



Citizens of Shawtown Camp Workcoeman Winter 2018 Newsletter



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Camp Director's 2018-19 message...

Greetings!

As the snow has been flying there has been much happening at camp. 2019 will mark the 95th anniversary of Camp Workcoeman and many projects are in the works to enhance the facility.

Progress has continued with the storage barn. All of the framing is complete with the metal roof panels next to be installed.

Work has also progressed with implementing the various parts of the waterfront upgrade from a generous grant from the Buck Foundation. We have received delivery of new EZ Docks for the swimming and fishing areas along with new diving rafts. These new docks will truly enhance the swimming and fishing programs at Camp Workcoeman.



We are also engaged the designing and engineering for constructing a new tower/pavilion structure at the waterfront. This structure will also have private changing areas to meet the needs of Cub Scout day campers as well as the inclusion of girls into our program.

Now is a time when hiring the 2019 camp staff begins. Please encourage anyone that you know that has "the right stuff" to be on the camp staff. Online applications can be completed on CampWokcoeman.org/get-involved/staff/

On Saturday January 12 we will have our annual "Winter Wassailing" at camp. This is a gathering of camp staff as well as any volunteers from the Citizens of Shawtown and camp masters. Everyone is invited to attend this pot luck gathering, plenty of food, beverage and fellowship. Details to follow.

I hope you have a happy Christmas holiday season!

Lou



A message from our Membership Chairman...

As we close out 2018 your membership/communication sub-committee has been working hard to grow our outreach to as many potential Scouters as possible to swell our active ranks. As of this writing, we now are able to reach nearly 250 leaders and others with our electronic mailings. Please stay tuned for an exciting 2019 calendar year with many work opportunities at Camp to assist Ranger Frank. If you know of others who have not yet received our Quarterly Newsletter, share this one with them and encourage them to get their email address to me so we can be sure to include them in all communications going forward. Happy Holidays to you and your families!

Yours in Scouting,
Brian Cornell Membership Chair



Upcoming Events and Activities

Winter Wassailing
Saturday January 12
12 Noon 'til...

Campmaster weekends
Available

Mid-winter planning mtg
and luncheon

New Membership Drive
Coming Soon!

The Chairman of the Citizens of Shawtown says...

Greetings Fellow Citizens and Friends,

As we rapidly approach the end of 2018 we have much to be thankful for. Another amazing year of Scouting memories has been created thanks to your hard work and dedication to Camp Workcoeman. If you were able to come up to camp and assist with one of our projects over the past year thank you for helping out. If you were not able to get out to camp lately please watch for more opportunities to stop in and have some fun!

Our Citizens of Shawtown Membership and Marketing team led by Brian Cornell has been working to build and promote the groups' image. We are looking for ideas from all of you, our members, as to other activities you would like us to include in our annual planning. We have had suggestions for everything from a group shooting sports day to a cigar and scotch tasting event. Please touch base and let us know your thoughts on ways to make the Citizens of Shawtown bigger, better and more fun for all of our members. As we head into the holiday season I would like to thank each of you for being a part of the Citizens of Shawtown. It is because of your dedication that we are able to support one of the best camps in the country. All of your efforts help to create lasting memories for thousands of Scouts each year! Memories that will hopefully fuel today's Scouts to get involved in preserving and sustain the traditions of Camp Workcoeman going forward.

In closing I would like to wish each and every member of the Citizens of Shawtown a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully we will see you all at our Annual Meeting in early February! Thank you all for everything you do to make Camp Workcoeman what it is today.

Happy Holidays!
Dan

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. With several active subcommittees the Chairman just needs to "guide the ship". Step up now!



In the words of.... Tony Cardosa

What makes Workcoeman a special place for you?

I came out of Lake of Isles, when it closed in 1990 - I used to help out down there, when my kids where in grade school. Came up with Bob Goodrich, big stocky scottish guy - Deep voice, so I went with him. Now I have the time to help Ranger Frank, get out of the house, get free coffee. I love helping with the kids and stuff.

How did you become involved and for how long have you been a Citizen of Shawtown?

Just when Al retired, and Ranger Frank started - around 1999 – 2000

Have you ever been out to Shawtown?

To tell the truth, I've never been out there.

Do you have a favorite project that the Citizens have completed?

I'd say the amphitheater.

Is there a particular project that you would like to help make a reality?

All those buildings need work, need to be saved, and spruced up. They're assets, like the new lean-tos, they need to be protected and added to. We also spoke about looking forward to seeing the new waterfront, and about getting back to the roof on the new shed.

Interview by Keith Zwart



Members of the Citizens of Shawtown, OA and camp staff take down tents and hang them up to dry in the Dining Hall.



Ron DiPietro and John Klimas make repairs to porch at Dining

Ramblings from our Ranger...

Seasons Greetings,

I want to thank all of the volunteers, Staff , Retirees, Campmasters for their tireless dedication and support of Camp Workcoeman. We had a great year of camping. I am excited for another upcoming year where we can help grow young minds and bodies with the values we all hold dear. I truly appreciate sacrifices you all have made to make my job easier and the knowledge you have shared with me.

Again, Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Ranger Frank



Committee volunteers from a luncheon back some time ago...

As a reminder, here are the Citizens members who volunteered earlier this year at our Annual Planning Luncheon to serve on several sub-committees to keep our group active and vibrant. If you'd like to be added to or volunteer to Chair either the Projects or especially the Fund Raising sub-committees, let Dan know. All other Citizens prepare yourselves to jump in with energy at any workdays or events in 2019 and beyond! Many hands make light work.

Fund Raising:

Anne Moskal, Dave Moskal

Projects:

Tony Cardoso, Ron DePietro, Steve Fisher, Angelo Fusco, Brian Goodrich, Chris Hardiman, Tom Leisten, Dan Martineau, Ted Sanford, Steve Seiser, Ed and Sue Wadowski

Promotion/Communication:

Jorge Baujin, Dan Bielefield, Joe Brady, Brian Cornell, Vin Doll, Skip Leslie, Jeff Liskin, Jen Pecora, Keith Zwart, Christopher Petroff



If you'd like to make a year-end donation to the Citizens of Shawtown (which may be tax deductible as provided for by law), send your check payable to CRC, BSA 60 Darlin St. East Hartford, CT. 06108 and be sure to note it should be credited to Account #400 Citizens of Shawtown.



The Origins of Shawtown Part 1...

In the spring of 1777, General John Burgoyne of the British army marched his army from Quebec, down the Hudson River Valley. His objective was to cut off and isolate the New England colonies. On October 7 of that year, he entered into and lost a battle in Saratoga with American Revolutionary forces under General Horatio Gates, and subsequently surrendered. Just under 6,000 troops, including some Hessian soldiers were taken prisoner. A number of these prisoners (largely Hessians) were marched to Hartford, and then on to Boston to be sent back to Europe. The march came through Colebrook, to New Hartford, via the Old North Road, on their way to Harford. The story goes that it was in this area that a few of the prisoners escaped. As the Hessians were mercenaries, no longer being paid because of their situation, and unlikely to rejoin the British forces, there was minimal effort expended to secure their recapture.... *The Sage*

Big news for 2019 at Camp Workcoeman..... stay tuned.....



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