

Unit Leaders Guide to Weekend Camping

Camp Workcoeman
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Methodist - United Methodist Church.....	860-379-6386
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If you have questions or need special arrangements for your arrival, please contact Ranger Frank Galliher at 860-379-2207 or email him at rangerfrank@campworkcoeman.org

Finding Camp Workcoeman

From Rte. 8, take exit 46, Pinewoods Road. Turn left if southbound or right if northbound on Pinewoods Road and go to stop sign. From here, you will see signs for Camp Workcoeman. Turn left then take your first right on to West Hill Road. At the entrance to Camp Sequassen, turn left and follow the road into Camp Workcoeman.

Camp Leadership Policy

Every unit staying in camp must be under the supervision of at least two adult leaders. Two registered adult leaders or one registered leader and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. Leadership for the Scouts is provided by a unit leader, who is 21 years old or older and one or more unit leaders who are 18 years old or older. The second adult may be a registered leader or the parent of a participating member. A 1:10 ratio of leader to Scout should be maintained as a minimum at camp.

Every effort should be made to bring the registered unit leaders. However, if the unit's registered leader is unable to attend, unit committee members may act as the unit leader. The chartered institution must approve all camp leadership.

All coed youth groups must have both male and female adults, over 21 years of age, in attendance while on group outings. Segregated sleeping arrangements are required. Adequate leadership is required for the entire length of stay. Groups arriving with only one leader will not be allowed to check in until the required leadership is in attendance.

The Role of the Unit Leader at Camp

Under the troop system of camping, you, the unit leader are in charge of your unit at all times. The majority of the instruction, organization and discipline of your unit is up to you. You are expected to be a role model for your Scouts, providing social and moral leadership examples and a wholesome camp program for youth. A unit leader should have no other duties that would detract from the responsibility of service as a leader.

The staff at Camp Workcoeman respects the importance of your role. We are here to assist you in accomplishing your goals. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance from any of the Camp Workcoeman staff.



Check-In and Check-Out Procedures

Check-In-

Upon arrival at Camp Workcoeman, you must check-in at the Campmaster Center next to the main parking lot. The Campmaster or Ranger will direct you to your building or tent camping area.

Cabin Uses-

The Unit Leader and Campmaster will inspect the facilities upon arrival.

Safety Equipment-

All cabins have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for your protection. Tampering with these devices is illegal. Fire extinguishers are provided in each building. Please make note of the location as you enter the building.

Trading Post-

The Camp Trading Post will be open on Saturdays in September through April from 1 to 3 PM.

Check-Out-

Please arrange a check-out time with the Campmaster or Ranger. Your cabin or site will be inspected to be sure it is left in good condition for the next unit to use. You must not depart until this inspection is completed. Any damages are the responsibility of the unit. Costs for damages will be billed to the unit and/or chartered organization.

Camp Info and Rules to Follow

- Water is available at the pump house next to the Griffin Lodge and from the frost free water faucets located on the front of the kitchen and the pump house behind the kitchen.

- All vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot. Vehicle access to cabins could be arranged if conditions permit and at the discretion of the Camp Ranger. Do not assume you will have vehicle access to your cabin or tent site.

- No weekend parking is permitted near the Trading Post or anywhere in the Parade Ground area.

- All trash is to be put in the dumpster located in the maintenance area at the end of the asphalt driveway. **DO NOT LEAVE TRASH IN BUILDINGS OR CAMPSITES.**

- All buildings are off limits except for those designated for short team camping.

- Tables, bunks, and benches are not to be moved between buildings.

- Build campfires **ONLY** in established fire rings; keep fires small and never leave fires unattended. Fires may be restricted during periods of high fire danger. The Camp Ranger will inform you if such conditions exist.

- Please observe quiet time from 9:30 PM to 7am. Plan your campfires and night activities accordingly.

- No standing trees (dead or alive) are to be cut down. The use of chain saws are prohibited.

- Use only permanent latrines located throughout camp.

- Fishing is permitted in designated areas. The Campmaster can direct you to these areas.
- The following items are prohibited:
 - personal firearms of all kinds
 - archery equipment
 - sling shots
 - sheath knives.
- Drugs and/or alcoholic beverages are prohibited on Boy Scout properties.
- The use of liquid fuel stoves or lanterns must follow the guidelines in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*.

Regarding Kitchen & Dining Hall Reservations

- Rental of the kitchen and dining hall are separate reservations.
- Rental of the dining hall **does not** include use of the lower level conference rooms.
- A limited number of kitchen utensils will be available for use. The utensils include some pots and pans, spatulas, serving spoons, 2 kitchen knives, and 2 ladles.
- It is strongly suggested that groups come prepared with any additional utensils and supplies necessary for the preparation of large meals.
- Be sure to bring along paper products, trash bags, dish washing chemicals as there is no guarantee that these items will be available.

History of Camp Workcoeman

In 1920, the Torrington Council of the Boy Scouts of America was known as a second class council under the leadership of Mr. William N. Copley. There were no summer camp facilities at this time, therefore, long hikes were planned. One to Newgate Prison, another to Canaan and down the Housatonic River Valley to New Milford. A group of Scouts, while on a later trip, had an encounter with a little plant known as poison ivy. Because of this misfortune, when the group arrived at Bantam Lake, Mr. Copley decided to camp there for a few days. A campsite was found near the cottage of Mr. Frank Coe. Mr. Coe was a Warden and owner of the Warrenton Woolen Mill in the town of Torrington. He was quite impressed with the boys and the way they conducted themselves and offered them the use of a small cottage on his property. The boys refused, preferring to stay in their tents, but did accept Mr. Coe's offer to use his boats.

