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I Married a
Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan
Scout!

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HOW YOU CAN HELP | RORY FENCL

As far as expectations for the MAA. I have a few specific things that I need assistance with to help keep MKJW growing and improving:

- Logistics/Food assistance with a Spring Camp Staff Orientation Day on March 28th at the Jadel Center. MAA assistance will help free up our leadership team to give a solid introduction and orientation for our new and returning staff members.
- I would like to extend an invitation to the Memorial Day Workers Weekend. The OA is searching for a team to help manage the food logistics of the weekend since we are hoping to have 300-400 people attending so we can work on every minute project from leveling platforms to rebuilding mountain bike trails. We will have a specific # closer to the event as people continue to register.
- An ask for Provisional Scoutmasters to help facilitate provisional units. I have Scoutmasters lined up for weeks 1, 2, & 4, but need at least 1 Assistant Scoutmaster for those weeks.
- I am working on a list of program supplies/materials that we will need donated, I don't currently know what we're missing since closing reports/inventories were not able to be completed last year.

Please let me know how else I can assist!

~Rory Fencil

I MARRIED A MA-KA-JA-WAN SCOUT | DEB LAAKER BURGAUER

"I hear Burgauer is married! I can't believe anybody married him," exclaimed an adult Scout wearing a Vigil headdress.

"Yep, and if you'd like to meet her, she's standing right behind you," replied Pete Cooper, Camp Ranger. "Al Lovas meet Deb Burgauer, Steve's wife and summer staff member."

A red-faced Al extended his hand, as I said, "Pleased to meet you, Al. I've heard a lot about you from Steve and Bill Jordan. If only half the stories they've told me about their Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan adventures are true, I can understand why you're amazed anybody married Steve."

Al had been East Camp director in the late 1960s when Steve, Bill, Jamie Olson and other members of the "Israelites" were on staff, terrorizing him and other staff with G.A. pranks that have become legendary.

Now the summer of 1974 (camp's 45th anniversary) and a Vigil Call-Out had brought us face-to-face. I explained to Al that Steve and I had met at Illinois State University, in our very first class during our freshman year of 1970, dated, and married in March of 1974. We both had teaching positions in the fall, but we needed employment for the summer. Steve called Bob King, the camp administrator, whose first questions was "Are you and your wife 21?" When Steve replied "yes," Bob hired

him to be a commissioner in East Camp and me to be “day off” staff.

What a memorable summer it was. While we lived in one of the duplex cabins in Family Camp, I became friends with other staff wives like Pat Cooper, Pete’s wife who ran Family Camp and its store, and the pregnant Alice, Bob Brown’s wife, the camp secretary, who went by the walkie-talkie call sign of Alpha Alice.

I truly became a Jack-of-all-trades. While I could barely cook for two people, Arvella, West Camp’s cook, and Emma, East Camp’s cook, taught me the culinary secrets of creating three meals a day for as many as 300 ravenously hungry campers and staff. If you begin at 5 a.m., you can make 900 pancakes by 8 a.m. breakfast. I filled in for Alice, learning to type stencils and nursing the mimeograph machine through yet another camp season. Pat and I did road trips with the scoutmasters’ wives and kids who stayed in Family Camp; the circus museum was my favorite.

We made life-long friendships with Larry Young and Rob Fields, Steve’s two commissioner’s aides who helped us with staff snacks, scoutmaster dinners, and a few G.A. pranks. I learned that kitchen stewards are the unsung heroes of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan and that the East Camp dish room staff should automatically go to heaven because working in that small space was already their time in hell.

I learned every boulder and rock in the road to East Camp as I walked there to join Steve for meals. I learned from Larry Young just how fast Steve could run as he responded to a lost swimmer’s alarm. I learned that you must drive very slowly at night on the camp road to NOT hit a moose. I learned that the horse flies in Family Camp eat human flesh daily and that the lake’s water is cold even in

August. I learned to love the magic of the OA fire bowl, the majesty of the West Camp pine forest, the mystery of Grasshopper Valley, and the moments of unrivaled serenity in the Chapel.

