

August 2021

Friends of Webster

Summer Newsletter



Dear Friends,

2021 Was the 58th Season of Camping at J.N. Webster. As I sit here and reflect it was an extremely challenging Season but by all metrics an extremely successful one. We had a dynamic Camp Staff, Great Volunteers, and a significant increase in the number of Chartered Units that attended Summer Camp. I would like to take a moment and thank everyone who contributed to the success this summer. We could not do what we do without the dedicated support of our Alumni and the Friends of Webster. The mission of the "Friends" is to make the good, great and it showed this summer.

Your volunteer hours and monetary donations are vital to JNW being successful. 2021 will forever be known as the year of the "Great Flood" and the damage that occurred. It was a testament to the caliber of our volunteers that the next morning our Alumni & Friends of Webster members sprang into action. We had over 40 people who brought equipment and their time for us to get ready for Week 4, we also had numerous monetary donations that have been put to good use repairing equipment and

We need Scouting now more than ever and the Scout Summer camping market in the Northeast is the most competitive that it has ever been. It's important that we turn our collective eyes now to 2022 to make sure that J.N. Webster is the best that it can be.

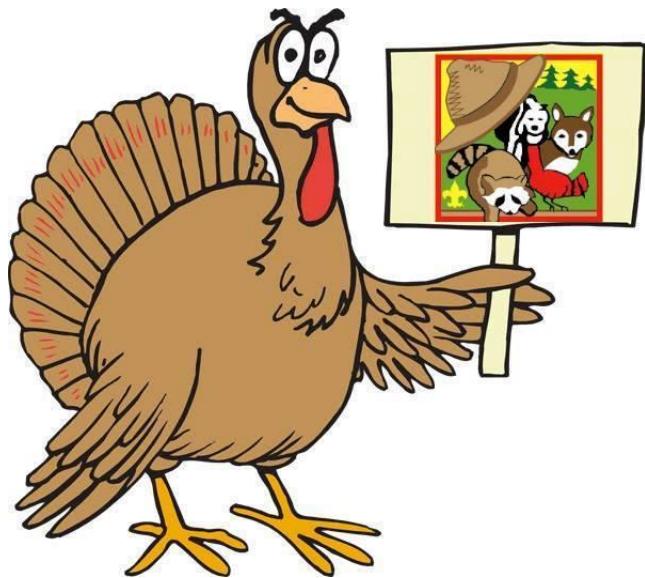
Yours in Scouting,

Pat Boyd
Director, J.N. Webster Scout Reservation



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Turkey Workday

You are invited to put down the drumstick and come out to JNW on Friday, November 26 (Black Friday) and work on a few camp projects and have a great grab-and-go meal with Friends properly socially distanced.

Contact Ranger Austin.Deschamps@scouting.org or FOW President pmonty@charter.net

Don't go to the store on Black Friday the best deal is at JNW.....

All are welcome. All Skill Levels.....

9:00 AM - Ranger's Station for Socially Distanced Donuts, Coffee, or Tea

9:15 AM - Work Projects Begin

Help is urgently needed at the Woodstock Fair over Labor Day Weekend September 3 to 6.

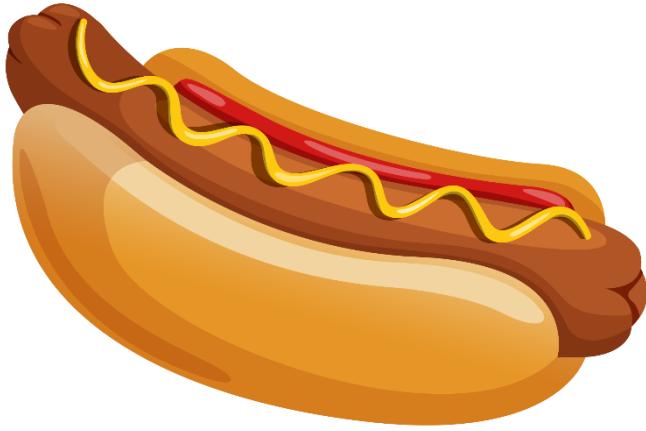
The Friends sponsor a Coney Island Hot Dog booth which is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

Come work half a day at the booth, enjoy the other half the day at the fair with an entrance ticket provided by us

Morning and Afternoon shifts available all 4 days

Contact Hoss Haskell

hosshaskell@gmail.com or 860-334-7528



A BIG BIG Thanks!

