

YAWGOOG'S NEW CAMPCRAFT CENTER COMPLETED ! DEDICATED ! OPERATING ! MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU - THE YAWGOOG ALUMNI !

Although the new Campcraft Center was originally conceived to be a two-year project, the overwhelmingly generous support of the Yawgoog Alumni Association's membership enabled the project to be completed all in one year. Due to weather-related problems and other demands during the spring, the camp's management was left scrambling in June to finish the center construction in time for the 2011 camping season. But scramble they did, and the center was ready for the first scouts of the season. Later last summer, at the annual alumni reunion on July 30th, the center was formally dedicated and the project declared completed !



The newly-completed Campcraft Center



Gary Boden formally opens the pavilion dedicated to his father Herb Boden. Assisting at right is YAA Chairman Ray Lamore.

The new center has proven to be hugely popular with the campers, with multiple merit badge classes for older scouts being held all day long in *Cooking, Camping, Wilderness Survival, Pioneering, and Orienteering*. (I'm sure I've missed at least one.) Younger scouts working on their Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class requirements attend classes in the pavilion dedicated to the New Frontier program.



Scouts receive instruction for the Eagle-required Camping Merit Badge.



Younger scouts learn scouting skills for Tenderfoot, 2nd and 1st Class ranks.



The kitchen facilities in the Cooking Merit Badge pavilion are complete with running water and refrigeration.



The Campcraft Center in full use.

FUTURE PROJECT PLANS

With the completion of the Campcraft Center, we will now address some smaller projects. For 2012, the Association will replace a portion of the shooting sports rifles and shotguns. With the shooting ranges being so popular, the equipment wears out rapidly and is constantly in need of replacement.

The Heritage Center is in need of additional display cases and cabinets, and there are "naming opportunities" available for those wishing to honor or memorialize a fellow scout, scouter, or friend of Yawgoog, and those interested in such an opportunity are asked to contact the association chairman, Ray Lamore, through Judy, at the council's headquarters (401/351-8700). Other expressions of support can be sent directly to the headquarters.

As always, your generous support of these projects is deeply appreciated, and will help assure that the "Spirit of Yawgoog" is passed on to those that follow us.

--- Andy Krueger, YAA Projects Coordinator