

the LANTERN'S LIGHT

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Winter was brief, and Spring is nearly upon us, bringing in a wave of excitement as we gear up for an extraordinary summer ahead.

To kick things off, mark your calendars for the Spring Fling happening on April 20th at Lord Fletcher's on Lake Minnetonka. Festivities kick off at 5:32 PM sharp. Bring yourself, friends and family. You'll also have a chance to share your story by recording with the Pod Cast Team for a future episode.

We also have several projects to support at the Many Point Work Party from May 31st to June 2nd. The Many Point Work Party is an excellent time to connect with fellow staff. The MPSAA and Many Point will focus on the new Training Center within the bounds of the C-Lodge!

Furthermore, please take a moment to review the article about the Roster. We're actively updating it while striving to minimize printing and postage. If you're open to receiving our communications electronically, please

let us know.

Additionally, don't miss out on the intriguing interviews lined up for the By the Shores Podcast, accessible at bytheshores.org.

The Heritage Fund is gaining strength and has a strong foot hold at the base of the mountain we're climbing together. Hat's off to MPSAA VP, Jay Belschnir for his efforts. Learn more about the Heritage Fund in an interview that can be found here: <https://www.bytheshores.org/2073753/14192549>

Lastly, don't forget to mark your calendars for the campout post-summer camp. Those seeking a relaxing and fun-filled weekend should keep this in mind. Expect great food, camp tours, music, and more. Dates this year are August 23rd to 25th.

We hope everyone continues to enjoy 2024. Keep your wicks trimmed and Lantern's bright!

Mike Kuklok, MPSAA President

Upcoming Events

April 10th, 2024

Board Meeting
Virtual - email Mike for invite.

April 20th, 2024

Spring Fling at Lord Fletchers
5:32PM - 11:00PM

May 31-June 2, 2024

MPSAA Work Party & Many Point Work Party

August 23th-25th, 2024

Alumni Campout Celebration
www.mpalumni.org/campout

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ALWAYS AFLOAT, NEVER ADRIFT, WELL PREPARED

Hey Ya'll!

Thanks to you, the new **Many Point Heritage Fund** continues to grow! In 2023 we added over \$45,000 in additional cash gifts given by 21 donors which includes a generous gift from a Twin Cities Troop! This puts the cash balance in the fund at \$211,000 with estimated committed estate gifts of over \$2 million dollars. We are well on our way to our initial \$10 million dollar goal!

THANK YOU to everyone that has given thus far, and

to those of you who are planning to give toward a *forever fund* for camp!

This past summer we created large HERITAGE posters for each subcamp and the main area. The idea was to share the initiative with scouts, leaders, and staff with the simple message that everyone can participate in protecting and expanding the future of camp, and that camp will be forever grateful.

In the last Lantern's Light, I introduced Andrew Vanderbilt as the new Heritage Activities Coordinator. Since then, Drew has accepted a job as Development *Director* for the *Thomas Jefferson Monticello Historic Monument* in Charlottesville, Virginia. Drew is applying what he's learning there on the Heritage Fund activity strategy.

Also, this summer, Drew Dutton, an Alumni from 2018-2022 in Voyageur, Buckskin & Main Area joined our team, so I have learned to call Drew1 "*Vandie*" and Drew2, "*Drew*". Mr. Dutton, in addition to being a beloved camp personality, is a Senior Consultant at Protiviti, a global consulting firm, and needless to say, has lots of great ideas!

See and hear the three of us explain more about the Heritage fund in a video on the alumni website and on one of the latest "*By the Shores*" Podcast entitled, "*Fulfilling Dreams, A Heritage That's Yours and Mine*", hosted by Board President, Mike Kuklok. <https://www.bytheshores.org/2073753/14192549>

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 me, Many Point alumni volunteer, Jay Belschner at jay.belschner@certifi.com.

Stay excited and stay tuned for a wonderful Many Point 2024!

Jay Belschner!

Vice President, MPSAA



WORK PARTY 2024! - TRAINING CENTER

Exciting news ahead! The MPSAA is teaming up with the Many Point Work Party from May 31st to June 2nd. Our awesome staff will be rolling up their sleeves to transform the Conservation Lodge into the new Many Point Training Center.

