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## Website Address

[www.cloudnet.com/  
~wgrosk/CCAA/](http://www.cloudnet.com/~wgrosk/CCAA/)

## CCAA Mourns Losses

### Sad News from Camp Cuyuna



It is with great sorrow and deep regret that we must report the death of Cuyuna Scout Camp Ranger Chuck McMahon. Chuck was killed in a logging accident at camp Monday afternoon, February

21, 2005. It is really hard to know what to say at a time like this, other than we will miss our friend dearly! His dedication to Camp Cuyuna and to the Twin Valley Council was unmatched. If you would like to help out TVC and/or Camp Cuyuna in any way, please contact any CCAA Executive Board Member and we will pass along your offer of assistance to the TVC.

Correspondence for Chuck's children, Zac and Alyx, can be mailed to:

McMahon Family  
Attn: Andrea Besnett  
30336 North Spruce Drive  
Breezy Point, MN 56472

Andrea, the kids and Mel appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers.

You can read Chuck's Obituary from the Brainerd Dispatch at <http://www.cloudnet.com/~wgrosk/CCAA/>.

Shortly before the accident a local television station did a story on Chuck and his dogs. You can watch a copy of the video at the same site as above.

### CCAA mourns loss of former Camp Director

On Friday, December 17, 2004, Rich Gilbertson, Camp Cuyuna Director (1984-1988), and one of the original 24-member Founders Team of the CCAA, had an Aortic aneurysm. Rich fought a valiant 50 day battle, but on Saturday, February 4, 2005, Rich passed away.

Rich was employed by Moraine Trails Council in Pennsylvania as their Council Executive. Rich's dedication and commitment to youth, quick wit, and almost constant smile will truly be missed



You can post messages to the family at <http://www3.caringbridge.org/pa/richardgilbertson/index.htm>

You can send mail to Ellie (Rich's wife) at:

Ellie Gilbertson  
139 Shepperd Dr  
Butler, PA 16002

## Annual Work Weekend and Meeting Coming Soon...

The 2005 annual CCAA work weekend and members meeting will be held from June 16 & 17, 2005, at Camp Cuyuna. The work weekend is a great opportunity to get back to camp, get some fresh air and exercise, and meet one of the CCAA's main objectives: to be of service to Camp Cuyuna.

The annual members meeting, held in conjunction with the CCAA work weekend is your chance to elect members of the CCAA Board of Directors and, as well as voice any ideas, thoughts, issues, or concerns. Here is a draft agenda for the event (please refer to the website for an updated version)

Thursday, June 16, 2005  
7:00-10:00 PM – Open House, Library,  
Fifty Lakes MN  
Friday, June 17, 2005  
8:00 AM – Breakfast (on your own)

9:00 AM – Meet at Camp @ Admin Bldg  
9:00 – 12:00 PM – Work Projects throughout camp  
12:00 PM – Camp Lunch (provided by the CCAA)  
1:00 – 3:00 PM – Work Projects throughout camp  
3:00 – 5:00 PM – Camp Free Time  
5:00 PM – Dinner (Halverson's Lakeside Retreat, Crosslake MN)  
6:00 – 8:00 PM Annual CCAA Members Meeting  
8:00 PM - Adjourn

Wahpekute Lodge's Spring Conclave starts on June 17th in the evening hours. You will be able to attend both events if you wish.

If you are planning on attending the work weekend and/or meeting, please contact Doug Raney at 952.939.0864 or draney@smm.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Cuyuna's Lost Scouts

Here is a list of those who are still Lost Scouts:

### unknowns

Carlton, David  
Diercks, Gary  
Yeager, Shaylan

### 1960s

Athamann,  
Chase, Family of Frank  
DeVries, LaVern  
Dolter, Mike  
Eiserman, Jerry  
Haroldson, Mike  
Henry, Family of Ken  
Kittleson, Ron  
Meyer, Robert  
Miller, David  
Nelson, Rodney  
Roberts, Ned  
Vollbrecht, Jr., Bill

### 1970s

Ashman, Greg  
Beck, Tom  
Boeder, Leslie  
Braden, Richard  
Brody, Spencer  
Brown, Pat  
Coffey, Rita  
Dewey, Bill  
Douglas, Tom  
Edstrom, LeRoy  
Eibes, Bernita  
Fox, Steve  
Gedker, Dan  
Gorman, Bruce  
Greenham, Brian  
Hanson, Paul  
Harrington, Dan  
Harris, Al  
Huat Tan, Thoo  
Hystead, Tom  
Larson, Dave  
Larson, Jon  
Ledbetter, Craig  
Lockhardt, Bruce  
Moreno, Br. Antonio

Mueller, Lee  
Mundahl, Steve  
Nelson, Donald  
Overholt, Dick  
Paulson, Family of Mark  
Peterson, Mark  
Prange, Steve  
Pritchard, Dave  
Roche, Chris  
Ross, George  
Schaue, Alvin  
Schleder, Tom  
Seha, Gary  
Smith, Tom  
Smock, Family of Ed  
Smock, Family of Fay  
Stannebein, Ron  
Thistad, Family of Aaron  
Vollmer, Pete  
Wagner, Family of Frank  
Wells, Ed  
Williamson, Erik

Wyant, Craig

### 1980s

Ballard, Roy  
Christensen, Tim  
Duffy, Jim  
Eilers, Tim  
Elson, Tim  
Flynn, David  
Frank, Rob  
Heinle, Chris  
Herron, Tim  
Hove, Shelley  
Jensen, Jon  
Maresh, Tom  
Modert, Heidi  
Murphy, Dan  
Paulson, Jeff  
Peterson, Ross  
Schuetzle, John  
Shrank, Curt  
Speck, Maggie  
VanRyn, James  
Weisman, Brian  
Zorn, T.J.