To A Great Staff who made this year's Camping experience so memorable for all who attend JN Webster Scout Reservation Another thanks to the over 60 volunteers who every year help out at camp. This year an extraordinary number show up to help out. The Friends of Webster members make up the majority of those volunteers. With all the changes going on, with the two bungalows (cabins) being built and the 'new' ranger, we needed all the help we could get. A Major flood hit the camp and again the volunteers showed up to help out! THANKS! The beautiful camp shows the work that everybody did.

Congratulation to Tim Boyd - he was honored with the JN Webster Lifetime achievement Award! His years of service to the camp as chief builder, bench builder (200 and counting), tree warden and all-around expert in all things mechanical. He steps up and in whenever something needs to be done!

Congratulation to our first JNW/FOW scholarship winners! A total of 9 scholarships were awarded to worthy staff members pursuing higher education degrees. Their dedication to camp was recognized and rewarded.

We now have 10 cabins/ facilities that can be rented out for off season camping. The Ranhoff lodge and Campmaster have new windows. There are 14 new metal roofs - a Big thanks to the Roofing Store for the 7 they did. Encourage your troops, crews and packs to come enjoy the camp and take advantage of the great facilities. The camp looks great! Austin Deschamps has added so much to camp. Thanks Austin.

There are still plenty of projects left to do. More are added to the list each week. Volunteers are still showing up each week are working on a number of projects. Tim keeps adding new benches and cutting down trees. The Wednesday Crew spent the months of June and July working on the Silas Bunnell Memorial Bungalow and Friends Bungalow (paid for by Life FOW members funds).

Stop in any time - give Austin a call and come enjoy the beautiful camp we have. Stop in and lend a hand. And thanks for all the help!

Phil Monty

President - Friends of Webster

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NEW Provisional location in Site 2.

New cabins for scouts staying with the Thunderbirds (Whoop Whoop) were completed in June

Funding for this project is from the Memorial Fund in Silas Bunnell's name and from the Lifetime Memberships.



2021 J.N. Webster Camp Staff Scholarship Winners

The Connecticut Rivers Council & The Friends of Webster awarded 9 Post-Secondary Scholarships to deserving Camp Staff in a competitive process. Congratulations! Representing the Scholarship Committee was Kathleen Seitz & John Haskell Sr.

The Silas Bunnell Memorial Scholarship: Nathaniel Christian Austin-Mathley - University of Connecticut

The Beverly Boyd Memorial Scholarship: Krycia Harlow - Quinebaug Valley Community College

Friends of Webster Scholarship: Julianna DeSantis Raymond - University of Connecticut

Friends of Webster Scholarship: Kristopher Dow - University of Connecticut

Friends of Webster Scholarship: Zachary Larkham - Bridgewater State University

Friends of Webster Scholarship: Charlotte Morrisette - Husson University

Friends of Webster Scholarship: Charles Preisler - Arizona State University

Friends of Webster Scholarship: Henry Rose - The State University of New York - Oswego

Friends of Webster Scholarship: Timothy Schafer - University of Connecticut



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Alumni Reception

Congratulations to the recipients of J.N. Webster's most prestigious awards.

Lifetime Achievement Award – Timothy Boyd

Cornell Distinguished Service Award - Michael Driscoll

Cornell Distinguished Service Award - Tony Perreault

Cornell Distinguished Service Award - Darrell Santor

Barns Meritorious Service Award – William P. Aldrich

Barns Meritorious Service Award - Jeffrey Godley, Esq

Barns Meritorious Service Award - Alphonse Letendre



On Saturday, July 17th, J.N. Webster, along with much of Northern Connecticut experienced significant rainfall. The camp experienced heavy flooding, erosion, and other storm damage. With more rainfall expected and out of an abundance of caution, We made the difficult decision to delay the opening of Week 4 until Tuesday July 20th.

In the days after the storm dozens of volunteers turned out with machines, tractors, pavers, skid steers, and shovels to put the camp back together and repair the damage.

Thank You to everyone who pitched in to help.



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It is with tremendous regret that we share the news of the passing of Former Camp Director Peter B. Perry at the age of 85.

