



Citizens of Shawtown Camp Workcoeman Winter 2017 Newsletter

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A Message from Our Chairman...

Greeting fellow Citizens of Shawtown!

2016 has sped by at an incredible pace, and we welcome 2017. The summer camp season was another incredible success yet there is as always much to do at camp. In this newsletter you will find a calendar for the upcoming year. We have tried to get the dates out to everyone much earlier this year so that you can plan on joining us at our events. On Sunday, January 29th we will meet at the Log House Restaurant in Barkhamsted for our annual planning meeting luncheon. We will be outlining some of the upcoming projects and challenges that Camp Workcoeman faces. More information will be out very shortly.

As we end the holiday season, I want to thank each of you for taking the time and making the effort to be a part of the Citizens of Shawtown. Without your dedication and giving spirit Camp Workcoeman would be a much poorer place. I am so grateful that each of you cares enough about our camp that you are willing to take time out of your busy schedules to come up and help to make Camp Workcoeman a better place. Due to your unflagging commitment Camp Workcoeman continues to be a shining star throughout the Boy Scouts of America!

My very best wishes and I look forward to seeing all of you at our luncheon.

- Dan

Join Us for Food and Fellowship

On January 29th, 2107 at 2:00pm, Join us at the Log House Restaurant at 110 Rt. 44 in Barkhamsted for our annual planning meeting & luncheon. This is a great event to get out and plan another year of success!

Save These Dates:

Planning Luncheon:

Jan. 29th 2017

Spring Work Day:

April 8th 2017

OA Spring Ordeal:

April 15th 2017

Annual Beaver Day & Steak Dinner:

June 3rd 2017

Fall Work Day:

Sept. 23rd 2017

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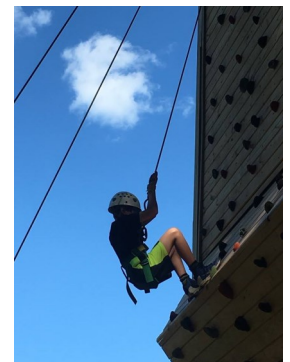
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HAPPENINGS AROUND CAMP:

Project Update: The Douglass Climbing Center

On July 20th 2016, the Douglass Climbing Center was officially dedicated at Camp Workcoeman. Countless Scouts and Scouters from around the tri-state area and beyond got to experience this major improvement to our climbing program. Not only does this improvement allow Camp Workcoeman to offer a top-notch program but allows us to expand out into several other high adventure programs to attract

new Scouts and outside groups to come to camp. This major improvement was made possible by a generous donation from the Douglass Family Foundation and the Arthur Nodine Camp Improvement Fund. This was an all volunteer project that was led by Chris Moon and Paul McClain that transformed this project into a great success. Scouts for decades to come will be grateful for all of the time and effort that was donated. A big THANK YOU to all involved!

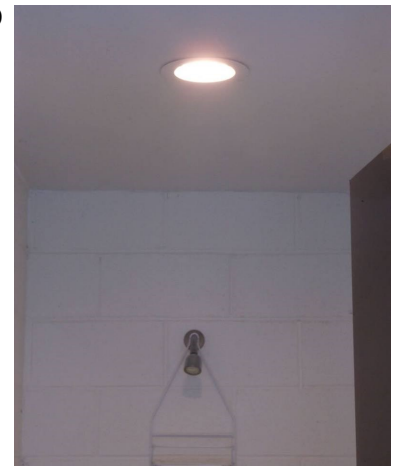


Camp Workcoeman Has Gone Green



Everyone who volunteers at Camp Workcoeman becomes a steward of the property and is entrusted with its sustainability. We have taken the next step to ensure that we are doing all that we can to lessen our impact and make our operation a bit “greener”. Within the past few years we have been converting to the new LED light bulb around camp. With the generosity of a camp staff member, our most recent update has been to change over all of the lighting in our Shower-house. They have been replaced with LED lighting units. These LED retrofits are 50% more efficient than existing compact fluorescent bulbs,

and are 650% more efficient than incandescent floodlights, in the few locations where those were still in use. These units are rated for wet conditions and will provide a more consistent level of light for the life of the LEDs; at the current level of usage, the lighting in the Shower-house will not need to be replaced for more than twenty years. Other recessed lighting fixtures in the Trading Post, the Chapel, and on the porches of the Dining Hall are now LED units as well .



