



Citizens of Shawtown Camp Workcoeman Spring 2018 Newsletter

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A Message from Our Chairman...

Greetings!

There is a lot going on with the Citizens of Shawtown! If you have not been around for a bit, let me see if I can catch you up. Recently we met for our annual luncheon at the Log House Restaurant in Barkhamsted. During the meeting both Lou and Frank brought us up to date on the happenings around camp. At the annual luncheon we had a discussion regarding reorganizing the Citizens of Shawtown to try and be more effective and better use the talents that our members. We decided to set the group up much as a "Troop" with several "Patrols". These Patrols will each have an area of focus: **Communications/Promotions, Projects** and finally **Fundraising**. If you would like to be included in one of these patrols, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the person who is heading that group. Of course, any member can work with more than one patrol, we are just hoping to try and spread the workload a bit and better utilize the time and talents of our members.

The next few weeks are busy ones for the Citizens as we work to prepare camp for another camping season. Also, our annual Steak and Chicken barbecue is right around the corner. Once again this year I am asking all our members to try to find prizes for the silent auction at the steak dinner. This is the highlight of the event and the main fundraiser for the group. If every member came up with one or 2 items for the silent auction we would be in amazing shape. These items can be either goods or services. If you have any questions, please let me know.

I hope that everyone made it through the long winter in good shape. Please consider joining us at one of our upcoming workdays at camp in the near future! I look forward to seeing you all very soon. Thanks for all that you do for Scouting and Camp Workcoeman.

- Dan

Save These Dates:

Annual Beaver Day & Steak Dinner:

June 2nd 2018

Laurel Music Camp:

**June 23rd- June 29th,
2018**

Week 1 of Scout Camp:

July 1st-July 7th, 2018

NCAP Visitation:

July 3rd 2018



BREAKING NEWS:

Camp Workcoeman to Receive Major Grant From The Buck Foundation



We are pleased to announce that Connecticut Rivers Council, Camp Workcoeman will be the benefactor of a major grant from the Peter and Carmen Lucia Buck Foundation. This grant will be utilized to make substantial improvements to the camp's waterfront. The plan includes the creation of an aquatic/environmental program where Scout can learn about the shoreline ecosystem by using underwater "drones" and by other technical means. Major additions to the fishing and swimming areas are also included in the plan.



Many exciting program innovations are planned for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing.

Updates to this great gift will be released soon!



HAPPENINGS AROUND CAMP:

Thanks To Your Help, Work Continues on the Pole Barn



The pole barn located next to the Nodine Maintenance Building is a completely volunteer driven and funded project. It was realized several years ago that our maintenance and facility needs had outgrown the Nodine Maintenance building and there was a need to have a solid built structure to store several large bulky items like vehicles and lawn movers. It was the combined efforts of several volunteers who crafted the idea, construction and sought funding for this project. Over the course of the past 24 months, substantial work has been made on making this project a reality. Under the leadership of **Brian Goodrich**, we will have a well crafted building that will meet our ever expanding maintenance needs. This project is made possible by our generous volunteers offering up time, talent, and financial resources for the betterment of Camp Workcoeman! We are always grateful for all of the support that our volunteers provide. A BIG thank you to all!



Summer Camp 2018: A Hawaiian Paradise



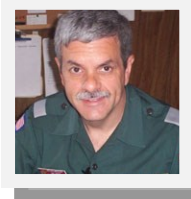
On the shore of West Hill Pond this summer, we will carve out a little slice of paradise and welcome hundreds of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for the 2018 summer camp season. We have the final count down started to opening day and we are beginning the necessary prep work to make 2018 another successful season. We will transform Camp Workcoeman into a tranquil island destination that will bring you back to warm, sunny days on the beach. Our camps program will feature several Hawaiian inspired twists that will delight new Scouts and enthrall older Scouts. Be sure to stop by and see all of the excitement for yourself!

Still looking for a few good Camp Staff Members

Whether you're 15 or 115, we still have some spots available for you to come join our ranks. We are looking for individuals with all types of talents and time commitments. Scouting is a great way to give back and there is no better place than to do it right here at Camp Workcoeman! Are you ready to step up? For more information, contact Lou Seiser at lseiser@campworkcoeman.org on how you can be part of the team.



