The Bear Facts

WINTER 2005

All the News About the Goshen Bears

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Spring Workend May 13 – 15, 2005

Workend Manager's Column **by John Ruppel**

Jason Hamel, John Ruppel, Jim Sundergill and Mike Jolly check the progress of the Fall 2004 Workend

My last report detailed our Fall 2004 accomplishments. You did all of those jobs with a smaller than usual turnout. Imagine what we can do this Spring if each one of us becomes a recruiter and brings a friend to work as a Goshen Bear. We had a variety of jobs that exercised a lot of our skills, and some of our hidden talents. As always, we had jobs to do that were not the prestigious building and repair jobs that most Bears really want to do. I appreciate everyone's effort, especially those that happily performed the absolutely necessary and less than sought after jobs. Every time that you and I take on and complete one of the tasks that Mike Jolly has identified for us, we contribute to taking a great load off of the Ranger staff and a financial burden from the Goshen Scout Reservation budget. The Ranger staff also worked long hours to set up each of the jobs with tools and materials before we arrived. With the help of Mike Jolly and the Rangers, I am hoping to assign even more of this Spring's Workend jobs and notify Crew Chiefs before the Workend, so that they can contact their crews and bring the

necessary tools. In addition to the jobs that were done on the Workend, a group of dedicated Bears came to the camp early in the week and did some of the bigger jobs that would take longer than 1 ½ days to complete. The invitation is open to any Bears that would like to come down early and do some of these jobs. I will coordinate with Mike Jolly to identify these larger jobs. So let me know early if you can come to camp early, when you would be able to arrive, and your particular skills. I will try to make the matches with available jobs. The Ross chapel is on its way, with the base in place. This workend will see the chapel structure erected and although not completed, the chapel should be ready for use this Summer. Dennis Bogan and Rick Wymelenberg are running this project and may be calling on some Bears for help.

I am looking forward to seeing every Bear this Spring for one of the greatest Workends ever. Remember, REGISTER early so that we can plan for the jobs and the food, and bring a friend.

In Scouting,

John Ruppel

From the Mouth of the Head Bear

by Jim Sundergill

As I mentioned last Summer, the Spring Workend will be my last as Head Bear. According to the Goshen Bears by-laws, I have formed a committee to determine my replacement. That individual will take over the Bears as the last order of business at our Saturday night meeting on May 14. If you have any suggestions for the new Head Bear, please give them directly to the chairman of the selection committee, Bill Warncke.

I have enjoyed my time as your Head Bear. It gave me more of an overall perspective of the great work done for the Goshen Scout Reservation by our organization. That work will be needed even more this Spring. National Capital Area Council has made a guarantee that any unit dissatisfied with Goshen this coming Summer will get a full refund of their money. Consequently, the physical property at camp will have to be in top-notch shape. So we will have our work cut out for us in the next Workend. **As a result, we will need every BEAR we can get.** So please mark your calendars now and plan to be at Goshen May 13-15, 2005.

A Christmas We Won't Forget!

Sunday morning, December 19, I was walking up the stairs from the basement rec room and at about the 3rd or 4th step I tripped or slipped, falling backwards onto the floor. Splat!! I knew that I had an injured left wrist and left hip. At least I didn't hit my head! Laurel Rescue Squad backboarded me and took me to Laurel Regional Hospital E.R. I was kept "zapped out" until the morning of Tuesday, December 21. Surgery had been done on Monday the 20th when an O.R. was available for my orthopedist. He had to fix the left radius with 2 screws at the elbow end and 2 in a metacarpal of the hand. A rod between the sets of screws keeps it aligned. The break in the head (ball) of the left femur was repaired with some metalwork fastened to a plate screwed into the femur. Technically, it wasn't a broken hip as no new ball and a liner in the pelvis were needed. I had leg therapy 3 times/day. Rough, tough duty. No arm/wrist therapy till the hardware comes

off, hopefully on January 24. That would be at 5 weeks instead of the earlier estimate of 6 to 8 weeks. I got out of the hospital on December 30 and have physical therapy and a nurse changing the arm dressings 3 times a week. I get around the house in a wheelchair and a walker. Maybe in a couple of weeks that will end too. I'm sure that they won't have me using a crutch with my left arm. Thank goodness for a cordless phone and my great "gofer"/nursemaid otherwise known as wife Jean, as all outside activities have come to a screeching halt! Most things to do are a hassle and I can't get much done on the computer with one hand. Muscles in the left leg are starting to relax after being very tight in rebellion to the trauma. Lucky for one thing though - I'm right handed. Be careful, and don't get yourself into my situation.

