



# Citizens of Shawtown

## Camp Workcoeman

### Fall 2018 Newsletter



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#### *A message from our Membership Chairman...*

Hello from Camp Workcoeman, now over our Summer 2018 season!

This sub-committee of the Citizens of Shawtown has been extremely busy since early Spring. We first worked to create a tri-fold brochure explaining the history of our group, current projects and more. Plentiful copies are available in the Camp Office and will be available at future meetings and gatherings.

We are now releasing this new version of the Shawtown Newsletter as we look to freshen our communications look and create renewed interest among Scouts and Scouters to join our team. You will see electronic communications from us 3 or 4 times a year outlining upcoming work plans, meetings, etc. This edition also shows off our spiffy new logo up at the top.

If you know of others we can send information to or know of those who might be interested in actively joining our fold, have them contact me at [bcornell@campworkcoeman.org](mailto:bcornell@campworkcoeman.org).

Yours in Scouting,  
Brian Cornell Membership Chair

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!** We are looking for a new wave of adult and young adult members from Cub Packs and Venture Crews. Come join in the Shawtown adventure at Camp Workcoeman!  
Please contact Brian Cornell at [bcornell@campworkcoeman.org](mailto:bcornell@campworkcoeman.org)

#### Upcoming Events and Activities

Fall Beaver Day  
- date to be announced

Campmaster weekends  
Available

Mid-winter planning mtg  
and luncheon

New Membership Drive  
Coming Soon!



Yep, that's the barn.



Lookin' good so far isn't it?

### ***Now a few words from our Fearless Leader...***

Happy Fall!

The summer of 2018 has come and gone. We completed another successful summer camp season at Camp Workcoeman. Summer camp is a special place and we try to add new program opportunities every year.

I'd like to thank the camp staff and all of the volunteers who did a fantastic job in providing the program, camp services and maintenance to all who attended. Your efforts are appreciated. Camp Workcoeman would not be the same great camp without you!

As we look to 2019, I am excited with the opportunity to build on the waterfront program with

the support of a grant from the Peter and Carmen Lucia Buck Foundation. This grant will enable Camp Workcoeman to add an environmental learning center along with new aquatic activities to the waterfront program. The Citizens of Shawtown will have an active part in the implementation process of this project.

Progress was also made on the construction of the pole barn in the maintenance area. This will be a welcomed addition for storage of equipment. All throughout the months of fall, winter and spring there will be work days to help in the maintenance of Camp Workcoeman. Without YOU Camp Workcoeman wouldn't be the great place to experience Scouting at its best.

Thank you for all you do!  
Lou Seiser Camp Director

### ***Ramblings from our Ranger...***

Another great summer camp season has been achieved. A huge thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this summer a success. Our Pole barn project has been coming along and we will continue through the fall. I was pleased to see all our volunteers on Sept 15 for the Fall Workday to work on different projects within camp. We continued with work on the pole barn as well.

We are still looking for volunteers for our Campmaster Corp.. Please let me know if you are interested.

Ranger Frank Galliher  
Camp Workcoeman



Citizens of Shawtown fund raising dinner

***Special Note...*** The search is on for a new Chairman of the Citizens as Dan Bielefield has served us well for a long time. Its time to find his successor. If interested contact Dan at [danb63@optonline.net](mailto:danb63@optonline.net). With several active subcommittees the Chairman just needs to "guide the ship". Step up now!

### ***A Brief History from the Sage of Shawtown...***

In 1983 a group of camp staff and veteran Scouters began working together to support the program and facilities at Camp Workcoeman. One of the first projects of these dedicated volunteers was to create a trek program for Scouts and troops. The result was an Outpost Trek to the Shawtown, a late eighteenth and early nineteenth century village. Part of this abandoned settlement was on land that is now in the backwoods of camp. This trek incorporated an overnight stay at the old Wright Homestead and reenactments of pioneer life, including a blacksmith

demonstration. The following year the group organized more formally, choosing the name Citizens of Shawtown and selecting an anvil as their emblem to reflect their early work with the outpost program. From the early 1980s to the mid 1990s Camp Workcoeman did not have a full time ranger. During these years, the Citizens of Shawtown repaired campsites and re-roofed buildings. Members took the lead on building new tent platforms, assembling a new walk-in cooler and clearing some of the early hiking trails. The Citizens constructed a shooting sports facility and built the Maintenance Shop.