

January 2009

Dear Friend of Onteora,

Enclose please find information on upcoming activities up at Onteora Scout Reservation, and let me extend to you and invitation to become a dues paying member of the Onteora Alumni Association (OAA).

I'd also like to tell you a little bit about what the OAA has done in the past year alone. Planning for the 2009 summer camping season at Onteora Scout Reservation is well underway. 2008 was another great year for OSR: the camp was fully accredited by the BSA and nearly 1000 Scouts spent a week at camp, learning about life in the unique way that a week (or more) in the outdoors teaches you - about yourself and others. In 2008 the Onteora Alumni Association (OAA) once again invested significant funds raised through regular memberships and special events. Where did the OAA put these dollars? An expanded and rehabilitated Craft Lodge welcomes first year and returning Scouts, and a replacement stage stands ready for service in the Buckskin - Ken Heim Council Ring. We also provided support to the Spring Service Weekends ("Beaver Weekends"), awarded a \$750 Scholarship to 2008 OSR Waterfront Staffer Bobby Tate to help him pay for his college studies, and provided almost \$2000 to help needy Scouts pay a portion of their camp fee. We also had a wonderful Family, Friends and Alumni Weekend during the summer and another memorable fall weekend. We did all this while watching our endowment grow to approach the \$70,000 mark! Space does not permit me to detail or describe the energy and time that so many of our members have contributed to Onteora - serving on the staff, securing materials, equipment and supplies, working on projects, and bringing troops to camp.

More remains to be done, so I hope you will join our ranks and contribute as you can in 2009. We have "rolling dues" now, meaning that when you join (or renew), your membership extends for 12 months from that date. **I hope you will choose to join right away. While it's never too early or too late in the year to join, the sooner you join, the earlier we know how much funding we have to work with in a given year.**

Our actual projects for 2009 will depend on how much funding we raise through memberships and other means, and be decided in consultation with the Council Office leadership. Some ideas on the table are new and improved staff housing for college age staff, additional sailboats, and completion of the vehicle storage building in the Maintenance Shop area. If you or someone you know may have a special interest in supporting one of these or another camp project large or small, please contact me or the Council Office.

Enclosed are some materials on activities up at camp - I hope you are able to take advantage of them. You can also find updates at [www.trcbsa.org/OAA](http://www.trcbsa.org/OAA) and on Bill Cotter's web site ([www.billcotter.com/onteora](http://www.billcotter.com/onteora)). Please also extend an invitation to join the OAA to one or more Onteora alumnus who is not currently a member so that we can increase our ranks and expand our efforts to make Onteora Scout Reservation the best camp in the northeast.

The Onteora Alumni Association is making a difference at Onteora that you can see and touch, and providing a place where another generation of young men and women can learn life lessons, perhaps as you once did. On behalf of the entire Onteora Alumni Association Board, I thank you for whatever level of support you are able to provide.

In the Spirit of Onteora,

*Rick*

Rick Balla

Past Chair, Onteora Alumni Association

91 South Lewis Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570; 516-678-0032; [rpb11570@yahoo.com](mailto:rpb11570@yahoo.com)

Note: I apologize if you are already a member, meaning our records are not correct or up-to-date (but please, if there is an error or problem, let me know by contacting me by one of the means above. e-mail contact is best).

**Onteora Alumni Association 2009 Events**

Winter Gathering — Feb 26, 2009  
 Beaver Day #1—May 15-17, 2009  
 Beaver Day #2—June 12-14, 2009  
 Camping Weekend – August 21-23 2009  
 Fall Reunion—September 11-13, 2009

**Planning Ahead Beyond 2009 (Because of council scheduling, these are anticipated dates)**

2010: Fall Weekend, Sept. 10-12, 2010  
 2011: 55th Anniversary Reunion Weekend, Sept. 16-18, 2011  
 2012: Fall Weekend, Sept. 14-16, 2012



Left: Edward Mallay 2008 OSR Health Officer (left) and Dave Barkstedt, past OAA Chairman (right), stand in front of the expanded and rehabilitated Buckskin Craft Lodge that the OAA funded in 2008 (July 2008)



The replacement stage at the Buckskin Ken Heim Council Ring (handrail to be added soon!). (July 2008)



(Above) The initial construction phase of the Vehicle Storage Building has begun (July 2008)

Above & below: The OAA celebrated Glenn Gabbard's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as OSR's Ranger in September 2008, and issued a special patch for the occasion. (September 2008)

Above: Past OAA Chair Victor Varonier (right) presents OSR Staffer Bobby Tate (left) with a check for \$750 as the recipient of the 2008 OAA Scholarship. (August 2008)



Above: If you think there are enough sailboats at OSR already, you'd be wrong. They are all in use, all the time, and more are desperately needed (July 2008)



