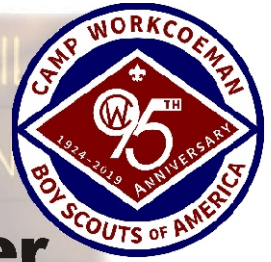




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Camp Workcoeman

2019 Post-Camp Newsletter



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Camp Director's message...

Greetings! The 2019 summer camp season was very special in a number of ways. Our Scouts experienced several new program options such as piloting underwater drones, trying their hand at log rolling, while enjoying the waterfront on new docks in the swimming and fishing areas all made possible through the Buck Foundation grant.

A season-long celebration of Workcoeman's 95th Anniversary was also enjoyed by all who entered the camp gates. The celebration of this milestone culminated with a fantastic reunion of former campers and staff who shared stories and memories of their glory days at camp.

This fall will be busy with the construction of a new pavilion and tower at the waterfront with funds provided by the Buck Foundation Grant. This new facility will provide a new look for our great waterfront. We now look to the future to continue the legacy of great Scouting experiences at Camp Workcoeman.

Lou Seiser, Camp Director

Upcoming Events and Activities

Retiree Workdays

Retiree work days: Second Tuesday of each month. No need to be retired to show up. Coffee at 8:45. Lunch and humor provided. E-mail Ranger Frank to get on his reminder list.

A Public Service announcement from our committee Chairman...

Greetings Shawtown members!

Summer 2019 has dissolved into many fine memories at Workcoeman and probably at your Troops and Packs too.

Many excellent efforts were made at camp this Summer by so many Shawtown members! Every hour of effort by us benefits Scouts and Scouters to come for the future at Connecticut's premiere Scout camp! I know Ranger Frank appreciates the constant support we provide to him all around the property.

In the coming months please look at your calendars carefully and jump in to assist on Retiree Workdays (you don't have to be retired to help out on those days) and weekend workdays to prep camp for a chilly winter. Don't forget, Workcoeman is up and running for year-round activity. If you want to be on the Ranger's list for the Retiree workdays drop him a line at rangerfrank@campworkcoeman.org. Not only do we work hard on those days, but the donuts, coffee, laughs and lunch are an added PLUS for those in attendance!

Our search for a new Chairman of the Citizens continues with a "job description" being crafted as I write this. You don't have to run the "big show" yourself but have a desire to lead us forward into 2020 co-ordinating efforts of many through high-level planning with others who can carry the torch in fund-raising, increasing active membership ranks and more. Consider this spot and let's talk. Planning for 2020 is starting soon!

Lastly, this sub-committee of the Citizens works hard all year long to gather information for this Newsletter, pictures of our group working and playing hard at Camp and looking for better ways to communicate with all of you..... the heart of the Citizens of Shawtown. If you'd like to assist with that effort send me an email at bcornell@campworkcoeman.org and we'll get you onboard.

Yours in Scouting,

Brian Cornell, Chairman, Communication and Publicity sub-committee



Roger, Gary and Michael turn gasoline into firewood.



New roof on Directors cabin nears completion.

Looking for a Tree Service Company...

Greetings!

We are in the beginning stages of constructing a new pavilion/tower at on the waterfront. this project is part of the grant we received from the Buck Foundation. We have completed all of the permitting, wetlands and zoning requirements and are now ready to begin the project.

Our first need is to locate a tree company that can remove some trees from the site area. Frank has made several inquiries to different tree services and has hardly received any replies.

We would appreciate it if you could recommend any information for locating a tree service. We would like to begin the process soon. Any assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

Lou Seiser , Camp Director



Mark and Brian

Wanted: Campmasters...

Ranger Frank is setting up the schedule for the weekend Fall/Winter Campmasters. If you'd like to take a weekend or two away from the house in the cooler weather, email him for details and to get on his list.

Ron and Angelo.... our safety team for the roof project watch Mark and Brian challenge gravity.

"There's one way to find out if a man is honest - ask him. If he says, 'Yes,' you know he is a crook." - Groucho Marx





Shawtown members working hard to set-up Camp for the Summer season.



Lots of supplies ready for post-camp and fall Citizens projects.

The Buildings of Shawtown - The Spring House...

Back in the early 80's, Shawtown was used as a "destination program" within the camp. Units would travel, after dinner, out to Shawtown via the old red trail. Usually, the unit would be taken on a tour of the more visible structural remnants, and then become involved in a set of activities that gave them a taste of what the chores of a young man their age might normally have (more about this at another time).

One of the stops along the tour was the foundation of a springhouse. This is located near the old road and even today the water runs clear and cold. If a community, or a singular property owner had a spring that was reliable it was a considerable boon. Often, the spring would be bordered by a stone foundation, and a small structure built over it to keep the spring from filling with leaves and debris. The water may have been channeled into a trough or small cistern as it left the building, where it would be available for use by livestock.

As was mentioned, spring water runs clear and cold. Colonials were keen on making the most of every resource and thus many springhouses were turned into small refrigerators of sorts. An added benefit of enclosing the spring is that the water temperature would help keep the air in the springhouse quite cool. Foods such as smoked meats could be hung and kept cool in the summer months! Within the stone foundations of many springhouses, bracing was also integrated to allow for slat flooring to be put in place. This was done in such a way as to allow for a few inches of water to cover the slats. Crock of food could then be set into the water on the slats and the water temperature would aid in extending the usable life of the food. Examination of the foundation of the Shawtown springhouse shows this to be the case there! ***The Sage***



The spring is in the centre with the foundation stones along the stream.