



# Citizens of Shawtown

## Camp Workcoeman

### Spring 2024 Newsletter



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#### **Chairman's Corner:**

Spring has sprung, the grass has rizz, I wonder where the Campers is? Can't say I didn't try to be poetic.....

Anyway, hope all you fellow Citizens are well and are soaking up as much warmer weather and sun that you can. Workcoeman is continuing to leap out of the winter doldrums and activities are occupying Camp nearly every weekend now.

That said, it means that the Shawtown efforts are more needed than ever. The changeover to having a shared-Ranger with the Mattatuck camp is underway. The learning curve about our physical arrangements and facilities is huge, but after working a bit already with the new fella, I'm sure our new Ranger Ethan Glenn will work out just fine. It's a new experience for us all after having Frank with us here for over 20 years, but as true Scouts are, I'm sure we'll be flexible and forward-moving.

We have so much to do, especially in the next 6+ months..... please be as flexible as you can with your availabilities when it comes to either RETIREE Workdays on the Tuesdays on the calendar I sent out recently or our already scheduled ALL HANDS Workdays on that same calendar. Painting, a hundred other types of maintenance items to do and on and on make our plate very full in 2024. It really is almost a full-time job planning and prepping for these days of work at Workcoeman. Please try to bring along new faces whenever you can. The more the merrier!

The 100th Anniversary Spring Camporee on May 17-19 already has over 30 units signed up to attend (Contact Jeff Seiser at [jseiser@campworkcoeman.org](mailto:jseiser@campworkcoeman.org)) if you can help him with the logistics, etc. over that weekend.) We'll forgo our monthly workday in May and then will resume work in June after our Steak and Chicken Dinner on June 1 with lots to do before camp opens.

The Officers of Shawtown appreciate all you do and as a group. It makes us stronger and stronger every year!

See you soon at Camp. If you have any questions or comments, please contact any of your officers.

Yours In Scouting

Brian

## **What I Can Do To Help?**

We're in the midst of transforming our Camp Workcoeman, we know there have been a lot of changes in the last year and we've started adapting to our new normal. Camp is going to be a more directly volunteer cared for camp. We will need to do better at managing and addressing the myriad of things that used to be shared by the Ranger, and many others.

Have you added your name to the Campmaster interest list? Have you spoken to Brian or Daron about Shawtown work days, or Senior Tuesdays? Do they know what skills you offer? What about Dr. Baujin or Jeff Lisken about helping our First Aid/Check in Processes? What about Daron and the Kitchen staff (truly a highlight of what we can offer)? And of course, helping to offer programs!

PS - Send your units to use the camp! Scouts in the Outdoors is the point of all this, After all!

Keith

### **Upcoming Camp Events:**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Camporee**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> - Beaver Day**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> - Steak Dinner**

**June 7-9<sup>th</sup> Wilderness First Aid**

**July 20<sup>th</sup> - Alumni Reunion Weekend 5/17-19 HUGE CAMPOREE**  
celebrating our 100th Anniversary at Camp Workcoeman

**July 27<sup>th</sup> - Shawtown Workday**



**Oops, its on the ground.  
Thanks to Kyla and Robb from Camp Jewell for their help all weekend.**



**Thanks to Dave and crew for cooking for us, it was excellent!!!**

## ***Celebrating Our History:***

The Centennial Anniversary of Camp Workcoeman is well underway with events planned all year long. The first event was a winter historical hike that commemorated the first Scouting activity held at Camp Workcoeman.

Next will be the Centennial Camporee in May. The program developed by Camporee Chief, Ted Shreve promises to be a great event that harkens back to many of the skills first introduced to Scouting.

A big highlight of the year will be the Alumni Reunion on July 20. Everyone who has shared time at Camp Workcoeman is invited to attend. It will be a great opportunity to once again see this special place and get reacquainted with friends and memories.

The final event of the anniversary celebration will be a fall camporee in October. The theme of the camporee will be "Celebrating The Past and Looking To The Future!"

Registration to attend all of these events can be found at [CampWorkcoeman.org/100](http://CampWorkcoeman.org/100).

As always, the members of the Citizens of Shawtown have been that constant and dependable resource in keeping Camp Workcoeman the great Scouting facility that it is. Your efforts and contributions are always noticed and deeply appreciated!

Thank you,

Lou

**Truck Wanted:** Looking for the donation of a gently used Pickup for camp. 2X2 or 4X4 ok but must be in good running order, as we do not have the funds to do even some medium or major repairs to it.

If a 4X4, a plow would be a great plus but not necessary. We can provide any donor with an appropriate tax donation document, as the Council is a 501(c) organization.

Please contact Brian Cornell at

860-806-0390 or

[bcornell@campworkcoeman.org](mailto:bcornell@campworkcoeman.org)



**Ready for our 100<sup>th</sup> Year!!!**

Greetings,

Get some new/ old Shawtown swag. We have recently stumbled upon some "historic" hats. You can have your own in green or red for a low price of \$10. The newest addition to the Shawtown collection is our black t-shirt. We are selling them for \$25.

Any contribution to the organization is much appreciated.

Yours in Scouting,

Shawtown Committee





Shawtown has worked to replace all campfire circles in our campsites at CW.



Down to the Bones!!!



We filled 2 dumpsters on the huge work weekend!



What's next?

**What Are You Waiting For, Get Your Tickets!!!!!**

**Camp Workcoeman**  
**Annual Steak & Chicken**  
**Dinner / Raffle**  
**June 1**  
 campworkcoeman.org or call 860-806-0390