Above: OSR Camp Director Don Smith (right) about to receive the pennant recognizing OSR's full accreditation as a BSA Summer Camp from a Regional BSA representative. (July 2008)

**Join the Onteora Alumni Association Today!**



Far right: Most of the participants at the OAA Fall Weekend and Business Meeting gather for a picture outside the Long House. (September 2008)

# 2009 Membership Application



**What's new? Rolling Dues year, pay by credit card, campership fund...**

- "Rolling Dues Year" - pay your dues for a one year period starting when your payment is received (like a magazine subscription). **NOTE: Basic dues are now \$30.**
- Pay by credit card and make monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or one time payments.
- Give specifically on the campership line to help send a needy Scout to Onteora.
- Stretch your gift by taking advantage of employer matching gifts (if applicable).

The Onteora Alumni Association was established in 2001. It promotes the aims and methods of Boy Scout Camping through support of Onteora Scout Reservation by:

- Financial support to the camp endowment for programs and capital projects administered by the Theodore Roosevelt Council, BSA.
- Participation of members in camp work weekends to improve camp facilities and programs
- Providing social opportunities for members, who are former campers, scouters, parents, staff, and individuals who support the operations and traditions of Onteora Scout Reservation.

| Membership Categories                             | Dues           | Membership Categories                                 | Dues           |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|
| <b>Individual - Basic (under 21 years of age)</b> | <b>\$ 10</b>   | <b>Individual - Basic (21 plus years of age)</b>      | <b>\$ 30</b>   |
| <b>Individual - Silver</b>                        | <b>\$ 50</b>   | <b>Individual - Gold</b>                              | <b>\$ 100</b>  |
| <b>Individual - Platinum</b>                      | <b>\$ 200</b>  | <b>Millennium Member – Onteora Millennium Society</b> | <b>\$1,000</b> |
| <b>Individual - Life ( payable over 4 years)</b>  | <b>\$2,000</b> | <b>Corporate</b>                                      | <b>\$ 100</b>  |

- All paid members receive membership patch and an annual commemorative patch. Join at the \$100 level and above to also receive an annual commemorative neckerchief. Millennium or Life memberships may be paid over 2 or 4 years, respectively.
- Following the full contribution of \$1000 towards a Millennium or Life membership, you can be recognized as a Council J.E. West Fellow.
- The Onteora Alumni Association awards at least one academic or vocational scholarship a year to a current OSR staff member. If you are interested in contributing to this fund, please include the amount in the form below.

..... Cut here and enclose with dues. ....

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

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **home**

**Occupation/Expertise** \_\_\_\_\_

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **business**

**(circle one) Youth(11-20) or Adult (21 +)**

**Membership Category Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check here if this is a new or contributing contribution towards a OSR Millennium Membership \_\_\_\_\_ or life membership \_\_\_\_\_**

Please enclose address changes with dues remittance.

**Dues Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: *Theodore Roosevelt Council BSA*

**OSR Staff Scholarship Fund Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Account# 1-2306-943-00  
2009 OAA Membership

**Campership Contribution towards our \$3,000 annual goal:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I'm already a life member \_\_\_\_\_; here's an annual contribution** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Add'l contribution to OAA endowment \_\_\_\_\_ or capital \_\_\_\_\_ campaign** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card (circle) MC VISA AMEX**

**Total Amount Enclosed/Contributed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

| For Credit Card Payments |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Total Contribution       | \$ |
| Payment                  | \$ |
| Balance Due              | \$ |

| For Credit Card Payments |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Number of Payments       | Start Month               |
| (Circle One)             | (Circle One)              |
| Bill One Time            | January February March    |
| Bill Two Times           | April May June            |
| Bill Quarterly           | July August September     |
| Bill Monthly             | October November December |

TR Council Office Fax: FAX: 516-797-9765

My employer makes matching gifts \_\_\_\_\_  
Please feel free to list any special skills, abilities or contributions you can make to Onteora on the reverse of this form.

Mail to: **Onteora Alumni Association** c/o Theodore Roosevelt Council BSA - 544 Broadway, Massapequa, NY 11758 516.797.7600

# The Onteora Alumni Association

Invites you to the

## 7th Annual "Winter" Gathering

An Evening of Reminiscing and Support for the Land in the Sky!

### 7-10pm Thursday February 26, 2009

Del Mir Caterers at North Shore Synagogue (same as last year)

83 Muttontown Eastwoods Road, Syosset, NY 11791 (516-802-5492, [www.delmircaterers.com](http://www.delmircaterers.com))

**DIRECTIONS:** Del Mir Caterers is located north of Jericho Turnpike (Rt. 25) and west of the Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway (Rt. 135), off Jackson Ave near the Syosset LIRR station. You can walk  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the LIRR Station, or arrange in advance to be picked up (call Bob Morse at 516-876-8446)

**From Rt. 135:** Exit at Jericho Turnpike (Rt.25) west. Go  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on Rt.25 west to Jackson Ave, make a right (north) on Jackson Ave.