Most of all I learned why my husband Steve loves Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan so deeply. I, too, came to love it as a place, a spirit, and a way of life. Steve’s many summers at camp tempered him, like steel, into the man he is — a wonderful husband, a terrific father, an effective teacher and writer, and an all-around, honest, good human being.

Yes, I am very proud to have married a Boy Scout, but not just any scout. I married one forged in the world of Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan.

Steve and Deb were on staff together the summer of 1974 and have been married 45 years.

IT'S 1966 OR MAYBE 1967,
ABOUT TWO IN THE AFTERNOON,
A GLORIOUS NORTHERN WISCONSIN
SATURDAY IN LATE JULY.
THE CAMPERS ARE ON THEIR WAY HOME,
AND ALL STAFF CHORES ARE FINISHED.
IT'S FREE TIME, TIME TO REST A BIT,
AND HE WILL.
HE IS A TALL LANKY SCOUT,
LEISURELY STRETCHED OUT ON THE
FLOATING WOODEN DOCK.
THE ROWBOATS, MOORED NEARBY, BOB
AND CREAK.
THE LAKE PLAYS A SUBTLE SOUNDTRACK OF
GURGLES AND SLOSHES.
THE AIR IS REFRESHINGLY SCENTED BY
HUNDREDS OF PINES.
THE PERFECT SUNSHINE WASHES LAZILY
OVER HIM,
SOMETIMES FILTERED BY THIN CLOUDS,
SOMETIMES FULL FORCE BLAZING.
HE MAY NAP --
BUT NOW, HE KNOWS FOR CERTAIN
HE DOES NOT HAVE A CARE IN THE WORLD.
BY DEBRA BURGAUER, WRITTEN FOR HER
HUSBAND STEVE BURGAUER – MSR STAFF
1965-69, 1971, AND 1974

MA-KA-JA-WAN ENDOWMENT BROUCHER

Your Impact

Support the
Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Endowment Fund

- ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000*
☐ Other \$ _____
☐ Please contact me about making an outright or deferred gift to the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Endowment or capital (bricks and mortar) needs.
☐ This gift is in Honor/Memory of: _____

*1,000+ qualifies for James E. West Fellowship

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

- ☐ Check enclosed
☐ Send me an invoice
☐ Contact me for my credit card information
☐ I have given online at neic.org/alumni

Please make checks out to:

Northeast Illinois Council, BSA

In the memo field, please print MSR Endowment.

Please remit this form in the enclosed envelope to:

Northeast Illinois Council

Kasperson Center for Scouting

850 Forest Edge Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

www.neic.org
847-433-1813



Our Supporters

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association

Each year we add more members to our Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association (MAA) family. Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni consist of anyone who has been to camp, be it a camp mom, a little sister, Order of the Arrow members, or someone who has served on camp staff. Our mission is to bring together those who are universally bonded by their experiences at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan. Together we unite to become stewards of camp and the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Endowment Fund.

Wilderness Engineering Society

The Wilderness Engineering Society (WES) is an organization comprised of volunteers that provide support to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation. Our mission is to help sustain the property and buildings through capital donations, technical support (plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and other skills), and long-term planning. The WES has over 200 volunteers of various ages, backgrounds, skill sets and talents that provide their support at no cost to the Northeast Illinois Council.

To learn more about our alumni groups, visit neic.org/alumni.

To learn more about the storm and how you can help, visit neic.org/rebuild.

