

TVAA Q&A Sheet

What is the TVAA?

Treasure Valley Alumni Association (TVAA) is a membership based group of individuals and families interested in maintaining & improving our camp property and summer camp operations thru collective effort of volunteers.

When was it formed?

The TVAA was officially formed as an operating committee of the Mohegan Council in January of 2009.

How can you become a member?

Fill out the membership application – choose your membership level & provide payment to the council office.

Are there any requirements for membership?

There are two requirements to become a member – having attended a minimum one night sleep over at the Valley and be a potential - or currently registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Are there different membership levels?

There are lifetime, 5 year, single year, parent, youth and family membership levels available.

How many members are there?

Currently there are over 110 members – in all of the above-mentioned categories.

How many members can there be?

There is no limit to the number of members.

When are the reunions?

The annual reunion will be held typically during the summer camp operating months on a Saturday or Sunday.

When will the group meet together?

The group may choose to have TVAA sponsor weekends to provide manpower to the camp for a project that the Alumni have chosen to participate in or sponsor.

What types of projects will the group do?

The project list will be developed by the TVAA board in conjunction with its members and with the support of the Council Executive Board. Most projects will be completed on a short term time investment that will help the camp in some identifiable way.

Who approves the projects?

In a cooperative effort with the Council Camp Committee, Trustees and/or Council EBoard – TVAA projects will be reviewed and approved by the TVAAEC. Projects that require fundraising by the TVAA may require membership approval at the annual meeting.

Who is in charge of the TVAA?

The TVAA has seven elected officers including the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and members @ large.

The Board Chair can appoint a special co-coordinator for activities as required with Board approval.

Are there any by-laws?

The by-laws of the TVAA have been written by the TVAA Task Force & approved by the Council Executive Board in January of 2009. They cover many facets of the TVAA from dues, officers, meetings and more. A copy can be provided upon request and are available on the TVAA web site.

When do elections take place?

The elections for officers will be held during the annual reunion. Elected positions are voted upon based on ballot provided to the membership before the reunion. Officers typically serve a two-year term of office.

Where does the money go?

The TVAA "dues" goes into a Permanently Restricted Fund. Only 20% of the dues can be used for operational purposes during the 1st two years of operation. After that, the fund "interest" can be used annually to purchase materials for TVAA projects.

How can it be spent?

The money can only be spent on TVAA approved projects with TVAAEC approval. This would be projects & enhancements for the betterment of Treasure Valley. Funds cannot be utilized to fund salaries of any kind.

Where does the TVAA fit into the council operations?

The TVAA is a Council Board Committee. The TVAA Chair sits on the E-Board of the Council.

Is there a TVAA Board?

The TVAA Board is the elected officers in accordance with the by-laws.

When do they meet?

The Board meets as required – usually every month.

How can I contact them?

By mail to the following address: TVAA c/o John Atlas 800 Main Street, Suite 185 Holden, MA 01520 or by email link on the TVAA web site – www.tvaa.us

What kinds of identification are there?

The TVAA has hanging uniform patches, caps and a lapel pin currently. Future items can be developed at the Board's discretion. There is also an annual membership card sent to all members of record.

Is there a newsletter?

The TVAA Newsletter is targeted to be released quarterly and will be emailed to all members of record at the time & also published to the TVAA web site.