**From the intersection of Rt.25 & Jackson Ave:** Go about 1 mile northbound on Jackson Ave. Go over the LIRR tracks and then bear left onto Berry Hill Road. Just after bearing left, turn left onto Muttontown Eastwoods Road. Go a short distance; Del Mir is on your left.

**From the west and Rt. 25 heading East:** Jackson Ave is about 2.5 miles east of the intersection Rt. 25 and Rt.106/107. (Jackson Avenue is also called South Oyster Bay Road south of Rt. 25.) Follow directions above. "Form the intersection of Rt. 25 and Jackson Ave"

Mingle with Present and Former Staff, Leaders, Campers, Friends and their Guests

Meet the 2009 Camp Leadership

Installation of the 2009 OAA Advisory Board

Brief Update regarding Goings-On at Onteora

Hot & Cold Hors D'oeuvres and Dinner Will Be Served, Cash Bar

Association Members and Non-Members Welcome

Information & Sign-Ups Sheets for Projects at Camp

Special Guests, Presentations, & Fundraisers

Information on the Onteora Alumni Association is posted at [www.trcbasa.org/OAA](http://www.trcbasa.org/OAA) & [www.billcotter.com/onteora](http://www.billcotter.com/onteora)

Early Registration deadline: Monday February 2, 2009

Early Registration Fee: \$25 (\$20 for 22 years old & under) if received by Monday February 2, 2009

Regular Fee and Deadline: \$30 (\$25 for 22 years old & under) for registrations between February 3 and February 23, 2009\*\*

**Special offer for members of the 2008/09 Onteora Camp staff under the age of 21: Attend for free as a guest of Del Mir Caterers as long as you register in advance by the deadline (Monday February 2)\*\***

\*\* Please call Bob Morse at 516-876-8446 or the Council Office at 516-797-7600 if you expect your registration will be received after the deadline to ensure space is still available, or for last minute registration or questions.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Theodore Roosevelt Council BSA (Account No. 1-2306-943-00)

Youth Registrations: \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ or \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Registrations: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ or \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the 2008/09 OSR staff under 21 years old and will attend for Free as a guest of Del Mir Caterers. \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: MC \_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_ Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration information and checks to OAA/TR Council BSA, 544 Broadway Massapequa NY 11758. FAX 516-797-9765

(This form was last updated on January 30, 2009)

# Onteora Service Weekends 2009

## May 15-17 and June 12-14, 2009



Please join us for all or part of one or both of our scheduled pre-camp Work Weekends on **May 15-17 and June 12-14, 2009.**

There are many important projects to do at camp where our dollars can go a lot further buying materials and supplies if we have dedicated volunteers to provide the labor and skills! If you (and friends and family members) have carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, roofing, painting, floor installation, tree cutting, or auto mechanic skills, we can certainly put them to good use. We also need "strong backs" to move, clean, and dig. Please RSVP as early as possible (but preferably no later than the Monday before the weekend) so we can help plan projects in advance and are sure to have the necessary materials and tools on hand so you're ready to go.

We need your help to get everything accomplished before the start of the summer camp season. It takes lots of hands, backs, hearts and minds to get a lot more done, so when the camp staff arrives they can focus on finishing touches, setting up tents and cots, and polishing the program. Please join us if you can on one or both Service Weekends. Come early on Friday (bring a bag lunch for the day and join us for a dinner out) if you can, and help set stuff up, and work a full day on Saturday, and into Sunday if that's possible for you. We provide meals from a snack Friday night to lunch on Sunday. Join us for a great weekend of fellowship and service!

In the Spirit of Onteora, Rick Balla

### What You Need To Bring

Personal gear for overnight "camping" on work weekends, work gloves, tools to help with projects (if you have them), and an appetite for good food and fellowship. The Health Lodge will be available for sleeping.

### The Project List

Projects identified for 2009 can be found at the TRC BSA Website at the Onteora Home Page, at the OSR/CW website maintained by Bill Cotter, and on the back of this form. See [www.trcbsa.org/OAA](http://www.trcbsa.org/OAA)

### RSVP/Need More Information??

Help us by registering by the Monday before the weekend. If you have questions or for last minute registration, please call Rick Balla at 516-678-0032 (please no calls after 9:30 pm) or at [rpb11570@yahoo.com](mailto:rpb11570@yahoo.com)

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **home**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **business**

**I can bring the following tools:**

**Please Sign Me (Us) Up for (list project or projects):**

**I'll be there with \_\_\_\_\_ persons and plan to attend on (check all that apply)**

**Include me/us for Breakfast on:**

\_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_ 17 May 2009

Sat. \_\_\_ ; Sun \_\_\_

\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_ 14 June 2009

Sat. \_\_\_ ; Sun \_\_\_

Note: These weekends are intended for adults (ages 18 and up) and for past, present or prospective camp staff members (including those under the age of 18). Scouts under the age of 18 may attend under the supervision of an adult to assist in carrying out approved projects. These weekends are NOT intended as troop events – if you want to schedule a separate service day or weekend for your troop, this can be arranged by contacting Rick Balla or the Council Service Center. We request a Class 3 Medical for all participants.