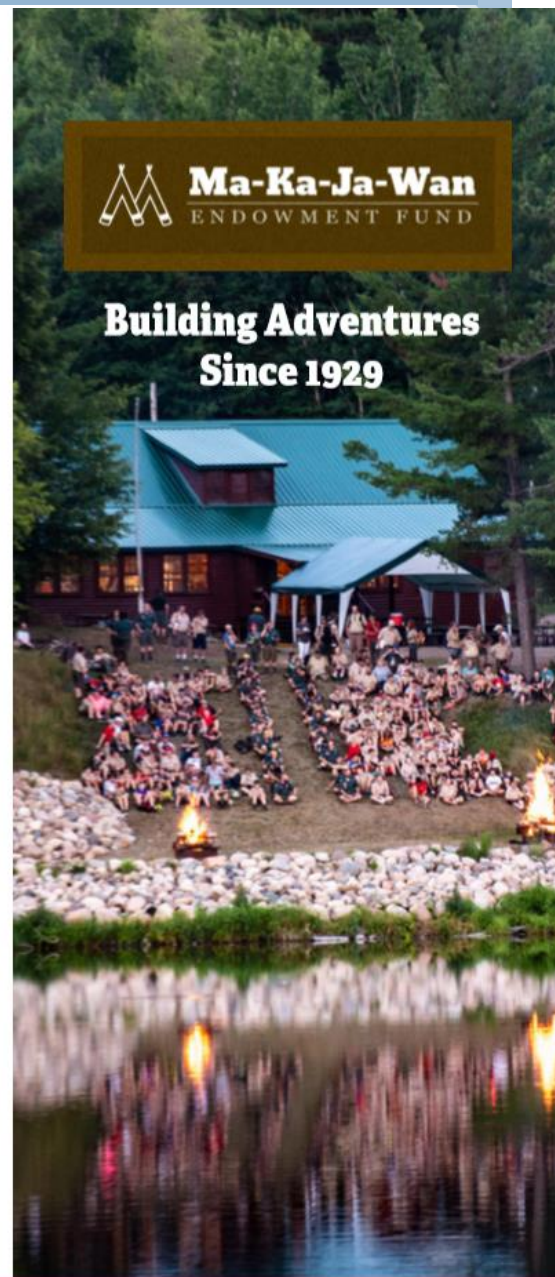
Join us for the annual Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association Winter Party!



Thursday, February 27th
6:00-9:00 PM

Timothy O'Tooles Pub
412 N. Milwaukee Ave
Libertyville, IL 60048

Register Online!
neic.org/maaparty2020



Our History

The Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Endowment Fund was founded by Jim Chandler in 1986 to raise capital funds for the support of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation. Jim worked as a professional with the Boy Scouts of America for over forty years, and on April 27, 2014 was honored as a Distinguished Eagle by the National Council, BSA.

Jim passed away on May 1, 2014, leaving a legacy of energetic service to youth. We endeavor to continue the enterprise Jim started 30 years ago. As Jim explained again and again, "Gifts to the fund are perpetual; the earnings can be spent only on projects to improve camp facilities now, preparing for the future."



"Keep Smiling"

~James L. Chandler
(1942-2014)



Our Fund

The Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Endowment Fund's market value is \$406,347 as of the end of 2019. The account value grew \$36,200 from 2018 to 2019, nearly a 9% return. The interest from this fund is essential to the continued development and upkeep of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation.

An Update on Camp

Friends,

It was great to see so many of you at the 90th Anniversary celebration in July. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help make it an unforgettable weekend. Without your support and help, we would never have been able to pull it off. My only regret is that we didn't have enough time to savor the experience of the weekend because of the storm that devastated camp one week later. Since then, we've been entirely focused on rebuild operations.

At the tender young age of 66, it was truly an experience for me to spend another summer on camp staff. When many of us return to camp to seek the old experiences and relive our past, we often notice the ways that camp is different compared to "the good old days." No current reality could compare to the memories that we all treasure from our years at camp, memories that age over time and become legend. Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan today is different in many ways, but every year offers new experiences for the young people who go there. These new stories become memories, which evolve into the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan legends of years to come. The storm is now part of those legends.

We are now faced with the challenge of rebuilding the Camp that has meant so much to us and has helped to shape our lives. I urge you to participate in the rebuilding in any way you can from donating to physically helping on weekend clean-ups and work projects. We have a lot of work to do, but Camp will be open in 2020! The campsites will have fewer big trees, a little more open space, and more room for the dragonflies to fly around and hunt mosquitoes. Wow, fewer mosquitoes, how about that? The camp we love is still there, but it's going to have a new look. It will take more than a big wind to dampen the Spirit of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan.

See you at Camp,
John Lillstrom
Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Chair

Our Future



Dear Scouters,

2019 marked the 90th anniversary for Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation, and the season started off looking very strong. It was the first summer that young women were able to enjoy our summer camp as Scouts and not Venturers, walking the same trail to Eagle that our Scouts have walked since 1929.

