

# Friends of Webster

## Winter Newsletter

February 2021



### FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Friends,

2020 was a tough year for many reasons, but as we turn the page to 2021, I feel optimistic. We have an ambitious spring planned, and we are well on our way to planning for a return to Summer Camp. COVID-19 has impacted Scouting in many ways, and J.N. Webster is not immune to that hardship. We need your help to rebound. Please consider paying your dues or making an extra donation to the Friends of Webster this year. Please consider attending a workday or volunteering your time at Summer Camp. We must welcome everyone home to J.N. Webster and fill the camp this summer to regain our strong footing. We have a solid team of core Summer Camp Staff, awesome support from the Friends of Webster, and a Council Executive Board that wants us to be successful. I appreciate your help, support, and time so that we can make sure that the 2021 Season is the best that J.N. Webster has ever seen!

Yours in Scouting,  
- Pat Boyd



The end of February and throughout March is the maple sugar season in Connecticut! Cold nights and warm, sunny days are necessary to provide good sap yields. Local sugar makers and their many loyal customers eagerly await this annual rite of spring. Visit the JNW maple sugar festival to see firsthand how maple syrup is produced!

***This is a COVID-19 compliant event,  
Masks are Required***



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### FOW TRADE-O-REE to go virtual in 2021

Due to the difficulty in crossing state lines and limits on groups in buildings the Trade-O-Ree will be on-line with a silent auction March 1 to March 6, and a one-hour virtual gathering for an hour on March 6.

Harry & Harry, JR, Segerstrom and Hoss Haskell have put over ninety (90) items for bidding. A first-edition hardcover BSA Handbook from 1910 is offered!

Bidders will require to register with a credit card and can “watch” or set “maximum bids”.

Find out more at [www.gotowebster.org/TOR](http://www.gotowebster.org/TOR)



Join us for our Annual Spring-Cleaning Workday on March 2th as we clean up camp from the hard winter and start the process of getting JNW ready for Summer Camp 2021! Open to Scouts, Friends, Staff, Alumni, Leaders, Parents, and the Community

### Upcoming Workdays

[Spring Cleaning Work Day - Saturday, March 27 2021](#)

[Order of the Arrow Spring Weekend & Work Day \(4/17\) - April 16-18 2021](#)

[Beaver Work Day & Annual Friends of Webster Meeting - Saturday, June 5 2021](#)

[Turkey Work Day-Friday, November 26 2021](#)

Wednesday Work Crew - Meet at 9:00 AM at the Shop, Every Wednesday - Interested? Contact [Phil Monty](#)





### Friends of Scouting Donation

In June of 2020 with the PPP grant running out and no foreseeable camp income, the Friends of Webster contributed \$25,000 to the Friends of Scouting campaign which allowed the council to pay the bills to keep the property going: utilities, insurance, etc. The ranger turned off the power, gas & water to almost all our cabins in order to keep the utility bills to a minimum.

### Metal Tables

The Ranger, Austin Deschamps, and Thom Pelletier found outside metal tables at an auction and thanks to specific donations and the Friends of Webster they already dot our landscape. Some of the tables have one side open for wheelchair access and we have stationed them near the Trading Post and the back deck of the Dining Hall. Some will have umbrellas for the warm times ahead. You can still “buy” a metal table for \$170. Speaking of tables, you can still sponsor a wooden dining hall table for \$300. In both cases a tag recognizing your support will be attached.

### Chip’s Fire Sale

Over the summer and fall, the inventory from Trader Jack’s Trading Post was moved to Chip’s Cabin and was opened numerous times to individuals and units to sell uniforms, advancements, books, and other supplies. Over \$10,000 of sales has gone through the JNW Trading Post books to support the camp and council. The camp’s regular Trading Post was also open during several day events.

### NEW Provisional location in Site 2.

The cabins’ footprints were marked and the areas had trees cut down and moved away, and the area had stumps & rocks removed to prepare the cabin locations.

Material for two (2) Thunderbird (Woop! Woop!) Cabins has been delivered.

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



Securing our Future, Together!

