



# Citizens of Shawtown Camp Workcoeman Spring 2016 Newsletter

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## *A Message from Our Chairman...*

Welcome to another edition of the Shawtown Newsletter. As Scouters we have been incredibly fortunate to have a property like Camp Workcoeman to utilize and enjoy. Without a group like ours, Camp would be nothing like it is today nor would it be able to survive going forward. Due to the outstanding work of our members, Camp Workcoeman has become one of the premier camping destinations in the Northeast. Over the past several years, Shawtown members have contributed untold hours to help maintaining and improving our camp. Your contributions of time and energy are instrumental in keeping Camp Workcoeman a viable and irreplaceable part of the Connecticut Rivers Council properties.

In the coming months we will gather together once again to prepare camp for the coming summer camp season. We have work to finish on the lean-to's that were started in the fall as well as new projects to undertake. As always, there is the ongoing maintenance of the camp buildings and property at large. The work is never ending however it is exceedingly necessary given the current fiscal environment within the CT Rivers Council.

Your time, efforts and energy make Camp Workcoeman a shining star in the Northwest Hills. Please continue to assist as you are able and together we will keep Camp Workcoeman an amazing experience for generations of Scouts to come.

Thank you all for everything you do on behalf of Camp Workcoeman, The Citizens of Shawtown and the Scouting program in general.

**- Dan**

**What are you doing this summer???**

Whether you can volunteer one hour a week or the whole summer, We need volunteers to help at camp this summer! Consider donating some time and see camp in action!! Contact Lou for more details!

## **Save These Dates:**

### **Spring Work Day:**

**April 16th 2016**

### **Beaver Day & Steak Dinner:**

**June 4th 2016**

### **Staff Training Day:**

**June 11th 2016**

### **First Day of Summer Camp:**

**July 3rd 2016**

CITIZENS OF SHAWTOWN



CAMP WORKCOEMAN

# HAPPENINGS AROUND CAMP:

## *Scouts Will Climb To New Heights This Summer On The Renovated Climbing Wall*

With the leadership of **Paul McClain** and **Chris Moon**, Scouts will be soaring to new heights this summer with the completely renovated climbing wall. They were able to add a forth side to the wall and make in enclosed structure that allows for more storage and easy access to all parts of the wall. In addition, the wall was completely “re-skinned” and several challenge elements were added to various sides of the wall. These new elements will be sure to challenge novice and experienced climbers alike. Scouts will also have the chance to enjoy some shade with the new roof that was added too! Several safety, equipment and hardware updates were performed as well. This was made possible by over \$35,000 in donations that came from the Art Nodine Memorial Fund, The Douglass Family Foundation, several other accounts and gifts in kind from United Rentals and Sanford and Hawley Lumber. A big thank you to all for your tremendous support and generosity!





# Generous Act Of One Leads To A Major Benefit Of Many

## *Major Drainage Work Project A HUGE Improve At Camp*



Under the leadership of **Bob Wesneski**, a major/ multi-faceted project was completed this winter to help ensure that the waterfront and surrounding area remains in pristine condition for decades to come. The project was completed in several phases to address the run off of water coming down off the hill and would continually wash away the beach, cutting deep trenches into the area. The project addressed the issue by constructing 3 silt ponds in the waterfront area to handle the water from the discharge pipe and the parade ground drainage system. This drainage system is a great im-

provement to the area and is aesthetically pleasing as well. In another phase of the project, large pebble stones were spread at the entrance to the waterfront and a large load of beach sand was dropped off to be spread just prior to the start of the summer camp season.

In addition, two other major areas of camp were improved in the project. The collapsed retaining wall just below the flagpole was rebuilt. Also, the road leading from the maintenance area to the fishing area was recut and fresh gravel was laid down and several drainage issues were addressed.

We are very fortunate to have such a major project completed and will ensure that Scouts for generations will continue to enjoy all that Camp Workcoeman has to offer.



## Shawtown Luncheon a Great Success!

On Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> members of the Citizens of Shawtown gathered at the Log House Restaurant in Barkhamsted, CT for an afternoon of fellowship. Over 25 members made the trek to meet for lunch. During the meeting we heard from our Camp Ranger, Frank Galliher regarding the progress of ongoing projects as well as new projects in the works for the coming months. Camp Director Lou Seiser updated the group on the state of Camp Workcoeman, the status of the camp budgets and other information regarding camp.

During the gathering, many important issues were discussed like a Citizens of Shawtown Workday on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and the annual Steak dinner on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

As always, I send my profound thanks and gratitude for all that each of you do for Camp Workcoeman. Together we will continue to make our camp great!

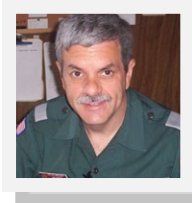
- Dan

### Come Join The Retiree Corps!

Consider spending the second and forth Tuesday of the month at camp! The Retiree Corps are looking for new “junior members” to join the ranks. This group assists in maintenance projects around camp in the off-season and is vital to getting camp ready for the summer. The best part is that you don’t even need to be retired!! If you are available, plan on stopping by.