### 1990s

Backland, Justin  
Boryez, David  
Carroll, Jennifer  
Giere, Ken  
Gill, Brad  
Haas, Steven  
Hinz, Cory  
LaFavor, Bill  
Lageson, Steve  
Manson, Mike  
Marsh, Patrick  
Miller, Joe  
Rippenger, Travis  
Thom, Justin  
Tiggelaar, Family of Brian

### 2000s

Butler, Sarah  
Gorkisch, Mike  
Hodges, Kelly  
Richardson, Alex  
Stimpson, John

## CCAA Executive Board

### President

Doug Raney (2006)  
952.939.0864  
draney@smm.org

### Secretary:

Matt Chase (appointed)  
952.393.7387  
chase5000@gmail.com

### Treasurer:

Don Halverson (2005)  
218.692.3681  
dhalver@crosslake.net

### VP Service & Support:

Lowell Johnson (2007)  
507.387.7854  
lcjj@hotmail.com

### VP Social:

Scott Poppe (2006)  
507.238.9253  
spoppe@frontiernet.net

### VP Membership &

### Nominations:

Bill Groskreutz (2005)  
320.968.8839  
wgrosk@cloudnet.com

### Director:

Keith Fitzpatrick (2006)  
507.776.7762  
kfitzpatrick@feedsys.com

### Director:

Jeff Kunkel (2007)  
507.524.4629  
jeffkunklelec@myclearwave.net

### Director:

Jon Morrill (2006)  
507.345.7144  
jfmorrill@yahoo.com

### Director:

John Fretham (2005)  
320.963.3697  
freddy49@hotmail.com

### Director:

Steve Knuth (2005)  
507.525.3149  
sknuth2003@yahoo.com

### Ex-Officio Director:

Jim Menton  
507.377.8719  
jmenton1@charter.net

## Upcoming Events

**May 22, 2005** - Memorial for Chuck McMahon at St. Peter's & Paul's Catholic Church in Mankato - 3:00 P.M.

**June 16 & 17, 2005** - CCAA Work Days & Annual meeting at Camp Cuyuna

**June 17 - 19, 2005** - Wahpekute Spring Conclave at Camp Cuyuna

**June 19, 2005** - Beginning of Staff Week

**July 2007** - 40 year reunion at Cuyuna Scout Camp

**Check website for updated calendars**

## Native American Prayer

Think of Chuck and Rich as you read this.

I give you this one thought to keep -  
 I am with you still - I do not sleep.  
 I am a thousand winds that blow,  
 I am the diamond glints on snow,  
 I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
 I am the gentle autumn rain.  
 When you awaken in the morning's  
 hush,  
 I am the swift, uplifting rush  
 of quiet birds in circled flight.  
 I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
 Do not think of me as gone -  
 I am with you still - in each new dawn.



"Tonight is the  
 SteakMaster  
 Scout Fry."  
 Doug Raney  
 1989  
 CCAA President

## Campaign Update

As most of you already know, our Capital Campaign was a huge success. A total of \$26,500 was raised by CCAA members and Friends of Cuyuna. Our donation was the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest donation by an organization or individual...something we should all be proud of. That \$26,500 donation has now been returned to the council via the RIM matching funds, and it is sitting in the \$615,000 account that will be used ONLY for camp improvements. As this money is used over the next several months, we will keep track of how it is allocated and let you know exactly where the money went in the support of Camp Cuyuna.

## CCAA Financial Update

Accrual Basis

January 1, 2004 through April 12, 2005



Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Annual Dues	420.00
Capital Campaign Donations	0.00
(26,500 in and then donated to TVC)	
Donations to CCAA	737.00
Misc. Income	1,128.97
Total Income	2,285.97
Expense	
Postage/Printing	90.00
professional fees	590.00
Total Expense	680.00
Net Ordinary Income	1,605.97
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Chuck McMahon Memorial	435.00
Total Other Income	435.00
Net Other Income	435.00
Net Income	2,040.97

## Camp Cuyuna Reflections

### Tall-Tales, Reflections and Confessions

Please take a moment and write down a funny story, a reflection from days gone by, or perhaps a confession about something that happened at Camp Cuyuna during your tenure. Pictures are highly appreciated.

Your submissions will be included in a memory book that will be available at the next reunion.

Please send submissions to:  
**Pat Kunkel**  
**804 Cedar Ave**  
**Albert Lea, MN 56007**  
**pjkunkel@charter.net**

## Yahoo! Group Started

A Yahoo Group has been started so we can keep in contact and send messages to other Alumni in a much easier format. If you wish to join, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CampCuyunaAlumni>. Note: Proper case of the letters in a web address is important to make it to the website.

# CCA Communicator

CCA (c/o) Bill Groskreutz  
265 Balsam Dr  
Foley, MN 56329-8731

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## Important Notice Regarding Membership

Hello Camp Cuyuna Alumni. Did you look at your mailing label and notice that it has when your dues were last paid through? Dues are paid through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year listed on the label. If there is nothing there, you haven't paid. Now, pull out the insert and take a look at it. You can now get six years of membership for the price of five!!! Just fill the form out and send it back in.



**CCA Wants You!!**

Just a word of warning, mailings are starting to eat up the CCA budget. Pretty soon, only paid members will be receiving this Communicator. They will still be available in an electronic format on our website. Special mailings regarding the reunion will be sent to all.

**Become a full member today!!!**