Several weeks later some of the Scout leaders were taken over to the cottage on Mr. Coe's property. While there, Mr. Coe paid the group a visit and chatted with some of them about Scouting. Mr. Coe requested that Mr. Copley and Captain Geer inspect some sites to be used as a camping area for the Scouts. No suitable site could be found at Bantam Lake. Mr. Fred Baldwin, local real estate agent, was asked to help find an appropriate site. Mr. Baldwin owned property at West Hill Pond and offered to sell it for a Scout Camp. Mr. Coe liked the property very much and purchased the land in 1924. He arranged the setting up of the camp in memory of his mother, Mrs. Workman. Placing his name in the center, the camp was named Workcoeman.

Unfortunately, soon after the purchase of the 50 acres, Mr. Coe died very suddenly. Mrs. Coe, knowing the desires and wishes of her husband, gave the property to the council in 1927, to be used as a Scout camp.

The early development of the site was done by many volunteers. Areas were cleared for tents. Cooking was done on an army field range under a canvas tarp. Mr. Baldwin was good enough to give the council an old wood choppers shack by Sucker Brook. This was torn down and the lumber used to construct a small storage building on the site of the present dining hall. Shortly after this, lumber was donated for a small dining hall and kitchen building.

The camp continued to grow. To meet the needs, a campaign was

launched in 1937 to raise \$4,000 for the construction of a new Dining Hall. The Scout Mothers' Auxiliary, with Mrs. Frank Coe as president, donated the sum of \$5,000 to be used for the construction of a fireplace in the Dining Hall. The hall was dedicated in 1937.

The use of the camp continued to expand and in the 1950's another capital project campaign was conducted which added several new structures. They included the John Calder Health Lodge, Jennie F. Coe Training Center (Boathouse), the Scout Mothers Auxiliary Chapel, the Andrew Oneglia Parade Ground and a shower building.

Still the growth of Camp Workcoeman continued and in 1968-1970 the Tunxis Council conducted another capital campaign. This campaign provided for the construction of a new council office on Kennedy Drive, added a full time camp ranger at Camp Workcoeman and the purchase of additional property expanding the camp to 550 acres.

In 1994, other major development projects added to Camp Workcoeman were the expansion of the Dining Hall, construction of meeting rooms, and the construction of a new shower facility. Proceeds from the sale of the Lake of Isles were used in the expansion of the Dining Hall. The eating area was more than doubled and can now handle over 300 people, eliminating the need to feed more Scouts in two seatings. The part of the rock ledge under the building was also blasted away to allow for new conference rooms and rest rooms to be added. In 1996, this new shower building was constructed by a donation from the Konover Construction Company.

In 2006, as a result of a council capital campaign, a new parking lot was built enabling the Parade Ground to be used as it was intended back in the 1950's. O&G Industries, who built the original Parade Ground, donated the services to make these changes possible. Other improvements from the capital campaign is the winterization of the kitchen. Camp Workcoeman can now be used as a year-round facility.

The camp now covers 500 acres and includes numerous buildings and cabins, thirteen campsites, archery and rifle ranges, hiking and mountain bike trails and a climbing/repelling wall. The large waterfront area allow for all types of water sports including swimming, snorkeling, canoeing, sailing, kayaking and rowing.

For over 80 years, Camp Workcoeman had provided a opportunity for Scouts to receive an invaluable Scouting experience.



The Citizens of Shawtowne

The Citizens of Shawtowne is a group of people who work together to support the program at Camp Workcoeman. The name of the group was derived from an old Hessian settlement that is located on the outer area of Camp Workcoeman. Many Citizens of Shawtowne members attended Workcoeman as youth or adults, and some even served on the summer camp staff.

What we do...

The purpose of the Citizens of Shawtowne is to organize and complete projects at Camp Workcoeman to enhance and improve the camp facility.

The Citizens work closely with the camp ranger to coordinate projects for Order of the Arrow ordeal weekends too. Some of the members are skilled in various vocations while others have valuable contacts for materials and service.

How do I join?

You can become a member of the Citizens of Shawtowne by contacting the group's chairman, Mo Roy at : jhnmry8@aol.com

Campmasters of Camp Workcoeman

The *Camp Workcoeman Campmasters Corps* is made of adult volunteers throughout the Connecticut Rivers Council. They are trained, registered Scouters who have an interest in making the Weekend Outdoor Experience a successful one for all units that choose to come to Camp Workcoeman. After a short orientation program, they each choose from two to four weekends per year to stay at the camp helping check units in at the beginning of their stay and supporting the unit's needs. They also can assist in providing programs such as shooting sports and campcraft. A Campmaster also keeps a watchful eye on the camp facilities to help ensure campers properly take care of the property.

The Campmaster Program is a national program with guidelines set up from National, the local council and the camp where they volunteer. The main function of the Campmaster is to be a friendly and supportive addition to the Weekend Camp Staff. If you are interested in being a Campmaster, please contact *Ranger Frank Galliher at 860-379-2207 or rangerfrank@sbcglobal.net*.

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