



Fall / Winter 2023 Newsletter

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A few words from our Fearless Leader...

Shawtown Members:

Well, we've just about made it thru 2023 together working to improve and maintain OUR camp!

I personally want to thank each and every one of you for all your efforts..... whether on a dry, beautiful day at Camp or on a soggy, cold, messy day as we worked to repair a roof, building siding, splitting wood and more. Each of us also raised our hands to assist with the numerous weekend events held at camp for Cubs and for other Scouts of all ages, run by Lou and/or Jeff all year long.

The next year is Workcoeman's 100th Anniversary! I can't wait to see hundreds of former Staff and Shawtown members and Scouters gather to celebrate that milestone. Details will follow under separate cover from the 100th Anniversary Committee sooner than later as dates and plans come together.

We added a few new members during 2023 and I sure hope our membership grows exponentially in 2024. Here's to another great effort by all.

We'll see you at our Annual Meeting in February 2024 for a Luncheon and important business meeting. (date to be announced)

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Brian



For more information regarding **Citizens of Shawtown**, please see our website link at:

<https://campworkcoeman.org/get-involved/citizens-of-shawtown/>

Words From Our Favorite Ranger...

Happy Holidays to one and all,

As we just celebrated Thanksgiving, I reflected on how thankful I am for all of your dedication to the camp we love. I appreciate all the time and energy put into the projects to keep Camp Workcoeman a vibrant space that several hundred scouts enjoyed this year.

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a prosperous New Year.

Ranger Frank

October Workday....



Harrison Stewart, Will Sanford, John Wentworth



Mike Luedke using “light carpentry tools” to repair door behind the Dining Hall.

Some of the Shawtown Faithful At Our Recent October Workday...



"Tidbits from the Chairman"

" Did you know that bottles and cans recovered from the Dining Hall during 2023 Workdays and scouting Events added nearly \$80 to our Shawtown coffers for use at CW in 2023?"

"Did you know that your efforts in 2023 contributed over 500 man-hours to maintaining Camp Workcoeman facilities plus the untold individual hours put in by many for individual tasks during 2023?"

"Did you know that because we "do what we do" for our camp as Shawtown members, Workcoeman's property, facilities and programs overall top expectations every month and are beginning to draw more and more new faces (young and old) to CW in 2023?"

"Did you know that many of us also work closely as support Staff with Lou, Jeff and Tom in any way we can on the wonderful Programs they run on weekends all year 'round for Cubs and Scouts?"

" Do you realize WE ARE SHAWTOWN and are A TEAM working to make CW the great place it has been, is now and will be for years to come?"

After A Thanksgiving Dinner, Time For A Well-Deserved Nap:



What New Year Has In Store For Camp Workcoeman:

The year 2023 was great for Camp Workcoeman. The year-long program structure saw an increase of Scouts participating in the many programs that were scheduled all year long as well as an increase in troops and packs utilizing the "A La Carte" program options.

The summer program structure has continued to have more Scouts and units use it as a summer camp experience. Unfortunately, I've heard from some Scouters that "Workcoeman doesn't do summer camp." They are absolutely wrong. Workcoeman has a unique and dynamic summer camp program. It is different from the traditional program but has a growing clientele. Please be sure to promote and correct those people who are not aware of the great program that we have.

As we look to 2024, I am excited that we will celebrate the centennial season of Camp Workcoeman. Our first event will be a Hike to Historic Shawtown Woods on February 17.

This will be followed by the Spring Centennial Camporee- Time Travel: Navigating the Past scheduled for May 17-19. The Western and Charter Oak Districts have designated this event as their spring camporee however any troop is welcome to attend.

Next is a Camp Workcoeman Alumni Reunion on Saturday, July 20. Anyone who has called Workcoeman "home" is welcome to attend. This will be a grand event!

Closing out the year-long celebration will be a fall camporee on October 11-13. The theme will be Time Travel: Pioneering the Future.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of the dedicated people that continue to support Camp Workcoeman in staffing our programs, maintaining the facility and sharing their talents to make Camp Workcoeman a special place in Scouting. These are the people who are the fabric of the "Workcoeman Spirit." The generations who came before us ignited the spirit. It is our challenge to maintain it for the generations in the next one hundred years.

Thank you and may you have a happy and healthy Christmas holiday season.

-Lou



Shawtown Workday and Activity Dates for January 2024 to August 2024

Here's what the Shawtown/CW schedule looks like thru August 2024:

1/20 WORKDAY

1/27 STEM Merit Badge Day

2/17 WORKDAY

2/24 Cub Scout Blizzard and Winter Merit Badge Adventure

3/8 - 3/10 1st Annual Shawtown Fellowship Work Weekend

4/13 Crafts and Trades Merit Badge Day

4/27 Cub Scout Covered Wagon Derby (overnight event Friday April 26-Sunday, April 28)

5/17-19 HUGE CAMPOREE celebrating our 100th Anniversary at Camp Workcoeman

6/1 ANNUAL BEAVER DAY AND SHAWTOWN STEAK AND CHICKEN DINNER

6/7 - 6/9 Wilderness First Aid

7/27 WORKDAY

8/24 HAPPY VACATION, Everyone relax!

**Shawtown members are asked to also assist with any CW specialty days listed below.
Contact Jeff or Lou Seiser directly to volunteer.**

**Additional work sessions to assist in the completion of Camp set-up or take-down will be
scheduled as needed. Stay tuned.....**

**Any other special events and dates having to do with the 100th Anniversary of Camp
Workcoeman will be announced separately from this calendar by the appropriate 100th
Anniversary Committee.**

Wishing You All The Happiest and Safest Holiday Season!!!



CAMP WORKCOEMAN

1st Annual
Spring Shawtown
Fellowship
Work Weekend

March 8th to 10th

Reaching out to all members of
the Workcoeman family to help us
prepare for our Centennial Season.

- Come for the day or the whole weekend.
- Food and Lodging provided to all volunteers.
- Please respond by **March 1st**.

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FRIDAY

March 8th

7pm | Arrival task assignment
& Cracker barrel

SATURDAY

March 9th

7:30 am | Breakfast
8:30 am - 12:00 pm | Projects
12:30 pm | Lunch
1:30 pm - 6:00 pm | Projects
6:30 pm | Dinner
8:00 pm | Gathering and Campfire

SUNDAY

March 10th

8:00 am | Breakfast
9:00 am - 12:00pm | Projects
12:30 pm | Lunch
& ending ceremony