

MA-KA-JA-WAN  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# ANNUAL REPORT



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## YEAR IN REVIEW

Thank you for supporting the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association and ensuring its continued growth! We want to take this opportunity to provide you a brief update on the organization and inform you of some of the exciting events that have taken place over the past year.

The Association continues to formalize its organization and introduce itself to the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan community. In the past year, a very successful Winter Party was held, with over seventy-five alumni in attendance. At Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan, the Association arranged several meetings to recruit members and to present a new mentorship program. Later in the year, the Association organized an enjoyable outing at Ravinia.

This past year the Association has also contributed funds of \$1,500 to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan in support of the East Handicraft program area improvements. We thank you for your generous and pioneering support of the Association and of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan!

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### INCOME

Membership Dues	1,720
Additional Member Contributions	870
Event Fees	2,450
Other	200
Total Income	\$ 5,240

### EXPENSE

Handicraft Donation	1,500
Event Costs	2,250
Materials	600
Total Expense	\$ 4,350

Excess of Income over Expense	890
Net Assets Beginning of Year	500
Net Assets End of Year	\$ 1,390

## MEMBERSHIP

Recruiting new members and retaining existing ones is critical as the Association enters its second year. While we have grown rapidly to over 100 members, this is a small fraction of the tens of thousands of individuals who have been a part of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan since its inception.

Earlier this year we conducted a survey of members which provided great direction for the Association. The full results of the survey are available on [makajawanalumni.org](http://makajawanalumni.org). While some members had seen news of the Association through Scouting Around or had visited the council or Association websites, the vast majority had learned of the Association through a friend or colleague. We ask that you personally reach out to other alumni and encourage them to join the Association and support our Camp.





## 2014 AND BEYOND...

We look forward to the following activities and initiatives in the coming year:

### HONORING YESTERDAY

The Association will be hosting the 85th Anniversary this summer at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan from July 11th to the 13th. Attendees should look forward to Fellowship, Camp Tours, the OA Fire, Program Areas, War Canoes, Trail Rides, Saturday Night Banquet, and the Remembrance Area Ceremony.

As many of you know, Ian Hopkins, Matt Horbal and numerous other alumni have been tirelessly developing a book encompassing the history of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan. The book is set to be released soon, and the Association will aid in its promotion.

### CONNECTING TODAY

The Association will again be organizing attendance at Ravinia concerts, Cubs games, and hopes to schedule additional social and service events throughout the year. We will be hosting the Winter Party at the Arboretum Club on January 23rd. The event was a terrific success last year and we hope it is the start of a wonderful tradition.

In 2014, we will continue to develop our new Mentorship program. The Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association Mentorship Program seeks to unite individuals within the Camp community for personal and professional growth. The objective of the mentorship program is two-fold: 1) Provide “seasoned” alumni with the opportunity to give back as mentors to the younger generation of alumni in a way beyond camp’s boundaries; 2) Offer younger mentees the opportunity to learn and grow through the shared knowledge of experienced alumni.

### SUPPORTING TOMORROW

Similar to our support this past year of the East Handicraft improvements, we will again be providing a donation to an impactful project at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan wherever it may best serve.

In the next year, we will also be introducing a Development Chair. This individual will be a resource for members to understand the different options available for supporting Camp.

## ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association is a social, service and philanthropic organization with a focus on the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation. The Association's objectives and initiatives are directed towards assisting the Northeast Illinois Council in its ongoing efforts of improvement of the property, program promotion of summer camp and other usage, and capital development and financial sustainability.

The Association is administered by a committee of camp alumni and staff from the Northeast Illinois Council, accountable to a Council officer. The Association is open to all those who share an interest in supporting Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan and celebrating its rich history. Registration in the Boy Scouts of America or the Northeast Illinois Council is not required, however members must be over the age of eighteen. Membership applications are available online at [makajawanalumni.org](http://makajawanalumni.org), please feel free to contact Brian Dennen (847.970.2117, [bden129@gmail.com](mailto:bden129@gmail.com)) with any questions regarding membership.



### MISSION

To foster opportunities for Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan alumni campers, leaders, staff, families, and friends to remain connected to each other and to the life changing experience of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation.

### VISION

To create a social mechanism through which all alumni may serve and support Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation to ensure that its quality and impact will be sustained and enhanced for future generations.



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