## Summer Camp Update...



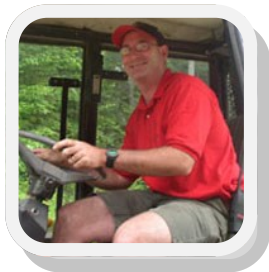
With another new year upon us, it brings another new summer camp season! We are very fortunate to have had a mild winter and get a jump on several major improvement projects around camp. I am always grateful for the incredible support that all of our volunteers offer here at Workcoeman. Your efforts are what set us apart from many other camps in the area. Myself and key members of the summer camp staff have been working in the off season to prepare for the hundreds of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts that will join us this summer. The Camp Staff is shaping up nicely and we have many returning faces as well as some new characters added to the mix. Camp Staff positions are still available for the summer camp season. Please encourage Scouts that you feel can meet the challenge to apply. Online applications can be found at: <https://campworkcoeman.org/get-involved/staff/>

In the coming months, we have the tremendous task ahead of getting camp ready for the summer season. It is a time where “*many hands make light work.*” I would encourage all of you to continue to be an asset to the camp and help support this venture. Camp is always in need of experienced individuals who know just how special Scouting really is.

The program theme for this summer is **Vikings** and the camp will be transformed into a Nordic village filled with mystery, fun and trivia. Be sure to stop by this summer and see all the excitement!

-Lou

# Ranger Frank's Rants...



As we prepare to embark on another great summer here at Camp Workcoeman, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to those faithful volunteers that help keep our camp strong and are the backbone behind many of the accomplished projects at camp. Specifically I would like to thank the Retiree Corps who have consistently come to camp during the week and worked on a wide variety of projects, from larger projects of building bridges and leantos to smaller less noticed but equally important tasks of sanding and refinishing the window sills in the dining hall. Thank you!

Many projects have been completed since the close of summer camp 2015. The new climbing tower, the removal of the old metal water storage tank, the upgraded electrical in the leanto campsite. Thanks to **Ed and Sue Wadowski** for the donated use of the John Deere tractor with York rake we were able to level the ball field after some winter damage and grade many roads and parking areas in camp. Our Citizens of Shawtown support group is growing but we are always looking for new members so we can tackle larger projects in the near future. Please spread the word to your fellow scouters. I hope to see everyone for our Shawtown workday April 16th and as well for Beaver Day/ Shawtown Steak and Chicken Fundraiser on June 4th.

*-Ranger Frank*

## JUNE 4TH WILL BE A “BUSY” DAY AT CAMP!



Our Beaver day will be an all hands on deck event to get camp ready for the summer camp season. This is a large undertaking that requires many hands. We will spend the day going around and setting up some of the major areas like campsites and the waterfront. Many Cub Scout and Boy Scout Units make a weekend out of it and have a great time!

In addition, we will be hosting our annual steak dinner fundraiser that night as well. Please consider spending the day for fun, hard-work and fellowship.

## YOUR BACK WILL BE THANKFUL!

A major purchase this year was several dozen NEW cots to be deployed around camp this summer.

Scouts and Scouters alike will sleep soundly and dream better on these NEW cots that are sure to give you plenty of ZZZZZ's.



# Camp Workcoeman



## Beaver Day

sponsored by The Citizens of Shawtown

**Saturday, June 4th, 2016**

This very important day will bring Scouters together from all over the council to tackle the huge task of preparing Camp Workcoeman for the summer camp season.

*All kinds of projects are scheduled and we need your help!*

Skills and equipment are needed for tasks such as carpentry, painting, electrical, plumbing as well as just plain help!

We will gather for coffee and... at 8:30 am to review projects. Then we'll begin the work projects at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided.

**Please confirm that you will attend:**

**Ranger Frank at 860-379-2207 ([rangerfrank@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rangerfrank@sbcglobal.net))**

**Chairman Dan Bielefield at 860-614-1817 ([danb63@optonline.net](mailto:danb63@optonline.net)) or**

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**Be sure to tell if you have a special skill. This will enable correct planning for projects and materials.**

*Thanks for your continued support to the  
Scouting program at Camp Workcoeman!*



# *Camp Workcoeman's Annual* Steak or Chicken Barbecue

Sponsored by the Citizens of Shawtown  
Camp Workcoeman's Support Committee

**Saturday, June 4, 2016**

Hors D'oeuvres 5:30 PM

\$25 - Adults

\$13 - Children 10 & under

Dinner 6:00 PM

in the Dining Hall

Dinner Includes:

Steak or Chicken • Salad • Potatoes  
• Veggies • Bread • Dessert



*All proceeds will benefit camp improvement projects*

• **Huge Door Prize Selection** •

Reservations and payments can be made online using this link:

***[ctrivers.org/Event.aspx?id=14694](http://ctrivers.org/Event.aspx?id=14694)***

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ spaces at the barbecue - (\$25-Adults \$13 Children 10 & under

DINNER CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ STEAK \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Sorry I cannot attend but please accept the enclosed contribution \_\_\_\_\_

***Please make reservations by May 31***

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