Bob Leek

The Bear Facts NOW ON NCAC WEBSITE

Just like last Summer, this issue of *The Bear Facts* has been posted on the NCAC website. Only the Bears who so indicated were mailed a hard copy of the paper. The website edition was posted much earlier than the ones that went by postal mail, it cost the Goshen Bears nothing to deliver and it has color pictures rather than B&W pictures in the hard copy version.

To those of you reading a hard copy of The Bear Facts, you may access the Goshen Bears page by going to the NCAC website: www.boyscouts-ncac.org, click on Goshen Reservation and then on The Goshen Bears.

Statistics from the Fall 2004 Workend

The results from the Fall 2004 Workend are listed below. As you will see, most of the Bears come from Maryland but Virginians are starting to increase their participation. The Maryland-South Service Area led the way with 36 Bears this Fall; Catoctin Mountain District provided the greatest quantity of Bears with 25. As noted in a previous article, it will be extremely important for all Districts to participate this Spring. So mark your calendars for May 14 and 15, 2005.

District	No. from from District	Area	No. from Area
N/A		Baltimore Area Council	1
N/A		Out of Council	2
N/A		NCAC	1
CR	7	Maryland-Central	
GF	1	Maryland-Central	
OM	1	Maryland-Central	
PB	3	Maryland-Central	
POT	1	Maryland-Central	
RC	4	Maryland-Central	
			17
AT	8	Maryland-North	
BH	0	Maryland-North	
CM	26	Maryland-North	
FO	1	Maryland-North	
			35

District	No. from from District	Area	No. from Area
BAN	0	PG-DC-SoMD	
ENT	6	PG-DC-SoMD	
HOR	0	PG-DC-SoMD	
IC	21	PG-DC-SoMD	
TAY	2	PG-DC-SoMD	
WS	2	PG-DC-SoMD	
ZEK	5	PG-DC-SoMD	
			36
CB	4	VA Central	
COL	1	VA Central	
OD	2	VA Central	
POH	1	VA Central	
			8
ACQ	0	VA South	
MPN	0	VA South	
OCQ	1	VA South	
PAT	0	VA South	
			1
BR	1	VA West	
GC	2	VA West	
PDM	0	VA West	
SUL	0	VA West	
			3
TOTAL			103

Three New Bears

There were 3 new Bears that registered with us this past Workend. They are as follows:

Jason Hamel
Gregory Knight
Keith Evans

Bring Your Tools

If you have an extra hammer, common and Phillips head screw drivers, tape measure, pliers, nail apron, level, drill, hand saw, miter box, socket set, etc., please bring them along to the next Workend. It may save you some time and frustration in your next task as a Bear and it will definitely save the Reservation many dollars for buying sets of tools that may only be used twice during the year.

Four Two Timers

As you know, once a Bear comes back for their second Workend, they are awarded a leather Goshen Bear patch with their name on it. This past Spring we had 4 Bears who fit in this category. They are:

Pete Minderman
Jeremy Holland
Kevin Gilmer
Charles Jones

122 claws. Can anyone ever top that?

Three Red Hats Awarded

After a Bear has worked at 15 Workends, they are awarded a Red Hat. There were 3 Bears so honored this Spring: Cathy Ciepiela, Martin Ciepiela and Bill May. Cathy is the daughter and Bill the son of Charlie and Mary Ellen May who respectively have 63 and 29 claws. All five are now Red Hat Bears and the family has a total of

L to R: Bill May, Kathy Ciepiela, Charles May, Martin Ciepiela and Mary Ellen May – a Red Hat family!!!