**WANT TO SUPPORT JNW DURING THIS TOUGH TIME? JOIN THE FRIENDS OF WEBSTER!**

With only the Haunted Drive-through as a fundraiser, the FOW survived primarily on dues & donations and has helped the camp thrive over the past year. Your dues and donations have allowed a handful of volunteers and the ranger make continuous improvements in camp. Units can also become members by paying \$50 dues per year (like a family). See the dues form on this newsletter or join online at <https://www.gotowebster.org/donate-volunteer.html>.

In 2020 ten people decided to become “Life Members” with a donation of \$500. Already in 2021, four more have joined their ranks. They receive a certificate, and the dues patch each year.

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### Wednesday Crew Report

The Wednesday crew has been busy at camp working to make the camp better.

Tim Boyd - Camp Tree Warden - has been very busy marking and cutting trees throughout camp, removing unsafe limbs and fallen trees. Tim has also been installing a lift in the Maintenance area (purchased by Chuck Thurlow). It will help us to better maintain our camp vehicles.

The Wednesday crew has been busy as well. The crew installed table braces on all the Dining hall tables and repaired a number of adirondack chairs. The crew rebuilt the Paddle shed at the Waterfront with the help of the Fall OA ordeal. We also put a metal roof on the building. We worked helping to repair and repaint the Hamond barn. Working with Austin Deschamps, camp ranger, we helped prep and paint the Trading Post, Heritage Museum, Ranhoff, Site 6 latrine and shower house, and Cornell Lodge. Thanks to the volunteers who purchase and donated 5 gal buckets of paint! We just finished repainting the floor in the Cornell lodge and will be painting the floor in the Santor lodge.

We stripped the old shingles off and then put metal roofs on the latrines in sites 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and the shower houses in sites 2, 6, 7, and 10. We rebuilt the site 11 latrine from the ground up and put a metal roof on it. We also worked on camp vehicles - put a new bed on the F-350 and repaired the Ford tractor. We purchase a metal break for bending metal flashing for installation of camp building. Spent time repairing and rebuilding camp cots. There was tree damage to the COPE gateway so the crew built a new one with materials on hand. Waiting for good weather to install it.

Thom Pelletier has been busy modifying the kitchen area and working on the new counter areas. He has cut enough siding and 2 x 4s for the two new Thunderbird cabins (to be built in site 2 area). He also reorganized the wood rack area for better storage.

As always, if you have some time, please join us any Wednesday to help improve camp.



Barry E Grant Memorial Fishing Derby -Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:00 am Register at [gotowebster.org](http://gotowebster.org)



A lift previously donated by Chuck Thurlow was installed in the ranger station this fall by Tim Boyd, with assistance from Harry Segerstrom and Tom Brennan



# 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

*FOW Membership Dues expires May 31 each year*

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** (for newsletters and notices): \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b><u>Check Membership Category</u></b></p> <p>____ Family - \$50</p> <p>____ Scouter - \$25</p> <p>____ Scout (under 21) - \$10</p> <p>____ Life Member - \$500</p> <p><b><u>Make checks payable to:</u></b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Connecticut Rivers Council</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Indicate FOW on the memo line</p> <p><b><u>Mail to:</u></b> John Haskell, Treasurer</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">100 Lake Road</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Jewett City, CT 06351</p>	<p><b>I donate \$ _____ to the Camp Staff Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p><b>I donate \$ _____ for a special Annual Camp Project</b></p> <p><b>I would like to help in the following ways:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>____ Fundraising</td> <td>____ Construction</td> </tr> <tr> <td>____ Newsletter</td> <td>____ Carpentry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>____ Publicity</td> <td>____ Electrical</td> </tr> <tr> <td>____ Event</td> <td>____ Painting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>____ Cooking</td> <td>____ Plumbing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>____ Campmaster</td> <td>____ Tools/Equipment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>____ Other (specify): _____</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	____ Fundraising	____ Construction	____ Newsletter	____ Carpentry	____ Publicity	____ Electrical	____ Event	____ Painting	____ Cooking	____ Plumbing	____ Campmaster	____ Tools/Equipment	____ Other (specify): _____	
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**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**