



Citizens of Shawtown Camp Workcoeman Un-Summer 2020 Newsletter



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A few words from our Fearless Leader...

Greetings to all Citizens members! I hope this finds you and your families safe and healthy in a most bizarre year. This "Un-Summer Season End" edition of our Shawtown newsletter is just to let you know that we ARE still here and even though Camp Workcoeman has been closed all Summer, our members have put in several successful workdays and have completed alot! Even with Camp closed, there are still ongoing maintenance items that need to be done and special projects that need to move forward. We can always use your assistance at workdays!

Through the efforts of many, both in large and small groups, we have stripped the old roof at the Calder Building and installed a new metal roof on the building. A new Pavilion has been started at the Shotgun Range thanks to a special donation from Troop 105. Camp appreciates that donation immensely. Every workday this summer has averaged at least 24 Citizens and Workcoeman staff members pulling together to assure Workcoeman remains the great property that we all know and love.

Lastly, thanks to Lou Seiser and Ranger Frank for lining-up tasks for all at each workday.

Stay safe and healthy..... See you at our next workday on Saturday Sept. 26th! Let me know if you can make it at bcornell@campworkcoeman.org

Brian Cornell, Chairman, Citizens of Shawtown



Rantings from our Ranger...

Covid Sucks!! That being said, I hope that you and your family are doing well in these stressful times. Camp felt empty without the joyous sounds of Scouts enjoying the great outdoors.

Fortunately we were able to have amazing volunteers participate in workdays accomplishing immense gains in replacing roofs on Griffin Lodge and Calder Lodge among others.

I look forward to see you all again on Sept 26 th where will will tackle the new pavilion at the Shotgun Range. Please plan to join us!! - Ranger Frank Galliher, Camp Workcoeman



Annual Steak and Chicken Dinner

As of this writing, the prospects of holding our Annual Steak and Chicken Dinner and Silent Auction are slipping by. If there are any big changes to our ability to do that we'll let you know ASAP!



SHAWTOWN HATS AND PATCHES ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Hats are \$12.00 and Patches are \$5.00 Always available at all workdays! If you rather want to reserve one or both, email Brian at bcornell@campworkcoeman.org



Camp Director's message...

The summer of 2020 is one that will not be forgotten. For the first time in 95 years there were no Scouts at camp. To provide some kind of Scouting programs to an attempt to fill the void of Scouting experiences, we developed single-day programs on various weekends. Many Citizens of Shawtown members also participated in several workdays with the Ranger at camp to assure our camp was maintained and kept in good repair!

On September 12, 13 we ran "Workcoeman Adventure Days." The program provided opportunities for Scouts BSA to work on merit badges as well as a Discover Scuba program by the CT Scuba Academy. Cub Scouts and their family members participated in fun events including archery, BB shooting, fishing as well as completing Cub Adventure pins. Webelos/Arrow of Light Scouts attended a special event called "Webelos Adventure Days" on September 19, 20. The Scouts completed various adventure pins as they fulfill their rank requirements. Both of the weekend events were SOLD OUT! This is obviously due to the need for Scouting activities.

On October 24 a special "Workcoeman Eagle Experience" is planned. This is an opportunity for those future Eagles to work on requirements for an Eagle related badge and to participate in sessions for them to learn the best process in planning their service project as well as the most effective way to prepare the related paperwork.

We are looking forward to the 2021 camp season. Troops that planned to attend a CT Rivers Council camp in 2020 are encouraged to roll over their camp registration to 2021 and by doing so will qualify for special incentives in the Summer Camp Loyalty Program. The program features the waiving of the \$50 campsite reservation fee, a \$100 trading post credit, a free tent camping weekend site at any CT Rivers camp and a visit from a member of the Camp Workcoeman staff to an in-person or virtual troop meeting.

We look forward to supporting all the great things that are happening in our units.

Best wishes and Scout On! - Lou Seiser, Camp Director

Membership minute...

We missed our opportunity to create a new set of memories this summer. It's been surreal, no one could have predicted something like this affecting our time on West Hill Pond. So what are we supposed to do? The answer is come on up, revisit your summer home, walk around, talk to Ranger Frank or Brian about what needs to be done. Between us we have hundreds of helping hands, dozens of paint brushes and a boatload of band aids.

Who is a citizen of shawtown? Everyone who has called our campsites home. Everyone who looks at something (a fire ring or a lean-to) and offers to make it better. People who get this newsletter, comes to our annual dinners, or shows up to work (and chat) on our workdays. That's what makes you one of a rare breed, someone who sees Camp Workcoeman as a place worth saving - like me.

Yours in Scouting,

Keith Zwart



2020 CALDER CHALLENGE UPDATE:

Awesome news for all Citizens! You'll remember that waaaayyyy back at our Annual Dinner and Meeting I challenged all of us to raise \$8000 this year toward the preservation of and renovations needed at our Calder Building here at Workcoeman.

WOW! So far, as of September 1, we have received many large and small contributions from many Citizens and others, to actually reduce our remaining goal balance to \$2500! That is incredible! Lou, Ranger Frank and I all THANK YOU ALL for your efforts so far in this very difficult year of 2020. With just \$2500 more needed to get to our goal I am confident we'll get there well before this year-end. The new metal roof is on the building and supplies are coming next to hopefully enable us to complete the exterior work before the snow flies.

PLEASE do what you can to help the Citizens of Shawtown reach our goal through obtaining both large and small donations. Checks should be made out to Ct. Rivers Council, BSA and mailed to 60 Darlin Street East Hartford, CT. 06108. BE SURE contribution checks are also marked to be credited to ACCT# 400 Citizens of Shawtown.

Thank you for all you do to keep Workcoeman the great camp that it is and will be for years to come.

Brian