We'll be tackling everything from cleaning and repairs to building activity stations to support CIT Training and Adult Leader programs at Many Point. It's going to be a weekend filled with

rewarding work, laughter and good company.

Sign up for this fulfilling weekend at: [Work Party Registration Form](#)

Make sure to mention you're staff under the "Do you have any other questions, comments, or concerns?" section.

Come join us for a weekend of meaningful work and camaraderie! See you there!



BY THE SHORES PODCAST SUCCESS!!



We're excited to bring you the latest update from the By The Shores podcast. Whether you're a seasoned listener or new to the experience, now is the perfect time to immerse yourself into stories that define our shared Many Point experience. Tune in at bytheshores.org or find us on popular podcast platforms like Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

The Voices Behind By The Shores

A special thank you to our incredible guests who have shared their stories and made the By The Shores podcast come alive. We extend our gratitude to Alex Farrell, Mike McCollor, Dr. Taschen, Jay Belschnir, Drew Vanderbilt, Drew Dutton, Sean Wachsmuth, Jeremy Tucker, and Erik

Maas. Your stories have added depth and resonance to the rich tapestry of Many Point tales

Why Listen to By The Shores?

By The Shores is more than just a podcast; it's a window into the diverse and vibrant experiences that make Many Point Camp special. Each episode offers a unique perspective, creating a sense of connection and shared camaraderie. Whether you're a seasoned camper or someone longing for the Spirit of Many Point, this is a great opportunity to hear from the characters behind the scenes making it all work.

Share Your Story

The great thing of By The Shores lies in its inclusivity. We invite you to be a part of this storytelling journey. If you have a Many Point story to tell or know someone with a tale worth sharing, don't hesitate to reach out. By fostering an open and supportive space, we aim to amplify the voices that make our community extraordinary.

What's Next?

Our commitment is to deliver fresh

content regularly, with a goal to release a new podcast every three weeks. Stay tuned for upcoming episodes featuring Chuck Fisher, Ned Welch, Family Camp Leadership and a lineup of many more storytellers who are contributing their unique perspectives to the podcast.

How to Stay Connected

Keep the conversation going beyond the podcast! Follow us on Facebook for updates, behind-the-scenes insights, and other activities. Your participation adds an extra layer to the Podcast experience.

Spread the Word

Help us expand the By The Shores listener group. Share this newsletter and links with friends, family, and fellow camp enthusiasts. Let's create a ripple effect of connection through the power of storytelling.

Thank you for being an integral part of the By The Shores community. Let's all celebrate the stories that define us and make Many Point Camp a place we all cherish.



SAILING AND KAYAKING:



A CALL FOR SUPPORT TO UPGRADE MANY POINT'S SAILING FLEET

As proud members of the Many Point Scout Camp Alumni Association, we are thrilled to share an exciting opportunity to contribute to the camp's waterfront legacy. This year, our focus is updating the fleet of sailboats and kayaks that have served Many Point so well over the years.

The Legacy of Sunfish Sailboats

Many Point boasts the largest fleet of AMF Sunfish Sailboats, with some of these vessels tracing their roots back to the 1970s. These sailboats Sunfish have been a staple of Many Point's waterfront activities. Not only have they weathered countless waves and hours of wind but have also been a key element in creating lasting memories for generations of Scouts.

The Kayaks: Partners on the Water

In addition to the sailboats, Many Point's fleet includes two-person kayaks that have been perfect for buddy pairs exploring the clear waters of the lake. However, as these kayaks have embraced their use as well with boundless enthusiasm, years of use, wear and tear have begun to show.

Our Goal: A Gift for 2024

This year, the Alumni Association aims to make a significant contribution toward purchasing new sailboats and

kayaks. Even with our dedicated aquatics staffs and rangers who work tirelessly to maintain and repair the existing fleet, the time has come to replenish these vital watercraft.

How You Can Help: Your generous donation to this year's gift drive will directly support the purchase of new sailboats and kayaks, ensuring that Many Point's waterfront continues to be a hub of adventure and learning for generations to come. Your contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference in sustaining the camp's legacy.