In the picture above are all the Silver Claw holders who were present for dinner at the Fall 2004 Workend (and had clean enough records – or good enough lawyers – that they didn't mind having their pictures taken.) Brian Horn is on the far right. Vic Barker was still working with his crew and didn't make it to dinner.

Return of the Silver Claws

Vic Barker and Brian Horn both got their 25 session awards this Spring. In the past silver colored metallic claws were handed out but for the present they are no longer available. So Brian and Vic got silver painted plastic claws that they can wear until we find another source for the metal ones. In the meantime, congratulations to Vic and Brian and thanks for all the work you've put in for the Bears and Goshen.

Fall 2004 Workend Results

Task # 1 **PAINT BOARD FENCE RT.160 NEAR CAMP ENTRANCE**
Results- Completed all except ½ of the back of the fence.
Remarks – Ran out of paint. Needs another 5 gallons.
Crew – Lyle Bean, Roger Soles, Howard Brown

Task # 2
INSTALL ROOF SHINGLES COPE SHELTER
Results- Completed
Remarks - None
Crew – Thom Weiss, Zeke Zarrella, Kathy Zarrella, Paul Ford, Martin Ciepiela, Don Lent, Fred Carson

Task # 3 **INSTALL FLOORING IN CABIN # 2 POST**
Results- Completed
Remarks – None
Crew – Vic Barker, Bill Freeman, Ken Smith

Task # 4 **STAIN AND PAINT TRIM COPE SHELTER**
Results- Completed
Remarks - Needed sturdier step ladders and extension pole for the roller to paint the building ends.
Crew – Linda Sundergill, Jim Sundergill, Janice Robbins, Karrin Robbins

Crew – Bob Leek, Bob Parrish, Seth Distler, John King and Gary Dyche,

Task # 5
STAIN AND PAINT TRIM NEW CD CABIN OLMSTEAD
Results- Completed
Remarks – Needed an extension ladder. Started painting the Olmstead Admin building. Completed all green except for ladder work. Started almond around the doors and windows. Windows and doors on west end of Admin bldg. are in bad shape.

Task # 6 **STAIN ICE HOUSE MAINTENANCE SHOP**
Results- Completed
Remarks - None
Crew – Mark Zelenka, William Zelenka

Task # 7 **COMPLETE TRIM PAINTING WAREHOUSE**
Results- Completed. Also: Painted the cement block below warehouse red bumper. Painted door to Ranger workshop. Painted trim on Ranger workstation. Painted wooden steps to the warehouse.
Remarks -
Crew – Brian Horn, Bill Schlichtig, Cassandra Ford, Brett Ford, Tony Gilbert

Task # 8
BRUSH CUTTING BELTWAY
Results- Completed Olmstead waterfront road and Baird waterfront road.
Remarks - None
Crew – Dick Meyers, Debbie Crabb, Kevin Gilmer, Rob Jones, Charlie Jones, Tyler Jones, Zack Tadaki, Brandon Jones, Gregory Knight, Jim Greer

Task # 9 **CANVAS REPAIR**
Results- Completed
Remarks – Two tents need sewing and could not be repaired with tape. Could have speeded job with a hair dryer and rubber roller. The large open area was very helpful. It allowed 5 or more tents to be laid out at the same time.
Crew – Ed Allison, Jim Ritchie, Susan Angelini

Task # 10 **OAR AND PADDLE REPAIR ALL CAMPS**
Results- Repaired all paddles at Ross Bowman, PMI, and Marriott.
Remarks – Ran out of brass nails. Need coarser sand paper. Could use bench vise or clamp to hold the oars for leather work. Some oars/paddles can not be repaired on site. Jack Christian and Paul Davis used to take some home for repairs and repair those that would otherwise be repaired.
Crew – Jack Christian, Tom Barron (Janice Robinson, Karrin Robinson, Paul Ford and Martin Ciepiela joined later)