Our Coureur des Bois program has continued to be a popular success and has allowed our more experienced Scouts to challenge themselves while continuing to provide leadership for their units. We were able to serve just over 1400 Scouts, of whom were 80 girls taking their first steps down the Eagle Trail, prior to our heartbreaking early closure.

While Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan was hit hard by the storm, we are going to be bouncing back faster than poplars in spring. Our dedicated volunteers spent the rest of the summer and fall cleaning up the storm debris, re-opening the villages and roads, and rebuilding and restoring power to West Camp. We have assessed the damages to our buildings, our trails, and our forest, and are making plans for volunteer weekends that will be announced in newsletters over the next few months. Our focus for 2020 is to stand back up, rebuild, and hit the ground running to get camp back up and open to keep providing opportunities for our Scouts to grow as individuals and as members of our community. Thank you all for your support, dedication, and service to Scouting.



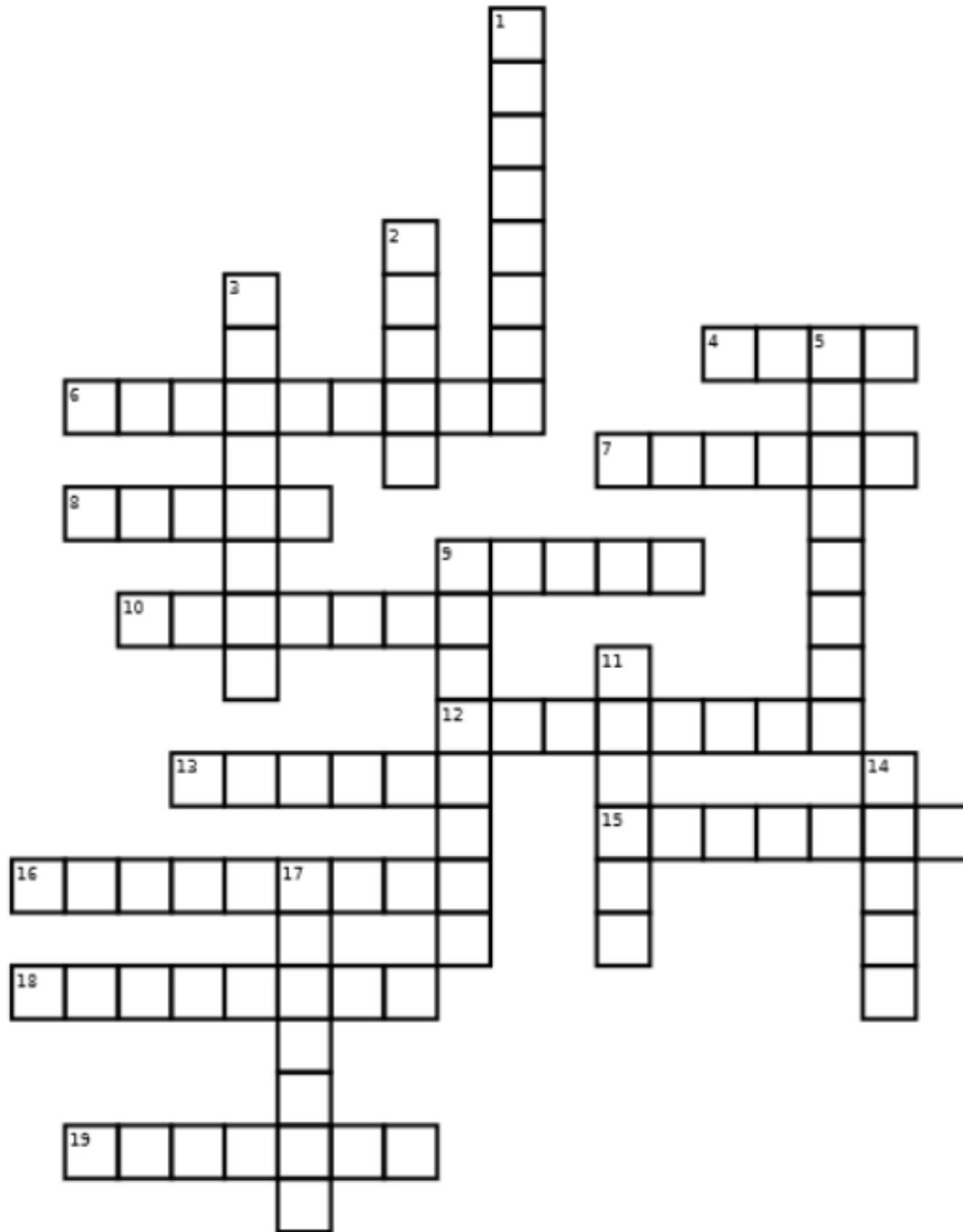
Yours in Scouting,

Rory Fencil
Program Director
Reservation Director



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW CAMPSITE NAMESAKES?