THE NEW PAVILION AT TENDERFOOTS COMPASS IS A GREAT ADDITION!

A new and great addition to the Tenderfoots Compass Area (First Year Camper) is the new wooden pavilion build on the Beaver Day last year. This project was made possible by a generous donation from Troop 260 of Suffield in honor of their long serving Scoutmaster Larry Quinn. The pavilion was built by a team of volunteers headed by Brian Goodrich. This structure allows first year Scouts to sit under a hard roof structure while they learn the basics of Scouting and gives them a chance to escape the “liquid sunshine” that occasionally falls here at camp.

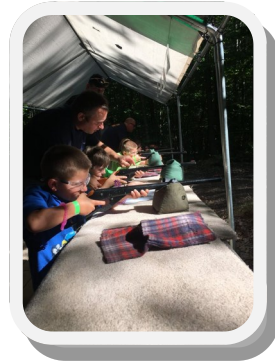
In addition to this project, Brian’s team did not stop there! This fall they went on to tackle a variety of projects around camp to include re-doing the rear entrance of Weed Lodge and replacing the footings on the front of the Directors Cottage. A big THANK YOU to Brian and his team!

Summer Camp 2016: Another Success!

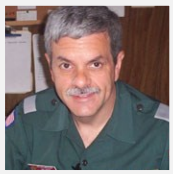


With 2016 in the books and planning for 2017 has already begun, it's always good to look back and highlight the successes from the past year. 2016 was another great year for the hundreds of Scouts and Scouters who attended camp. The weather was good all season and we were able to get everyone into the "Viking" spirit. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from all over the area came to Workcoeman and experienced the many different types of resident and day camp programs that we offer. The staff did

another great job of giving 110% all summer long. Be sure to check out all of the exciting opportunities that 2017 has to offer. We are planning to make it our biggest and best year yet! It's always good to continually check the Camp Workcoeman website (www.campworkcoeman.org) and the Camp Workcoeman Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CampWorkcoeman) for updates as we build the excitement for the 2017 season!



Lou's Corner...



Greetings and Happy Winter!

This time of year allows us to reflect on the 2016 summer camp season as we prepare to do it all over again in 2017. That's the way it has been for 92 years at Workcoeman. The camp season was highlighted by the opening of the new Douglass Climbing Center. This beautiful, new facility was made possible with funding from the Douglass Family Foundation, The Arthur Nodine Fund and the tireless efforts of volunteers to build it. Once again, hundreds of Scouts entered the gates of Camp Workcoeman and came away with a Scouting experience that will last for a lifetime.

Scouting happens year-round and involves a great number of people. Dedication is the common ingredient those that make it happen. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to the members of the summer camp staff who spend their summer giving far more than they get in return. Camp Workcoeman is blessed to have the dedication of the volunteers of the Citizens of Shawtown, who continue to make improvements to the camp facility as well as the many volunteers who provide programs throughout the year. This on-going process of dedicated volunteers is the life blood of what makes Workcoeman such a special place.

THANK YOU to all of you who dedicate your time to make Camp Workcoeman the truly special Scouting place that it is!

-Lou

Ranger Frank's Rants...



With 2016 already behind us, its time to start looking forward to 2017 and beyond! While there may be snow on the ground (sometimes) the work never stops at camp. I am continually grateful for all of the help that I receive on a continual basis that makes my job a breeze. I know that we all lead busy lives and are pulled in several different directions but I'm floored by the support that volunteers like you put in year after year. I know that 2017 will be the another rousing success and I look forward to seeing all of you to help us get the "motor" stated that is the 2017 summer camp season. Also, be sure to stop by for our luncheon and planning meeting at the end of January. It is a fun time

and we actually get some business done as well. Best wishes for the new year and I look forward to seeing all of you around camp!

-Ranger Frank

Eversource Energy Gives a "Charge" to Camp Projects

One of the newest project underway at camp is the construction of a pole-barn that is set to be built right next to the maintenance shop. This structure will allow for the storage of

several larger items such as the

back-hoe and our fleet of vehicles.

The barn will provide convenient storage and help lessen the impact of the elements in the offseason.

We are grateful that Eversource Energy for donating pols and provid-

ing their equipment and labor to set them. The construction of this building would not be possible without this generous donation. A big THANK YOU goes to Eversource!