Join Us in Sustaining Many Point's Waterfront Legacy

Many Point has always been a place where dreams set sail and friendships are forged. Let's come together as a community to ensure that future generations of Scouts can experience the thrill of the open water, build lasting friendships, and create cherished memories.

To make your donation and be a part of this transformative effort, please visit ManyPointAlumni.org/donate and vote for Kayak, Sailboat or Both as your designation.

Thank you for your support and for being an essential part of the MPSAA.

Brief History of AMF Sunfish Sailboats: The AMF Sunfish, designed by Alcort, Inc. in 1952, quickly became a popular choice for recreational sailing. Its simplicity, durability, and ease of use made it an ideal boat for beginners while providing enough excitement for seasoned sailors. Many Point's fleet, acquired over the years, has become an integral part of the camp's identity, symbolizing the Spirit of adventure and camaraderie. Many Point has the largest fleet of these sailboats.



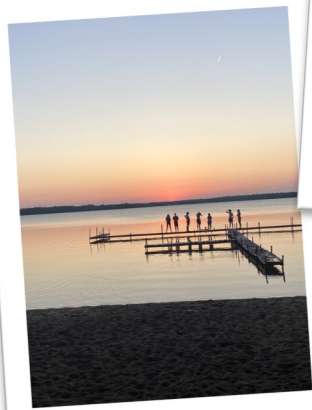
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- Submit your best photos to the Many Point photo contest. The winning photo will be this year's premium gift in the form of a frameable print. Photo submissions are due by March 31st and voting closes on April 8th.
- Go to www.mpalumni.org/photocontest to submit photos AND to vote.
- If you would prefer, submissions can also be made to news@mpalumni.org. Someone on the contest team will promptly upload your photo so it is available for voting.

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YOU'RE INVITED!



Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fantastic company at the Many Point Staff Alumni Association's Annual Spring Fling! We're back at Lord Fletcher's on Lake Minnetonka, ready to make memories and celebrate.

Date: Saturday, April 20th

Time: 5:32 PM - 11:00 PM

Admission: Just \$10 at the door! (Cover room and food).

Enjoy a laid-back atmosphere with good food, great conversation, and plenty of activities to keep you entertained:

Food: Dive into delicious eats to fuel your evening. A plentiful assortment of appetizers will be provided.

Conversation: Catch up with old friends and make new connections.

Podcast Shorts: Share your Many Point memories and stories for the Podcast.

Yard Games: Challenge your pals to some friendly competition on the patio at Lord Fletcher's.

Don't miss out on the chance to unwind and enjoy the company of fellow Many Point staff. Bring your friends and family for a night of fun!

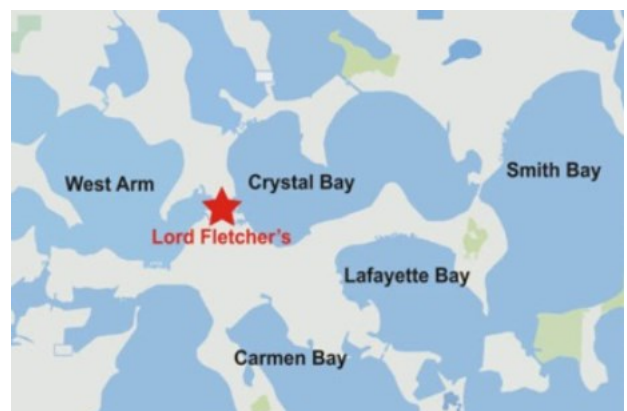
Location: Lord Fletcher's

Address: 3746 Sunset Dr, Spring Park, MN 55384

Spread the word and mark your calendars for April 20th! Let's make this Spring Fling one to remember!

Please let us know if you're coming! <https://forms.gle/J47fmrh8tLFkF8SE8>

Contact: Jack Hoyer at 763-234-3357



WAYS TO HELP MANY POINT

In Memory of:

In 2022 several former Many Point Staff members passed away. For many of them Many Point was a pivotal part of their lives that not only created heartwarming memories but provided opportunities and events that shaped their lives! Indeed, they became who they became because of Many Point! Many Point needs to continue to exist so that it can help more young people become actualized – become the best person they can be.