See last page for answer key.



Down:

1. Tsistsistas "the people" lived in the Great Plains and depended on bison and lived in tipis as they became more nomadic, wore long warbonnets; known for quill embroidery and pipestone carving
2. Led an expedition that discovered a trail to the west through the Cumberland Gap
3. Kanonsionni "people of the longhouse" now known as Six Nations, lived in longhouses in New York and throughout the Midwest; shaved side of head (roach style), and known for mask carving and porcupine quillwork
5. Lenni Lenape who lived along the Delaware River in wigwams or longhouses, and typically wore a beaded headband with a feather; known for their beadwork and basketry
9. A frontiersman who became legend after the Battle of the Alamo
11. Helped extend the westward expansion of the United States; spoke Spanish, French, and several indigenous languages
14. An army officer who helped map the vast unexplored territory acquired during the Louisiana Purchase.
17. Topographical engineer that explored the Des Moines River and the westward expansion of the Rockies and the Oregon Trail.



Across:

4. A buffalo hunter and entertainer known for his circus-like shows depicting the cowboy life
6. Ojibwe word for "wild rice" and the original people of Wisconsin that lived in wigwams or birchbark houses or lodges; known for quilling and floral beadwork
7. U.S. soldier and geologist who took a three-month river trip down the Green and Colorado rivers, and took the first official government-sponsored passage through the Grand Canyon
8. Lakota people of the Great Plains that lived in tipis (teepees); known for their elaborate headdresses, quillwork, beadwork, buffalo-hide paintings, and ceremonial calumets (pipes)
9. Jefferson's personal secretary who helped map the vast unexplored territory acquired during the Louisiana Purchase
10. Mountain man whose explorations of Utah led to a bypass named after him which shortened the Oregon Trail by 61 miles
12. Numinu "the people" that lived in the southern plains in tipis, wore cap with eagle feathers and ermine tails trailing; known for silver and copper jewelry and beadwork
13. Kanienkehaka means "people of the flint" in their language and original people of New York that lived in longhouses; a typical headdress had three eagle feathers; known for porcupine quillwork and mask carvings
15. Shawanwa means "southerner" and were a nomadic people that lived in wigwams (wigwams) from Indiana to New York, now in Oklahoma; known for beadwork and wood carving
16. Siksika tribe lived in bison-hide houses called tipis (teepees), and reside mostly in Montana and parts of Canada; known for the dark-colored moccasins, embroidery, and beadwork
18. Anishinabe means "original person" lived in Midwest and southern Canada that lived in wigwams (wigwams) or tipis (teepees); wore leather headband with feather standing straight up; known for floral beadwork and dreamcatchers.
19. Not an actual American pioneer

MEMBERSHIP

Friends,

If you have yet to renew your own dues for 2020-2021, we hope you do so soon. Instructions on how to join or renew can be found online at: <http://msraa.org/129/join/>.

We also offering Young Alumni & Lifetime memberships.

3 Types of Membership:

1. Young Adult: 18-25 years; no dues payment
2. Regular Membership: \$20/year
3. **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$201.29**



That's not a deal!
That's a STEAL!!!

MA-KA-JA-WAN SCOUT RESERVATION AMAZON WISH LIST

I'm sure many of you alumni camp staffers remember trying to provide your programs with minimal materials. Here's a link that could help out the current and future staff to provide the best possible program! Check out the link above!

If you have any questions, contact Adam Hoeflich at:

<mailto:ajhoeflich129@gmail.com?subject=MSR Amazon Wish List>

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR SSS #129 AND MAA

Join Ship 129!!