Mail or Fax to: **OSR Service Weekends RSVP c/o Theodore Roosevelt Council BSA - 544 Broadway - Massapequa, NY 11758**  
 Phone 516.797.7600 Fax 516.797.9765

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# Theodore Roosevelt Council, BSA & Onteora Alumni Association

## Annual Onteora Camping Weekend

### Friday August 21 through Sunday August 23, 2009

Please pre-register by Friday August 7, 2009

Onteora is open! Make camping with family and friends part of your Onteora experience and tradition. Join past, present and future staff, campers and unit leaders and friends for a relaxing weekend of camping. Families, couples and singles are all welcome.

The entire camp will be available for you to hike and look around. Swimming will be available pending lifeguard availability - please come prepared - we'll do our best. You will need to bring your own tent, camping equipment, food, fishing gear, etc. A group campfire and ice cream social will be held on Saturday night.

**Would you like to join us for a group dinner on Saturday night?**

**Dinner featuring a steak (additional \$10 per person) or hot dogs/hamburgers (additional \$5 per person) available.**

**Cost for this weekend of fun is \$10.00 per person.**

Please send the completed form below along with a check made payable to:  
Theodore Roosevelt Council, BSA

544 Broadway Massapequa, NY 11758-1050

Account No. 1-2306-943-00

Fax: 516-797-9765

**Registration fee covers patch and ice cream social as well as insurance/fees.**

*For further information, to offer your assistance in leading or helping out with any activities, or for last minute registration, contact Victor Varonier at (631) 821-2463 or Rick Balla at (516) 678-0032. Don't have a tent or camping equipment? We'll try to help you out.*

**Internet users: check out: <http://www.billcotter.com/onteora/> and [www.trcbsa.org](http://www.trcbsa.org)**

Everyone attending must have a completed Class 1 medical form with them and present it at registration. The form is on the reverse of this form will be available on council web page at <http://www.trcbsa.org/> (click on camping then Family Camping).

**Reminder: Only members of the same family may share the same tent; please make sure you have the proper accommodations.**

**“In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Theodore Roosevelt Council, BSA will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. Please call 516-797-7600 with your request.”** \_

Mail, Fax or drop off your registration to the TR Council Service Center, 544 Broadway, Massapequa, NY 11758  
(Council Office Phone: 516-797-7600; Fax: 516-797- 9765)

----- ONTEORA & OAA CAMPING WEEKEND \* August 21-23, 2009 -----

**For Credit Card Payments:** Credit Card: MC \_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_ Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list anything you can do to help out at the weekend:

**Fee Calculation**

\_\_\_\_\_ participants @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(optional) \_\_\_\_\_ participants for steak dinner @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(optional) \_\_\_\_\_ participants for hot dogs/burgers @ \$5 each=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to “TR Council, BSA” Account #1-2306-943-00

(This form last updated on 1/30/09)



*The Onteora Alumni Association*  
*Announces*  
*The Fall Alumni Weekend*  
*September 11-13, 2009*

The Annual OAA Fall Weekend, celebrating 50+ years of camping at Onteora, will be held at camp – hang out, camp out, and contribute to our home away from home. Not quite as elaborate or programmed as our reunion weekends (the next one will be in September 2011), but we'll arrange for housing and good food. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served on Saturday, and a light breakfast on Sunday (Dinner on your own Friday night). Of course, we will have a campfire Saturday evening.

Join us as we celebrate the successes of our reopened summer camp and the bright future for Onteora Scout Reservation.

All income in excess of expenses from this weekend will be used by the Onteora Alumni Association to support a project at camp.

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I am registering by the early bird deadline of August 28, 2009 and am bringing \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) at \$40.00 per person, so I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

However, if I forget to sent this in by the early bird registration deadline of August 28, 2009, I will still bring \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) at the regular registration price of \$50.00 per person, so there is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

I will also bring the enclosed Class 1 medical form for all participants under 40 years old, and the enclosed Class 3 medical for all participants 40 years old plus.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Return this information with your payment (checks made payable to Theodore Roosevelt Council BSA) to

We accept VISA – MASTER CARD- AMERICAN EXPRESS  
(circle card type)

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to :  
Onteora Alumni Association  
Attention: 2009 Fall Weekend  
TRC- BSA  
544 Broadway  
Massapequa, NY 11758  
FAX: 516-797-9765

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