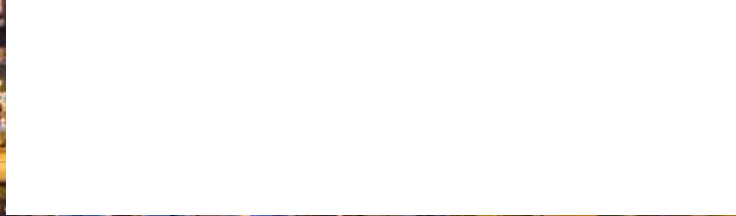




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## Spring Fling April 22nd



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# Spring Fling

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