



Citizens of Shawtown

Camp Workcoeman

Spring 2023 Newsletter



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A few words from our Fearless Leader...

"Happy Spring to all! It sure has been a crazy Winter in NW Connecticut.

As many of you know, Camp Workcoeman has remained very busy, even since the end of the Holidays with activities nearly every weekend for Cubs, Scouts and Scouters.

I am excited that many of you, as Shawtown members, have stepped-up and have assisted in many ways to assist Jeff Seiser and his troupe of many to teach Merit Badges, serve as instructors for the outdoor events at those weekend events and more. Thank you for that!

Our Annual Shawtown Luncheon and Meeting was well attended. Lou, Frank and others reviewed our accomplishments from 2022 and looked forward to our Camp's needs in 2023. Annual elections were held, especially for 2 new positions in our organization. Daron Colgan will now serve as Vice-Chairman of the Citizens and Will Sanford, as Vice Membership Chair, is working with Keith Zwart to build our membership roles exponentially in the coming year!

Lastly, mark your calendars for our Shawtown Annual Steak and Chicken Dinner and a newly revised Door Prize event on Saturday June 3rd. Tickets are already available to place order on the Council's website. I've already ordered mine, have you? More information will follow in the coming month or so.

OOPS..... almost forgot to remind everyone of our monthly WORKDAYS AT WORKCOEMAN on the 4th Saturday. WE NEED HANDS AND LOTS OF THEM! BRING A FRIEND OR TWO! There is so much to do to assist Ranger Frank prep our camp for the Summer season and for the ongoing plans to celebrate our camp's 100th anniversary all year long. Check the schedule on the front of this newsletter for dates.

See you soon and often at the BEST camp in Connecticut!

Brian

Upcoming Events and Activities:

April 22nd Workday

May 12th and 13th West of the River Camporee

May 20th Begin Summer Setup

June 3rd Beaver Day/Steak Dinner and Auction

June 24th Summer Camp Readiness

August 26th Workday

September 16th Fall Setup

October 28th Workday

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

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



Camp Director's Message...

Happy Spring!

The winter of 2022-23 has been a crazy thing. We are now moving into a very important time at Camp Workcoeman. The strange weather had inflicted significant damage to trees throughout camp and a HUGE amount of work must be done to clean up the debris in all campsites and areas throughout camp.

The program schedule this spring is full of great opportunities. We will be hosting the "West of the River Camporee" on May 12-14. This will be a fantastic event for all troops in the Western and Charter Oak Districts. Having the camp facility ready is essential. Please put these important dates on your calendar. We will need as many camp staff as possible to support the event.

Camp Workcoeman is the Leadership Development Center of Connecticut Rivers Council. Both adult and youth training opportunities are scheduled in the spring. Leading up to the summer will be a series of training sessions including Wilderness First Aid, NYLT Training and more.

Our summer schedule will have many special additions to the already valuable program structure. These include our first ever NYLT course and Powderhorn course.

All of the programs and training sessions at Camp Workcoeman will be successful because of the dedication and effort of the members of the Citizens of Shawtown and the camp staff. I am privileged to work alongside so many great people.

Thank you for all you do to make Camp Workcoeman a great place.

Lou



Membership minute...

"Happy Spring - Remember, there are three things we can do to make camp relevant.

Troops should camp there, we should help Ranger Frank and then help the staff offer programs. Reach out, show up, and I'll see you there.

We need to dramatically increase our active Shawtown membership in 2023. Be a strong part of that plan! Thank you!"

Keith Zwart, Chairman of Shawtown Membership Committee



Words From Our Favorite Ranger...

"Welcome Spring!!

With warmer temps. and a summer camp season fast approaching, I will be extremely grateful for everyone's participation in upcoming workdays and Camp events.

We have had a significant amount of damage on some buildings and elsewhere due to trees coming down. Your help is always welcome.

Our Annual Steak or Chicken fundraiser on June 3 as well as a new opportunity for a Shawtown fundraiser with lunch service during the West of the River Camporee on May 13 will require many hands to make lighter work. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Camp Workcoeman.

Ranger Frank

News Flash...

The Connecticut Rivers Council 2023 West of the River Camporee will be held at Camp Workcoeman on May 12-14th. The camp is expecting hundreds of scouts and Scouters for this awesome event! The Citizens of Shawtown will be playing a critical role in many ways for the Camporee. Watch for a separate communication from Brian in the next week or so. **Please mark your calendars accordingly for that weekend.**