We encourage you to join the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association (MAA) to reconnect with your friends and beloved camp. You can enhance your MAA membership and experience by joining Sea Scout Ship (SSS) #129. This is an active Scout unit in the Northeast Illinois Council (NEIC) and is comprised by current and former staff members.

By joining SSS#129 as an adult leader you can reconnect with Scouting and Northeast Illinois Council. Members of the Ship receive the National BSA Council's monthly magazine: "Scouting" for adult leaders and all NEIC's publications and e-mail newsletters. For an additional fee, you can subscribe to "Boy's Life" magazine.

To be eligible for adult membership:

- ☐ You must be over 18 years of age;

Working in cooperation with the broader Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association, the goal of the Ship is to bring together, in a support organization, all those who have experienced that unique adventure of being a member of the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation staff or as a long-time volunteer. Membership in SSS#129 requires the completion of the "online" Youth Protection Program every two years to maintain your membership. Annual SSS#129 membership renewals will occur every May.

The official adult application forms can be accessed on the Internet using the following link and printed out on your printer.

Select "Adult Application" and print the forms. You may also request applications by contacting John Lillstrom at:

John.Lillstrom@gmail.com or calling him at (715) 623-6629.

To complete Youth Protection Training you must go to: www.myscouting.org and create your account. Once your account is established you can click on the Youth Protection Training tab to complete the 20minute course.

- ☐ Yearly membership for MAA \$20
- ☐ MAA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP \$201.29
- ☐ Yearly membership for SSS#129 \$24
- ☐ Yearly subscription to Boy's Life \$12

A check for \$56 gets all three yearly memberships. A check for \$237.29 gets you a Lifetime Membership for MAA and a Yearly membership and subscription to SSS#129 and Boy's Life Magazine, respectively. If you are a registered Scouter, there is no charge to add SSS#129 as an additional unit. Boy's Life is an optional fee.

Completed applications, Youth Protection certificate (if necessary), along with the appropriate check made payable to: Northeast Illinois Council will then be mailed to:

Sea Scout Ship #129
c/o John Lillstrom
W8986 Claire Rd
Deerbrook, WI. 54425

Upon acceptance of your application, you will be commissioned as a Skipper's Mate in SSS#129. (This is equivalent to an Assistant Scoutmaster position.) A certificate of

membership in the Camp Staff Veterans of Sea Scout Ship #129 (if qualified) will be sent to your mailing address. You will receive your Ship registration card from the National Council, BSA. As a full member of the MaKa-Ja-Wan Alumni Association you will be alerted to alumni events, activities, and important information regarding your Scouting alma mater.

Please direct any questions regarding registration to:
Brian McIlwee Brianm@mcilweemillwork.com or John Lillstrom john.lillstrom@gmail.com

MA-KA-JA-WAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

Join online at neic.org/alumni OR mail this form with dues payment to

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Alumni Association
850 Forest Edge Dr.
Vernon Hills, IL. 60061

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Birthdate (Must be >18 to join): ____/____/____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone number: (____) ____-____ E-mail: _____

May we share your name and e-mail with the Association Membership? ____ (Yes) ____ (No)

OTHER INFORMATION:

Please mark all that apply: Camper ____ Leader ____ Staff ____ Friend ____

First Year at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan: _____

Relationship to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan (e.g. years, E/W/R, Unit, etc.): _____

Professional information (job, employer, city, industry, etc.): _____

Are you interested in the Mentorship Program? ____ (Yes! Send me more info!) ____ (No)

<u>TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP (check box):</u>	<u>Annual dues:</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Young adult (18-25 years of age).....	<u>FREE</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard yearly.....	<u>\$20</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> LIFETIME.....	<u>\$201.29</u>
Annual contribution.....	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	_____

Dues are on the calendar year and not prorated. Make checks payable to "Northeast Illinois Council BSA," place "MAA Membership" on the memo line. Any additional amount contributed will be used in direct support of the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation under the supervision of the Association and the Council Executive Board.

—MA-KA-JA-WAN Alumni Association

Honoring Yesterday  *Connecting Today*  *Supporting Tomorrow*

www.Ma-Ka-Ja-WanAlumni.org

CROSSWORD ANSWER KEY

