

Fire Mountain Staff Alumni Association – What’s Been Going On

Ah...Those days on the lake. The hot sun glistening off the ripples as you tacked the Laser into the wind. The shock and delight as you accidentally (on purpose) swamped the little yellow Sunfish and slid into the green-gold waters of Lake Challenge. If those images brought back to you the halcyon days of youth and a tug of regret that those times are gone, I say to you – they are not! The joys and horrors (okay, just a few leeches) of Lake Challenge are still before you!

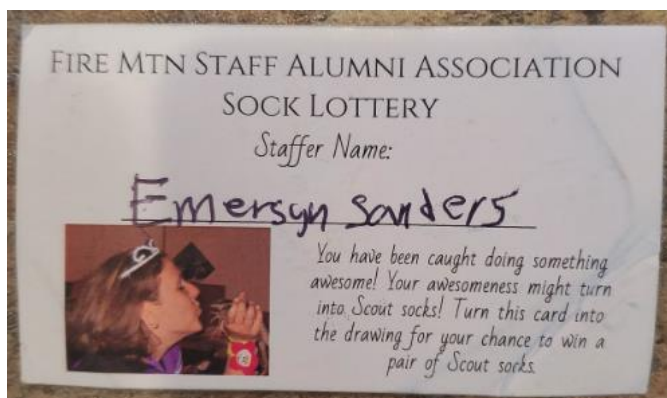
Coming on the day of the dawning of a new year (the first of January) you can come again to walk the trails (if they’re not hidden in snow), gaze upon the mountain of Cultus (if it’s not hidden in the clouds) and tread the icy waters (no kidding) of Lake Challenge. Behold – the Polar Plunge of 2022!

In celebration of the **50th** year of Fire Mountain Scout Camp the first event to be held will be a **New Year’s Polar Bear Plunge**. At the stroke of high noon you can leap into a new half century of scouting at your past home away from home.

If you haven’t been to camp in a few years, prepare yourself for sights that will amaze! There is a new general store at the site of the old farmhouse, a beautiful new museum depicting scouting paraphernalia through time and from all over the globe. Campsites have been updated; not a green canvas, slime-covered platform in site (sight). There is a new Historic Trail under way, new staff quarters and, best of all, more of the high quality program available for scouts throughout the year!

The Fire Mountain Alumni Association has been an active participant and contributor to improving the program for staff and scouts alike. This past summer we sponsored the first annual **Fire Mountain Staff Sock Lottery**.

All summer long the achievements of our amazing staff were recognized with exclusive Fire Mtn Staff Alumni Association Sock Lottery Tickets.



Each ticket was entered into an ongoing, daily raffle drawing for a pair of high quality, durable and oh-so-fashionable scout socks!

Remember cutting the tops off of worn-out socks and tucking them into your boots over your white socks to make scout gators for flags? Mismatching pairs coming out of the wash: ankle, mid, knee high? The stress of coming up a sock short or hoping that just a good airing would allow for one more wear?

Good times.

For 2022, we are dedicated to acquiring a brand new RS Zest for our sailing program. The beachfront has had a major facelift and now our boats need one as well. These sweet fins run about \$5,000.



What about past staff you may ask? How does the FMSAA directly benefit Alumni? We are pleased to present the FM Alumni Assistance Fund. In 2021, we discovered one of our staff family in need of a helping hand with a critical home improvement project. Those with design skills designed. Those with carpentry skills did cut, saw and power screw-drive. Those who couldn't be on site brought forth the dollars to cover the supplies needed. The excess raised has helped to establish this fund.

Donations to the above programs can be made online at <https://www.firemtn.org/alumni/> . As we are not able to have Paypal include a note with the donation, please email us board@firemtn.org to designate your donation to your preferred fund. **Socks! Sail Boats! Alumni Support! Scholarships!**

Joining the alumni association is easy. Joining for life is highly recommended! Annual dues are \$15 per year. A lifetime membership is \$300. You are always welcome to sit in on a board meeting to keep up with the monthly happenings and join us for events – email us and we will send you the Zoom link!

Please visit [Fire Mountain Staff Alumni Association](#)

to check out what else the FMSAA has been up to and watch for more events celebrating **50 years of Fire Mountain!**

~Museum hours, Camp Tours, Family Camp, Ziplining, Commemoration Day~

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