Lou's Corner...



The 2018 summer camp season is fast approaching! Spring I always a busy time to get Camp Workcoeman prepared for the summer. It is a time where *"many hands make light work."* **Please take part in the Beaver Day on June 2.** I am always grateful for the incredible support that all of our volunteers offer here at Workcoeman. Your efforts are what set us apart from many other camps in the area.

The summer camp staff has been working hard to prepare for the hundreds of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts that will join us this summer. The Camp Staff is being built and we will have many returning faces as well as some new characters added to the mix. Camp Staff positions are still available for the summer camp season. Please encourage Scouts that you feel can meet the challenge to apply. Online applications can be found at: <https://campworkcoeman.org/get-involved/staff/>

The program theme for this summer is **Hawaiian Paradise**. The camp will be transformed into a Hawaiian Island complete with palm trees and cocoanuts. Be sure to stop by this summer and see all the excitement!

-Lou

Ranger Frank's Rants...



Old Man Winter has finally released his icy grip and we are excited to start getting ready for the 2018 Summer Camp Season. Over the past few months, volunteers from the Retiree Corps and Citizens of Shawtown have been working on several different projects around camp. Our Pole Barn construction, headed up by **Brian Goodrich**, is progressing nicely. Additional workdays are being planned to finish off the project. Over the winter months the Health Lodge floor was removed and replaced with a floating floor. This is a huge improvement to our health care facility. Great Job by all!

I look forward to see you all our annual Steak or Chicken BBQ coming June 2nd.

-Ranger Frank

Coming Summer 2018 Two NEW Camp Programs

NEW for 2018 are two brand new program that will be sure to delight all of the Scouts that come to camp this summer!

We will be adding a new high COPE element known as the "Flying Squirrel" (pictured right) to our COPE/Climbing program. This element will allow Scouts to be "pulled" several feet into the air by their fellow Scouts. This will be a great new addition to this older boy program. Project COPE is an older boy program that challenges individuals to expand their limits and form a cohesive team to overcome challenges.

In addition, Camp Workcoeman has purchase several new electronic flying drones! These will be sure to delight any aged Scout as they are able to explore camp from a whole new prospective!



Camp Workcoeman's Annual **Steak or Chicken Barbecue**

Sponsored by the Citizens of Shawtown
Camp Workcoeman's Support Committee

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Hors D'oeuvres 5:30 PM

\$25 - Adults

\$13 - Children 10 & under

Dinner 6:00 PM

in the Dining Hall

Dinner Includes:

**Steak or Chicken • Salad • Potatoes
• Veggies • Bread • Dessert**



All proceeds will benefit camp improvement projects

• Huge Door Prize Selection •

Reservations and payments can be made online using this link:

ctrivers.org/event/camp-workcoeman-annual-steak-or-chicken-barbecue/8772

Please reserve _____ spaces at the barbecue - (\$25-Adults \$13 Children 10 & under

DINNER CHOICE: _____ STEAK _____ CHICKEN

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Sorry I cannot attend but please accept the enclosed contribution _____

Please make reservations by May 31

Make checks payable to CT Rivers Council att: acct #400

For more information contact:

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Camp Workcoeman



Beaver Day



sponsored by The Citizens of Shawtown

Saturday, June 2, 2018

This very important day will bring Scouters together from all over the council to tackle the huge task of preparing Camp Workcoeman for the summer camp season.

All kinds of projects are scheduled and we need your help!

Skills and equipment are needed for tasks such as carpentry, painting, electrical, plumbing as well as just plain help!

We will gather for coffee and... at 8:30 am to review projects. Then we'll begin the work projects at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided.

Please confirm that you will attend:

Ranger Frank at 860-379-2207 (rangerfrank@sbcglobal.net)

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Be sure to tell if you have a special skill. This will enable correct planning for projects and materials.

*Thanks for your continued support to the
Scouting program at Camp Workcoeman!*