An Eagle Scout who had nearly 60 years of Service to the Boy Scouts of America. Peter was a Naval Officer, Engineer, and Businessman. After teaching at the United States Naval Academy and a career in the Navy, he moved from Annapolis to Gales Ferry, Connecticut, where he served as the Scoutmaster of Troop 55.

He joined the Council Executive Board of the Indian Trails Council and later the Connecticut Rivers Council. He served as the Order of the Arrow Lodge Adviser, Camping Committee Chairman, Council Vice-President, and Properties Committee Chairman. Peter would be directly involved in the Camps/Outdoor Program of the Council for nearly 35 years until he moved to Maryland a few years ago. Peter was recognized with the Silver Beaver Award for his Council Service and the Silver Antelope Award for his work as the "Director of Stuff" supporting the Northeast Region National Camping Schools for over two decades. He served as the Camp Director at J.N. Webster for the 1992 & 1993 Summer Camp Seasons.

Peter was extremely generous and made many projects at JNW happen because of his financial support. It is safe to say JNW would not have grown to what it is today without Peter's leadership, vision and support. He was recognized as the first recipient of the JNW Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009. He will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery, and a Memorial Service will be held at JNW at some point in the future.

Our thoughts go out to his entire family, including his children Elizabeth, Andrew (Eagle Scout), Janet, and Matthew (Eagle Scout & Former Camp Staff).



Friends Pavilion - 2021

Help the *Friends of Webster* fund a 'Post and Beam' pavilion in site 7. The goal of the camp is to provide a pavilion in each of the camp sites. At present we have pavilions in most sites, the exception is site 7 and site 10. A number of troops and individuals have stepped up to provide pavilions in 10 of the 12 camp sites. A troop is in the process of funding a pavilion in site 10.

Please consider a donation to help fund the pavilion. The goal is to raise \$6000 to fund the pavilion. We will be contacting Ellis Tech and Windham tech to build the pavilions. They have built 5 of the present 11 pavilions.

We have raised \$350 towards the pavilions so far. Funds can be sent to Hoss Haskell - FOW treasure
100 Lake St. Jewett City, CT 06351



Meeting Notice:

Next Friends of Webster meeting will be
Thursday September 16th 2021



FRIENDS OF WEBSTER

Friends of Webster was organized in July of 1994 to support and enhance the programs and facilities at June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation. Most members are former Scouts or leaders that have attended JNW or served on the summer camp staff. Others have come forward to support the camp in many different ways.

Membership in Friends of Webster is the key to the success of the organization. Annual dues from members, fundraisers, and donations provide the financial means to undertake each improvement project, big or small. These funds are parlayed with the various skills of our 'Friends,' and volunteer labor, to accomplish amazing things at minimal cost.

Over the years, Friends of Webster have helped construct a number of buildings and pavilions, upgrade bathroom and shower facilities, develop a second waterfront swim area, build a new Shooting Sports complex, create an ATV program, build a BMX course, and numerous other smaller projects.

Friends of Webster host special work days each year to help maintain and enhance the property. These events draw many volunteers who share their time and talents while addressing projects on the ever present 'To Do' list. In addition, a small work party is at camp every Wednesday throughout the year for anyone willing to help with current and on-going tasks..

Friends of Webster also established the Nathan Hale Heritage Center, a museum dedicated to the history of Scouting and Scout camps in eastern Connecticut, particularly J N Webster. Its mission is to preserve Scouting memorabilia, literature, and related materials for future generations. The museum is open daily during summer camp, on the third Saturday of each month off-season from 1-4 pm, and by appointment. Donations are welcome.



FOW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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FOW Membership Dues expires May 31 each year

Name: _____

Mail Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

E-mail (for newsletters and notices): _____

Check Membership Category

Family - \$50
 Scouter - \$25
 Scout (under 21) - \$10
 Life Member - \$500

I donate \$ _____ to the Camp Staff Scholarship Fund

I donate \$ _____ for a special Annual Camp Project

I would like to help in the following ways:

<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical
<input type="checkbox"/> Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Painting
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing
<input type="checkbox"/> Campmaster	<input type="checkbox"/> Tools/Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	

Make checks payable to:
Connecticut Rivers Council
Indicate FOW on the memo line

Mail to: John Haskell, Treasurer
100 Lake Road
Jewett City, CT 06351

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____