It has been suggested that memorials given to the Many Point Heritage Endowment Fund, in the name of a staff member who has passed away, are a wonderful way to continue the memory of a former staff person. We saw this done this year and thought it should be shared with all former staff. What a great way to memorialize the life of a former staff member! Memorials and other donations enable Many Point to continue its mission and to help future staff and Scouters have their lives shaped by the experience of Many Point! When you are touched by the death of a former staff member consider memorializing their lives through the Many Point Heritage Endowment Fund.

IRAS and You

If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) you recognize that you must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) at a specified age. Congress has acted to gradually increase that age. It was 72 in 2022 and moves to age 73 in 2023 and in 2033 it jumps to 75. There are penalties for not taking the RMD. When one takes a distribution from an IRA - it counts as income in that year so it is taxed. Also, as income it could raise your tax level and impact Medicare expenses. Those events can be avoided.

You can work with your IRA account manager and make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) and avoid both the taxes and the impact upon your Adjustable Gross Income (AGI). This is a powerful tool and was made permanent in 2015. If you are making contribution to the Many Point Alumni Association or the Many Point Heritage Endowment Fund you may want to consider this path. Even if you have not made contributions before it may prove to a useful strategy for your financial planning. Besides you are making the world better by helping Many Point and what it does to make youth become better citizens and people!

ROSTER UPDATES!

As part of our ongoing efforts to foster connections and keep our alumni association vibrant, we would like to draw your attention to the Missing Members report on our website.

Visit: [Missing Members Report: https://mpalumni.org/lost-members/](https://mpalumni.org/lost-members/)

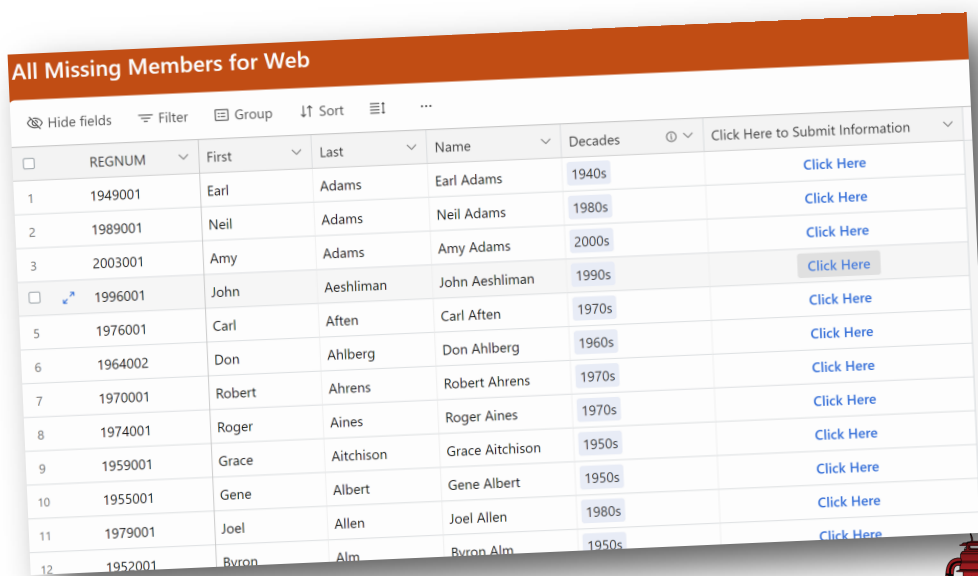
In the pursuit of maintaining a strong network, every member is a crucial piece of the MPSAA puzzle. Unfortunately, some members have become disconnected over the years, and we need your help to bring them back into the fold.

By checking the Missing Members report, you might recognize a familiar name or face that we've lost touch with. Your information and memories could be the key to rekindling those connections. Your involvement and time in this effort can make a significant difference.

Additionally, to streamline our communication and reduce unnecessary postage, we kindly request all members to update their contact information and mailing preferences. Your updated details ensure that you receive relevant news, event invitations, and updates tailored to your preferences.

Update your information here: [Contact Information Update](#)

Thank you for your support in making MPSAA a thriving and connected community. Together, let's ensure that no member is left behind.



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