Task # 11 **INSTALL GUTTERING ON ICE HOUSE MAINTENANCE YARD**
Results- Completed
Remarks – Ice House guttering installed. Repaired and cleaned gutters at Ross. Olmstead, Maintenance yard, Post cabins, Bowman, PMI, Marriott, and Baird. Identifying gutters needing repair would speed the job. Don't lock the gate between Ross and Baird. North side of Olmstead roof has lost shingles, leaving 2 large voids. Realigning gutters on east side of Post lodge leaves an area needing paint. South side of cabin Task # 7 needs fascia board painted.
Crew – Andy Wolf, Steve Wolf Bill Totten, Donald Lent

Task # 12 **DUMP TRUCK DRIVER**
Results- Completed
Remarks -
Crew – Gene Schweiss

Task # 13 **ROSS CHAPEL**

Results- Ready to start the building in the spring
Remarks – Needed more shovels and rakes. Rangers were a great help getting generator and impact wrenches. Will provide a list of materials and people needed for next spring.
Crew – Dennis Bogan, Rick Wymelenberg, Lynn Wymelenberg, Brandon Wymelenberg, Jeffrey Lewis, Bev Taylor, Michael Thomas, Tony Laing, Keith Evans, Jeremy Holland, Paul Metz, Anthony Metz, Alan Schwartz, Bill Schlichtig

Task # 14 **CUT DEAD AND DANGEROUS TREES BOWMAN SITE # 3**

Results- Cut up 3 1/2 trees. Delimbed 5 trees.
Remarks – Stihl chain saw needs overhaul. Need new gas can, nozzle broken.
Crew – Bryan Ramsey, Rob Dean, Rush Williamson, Tom Minderman, Pete Minderman, Alex Brings, Will Eaton

Task # 15 **BRUSH CUTTING POST HILL**

Results- Sighted hill, balded same.
Remarks – Could have used more sawyers. Ranger needed to survey the hill for stumps that are too high for final work in spring.
Crew – Clay Greer, Mike Kolbay, John Koontz, Jim Greer Tony Gilbert, Debbie Crabb, Kevin Gilmer, Rob Jones, Charlie Jones, Tyler Jones, Zack Tadaki, Brandon Jones, Gregory Knight, Doug Tadaki

Task # 16
TRAIL CREW
Results- Completed
Remarks – Built 4 bridges. Cleaned major tree fall.
Crew – Nick Dunten, Gene Eplee, Dennis Keener Alan Schwartz, Paul Metz, Elsie Metz, Mike Kolbay

Task # 17 **INSTALL 4' LIGHT FIXTURES AND RECEPTACLE ICE HOUSE IN MAINTENANCE YARD**
Results- Cancelled

Task # 18
REPAIR/REPLACE ROOF AND INSTALL ROLL ROOFING SHED BEHIND WAREHOUSE IN MAINTENANCE YARD
Results- Completed.
Remarks - None
Crew – Lorin Krusberg, Betty Krusberg, Joel Megonigal

Task # 19
BUILD 10’ X 12’ DECK CD CABIN AT OLMSTEAD
Results- Completed.
Remarks – Air compressor quit. Crew used their own. Should have had “Teco” nails for joist hangers.
Crew – Bryan Ramsey, Rob Dean, Rush Williamson, Tom Minderman, Pete Minderman, Alex Brings, Will Eaton

Task # 20
CONSTRUCT PIPE GATE MAINTENANCE YARD
Results- Completed
Remarks – Needed larger head on cutting torch. A chop saw would have speeded the job.
Crew – Jim Walker, Kim Gilbert, Mark Zelenka

Task # 21 **SCREEN DOOR AND WINDOW REPAIR MAINTENANCE YARD**
Results- No Report
Remarks -
Crew – Donald Lent, Fred Carson

Task # 22
CLEAN FIREARMS
Results- Completed.
Remarks – Guns used on Labor Day weekend should be better maintained. They were put away dirty and rusty. Cub Scout guns should be stored in standing rifle racks instead of their boxes.
Crew – Bill Warncke, Beth Ruppel

Task # 23 **PAINT CABIN INTERIORS**
Results- Completed
Remarks - None
Crew – Susan Lewis, Bob Hogan, Kathy Ciepiela, Bill May, William Zelenka, Brian Horn

Task # 33 **ROVING TRANSPORT**
Results- Picked up and delivered just about everything
Remarks - None
Crew – Chuck Burgdorf

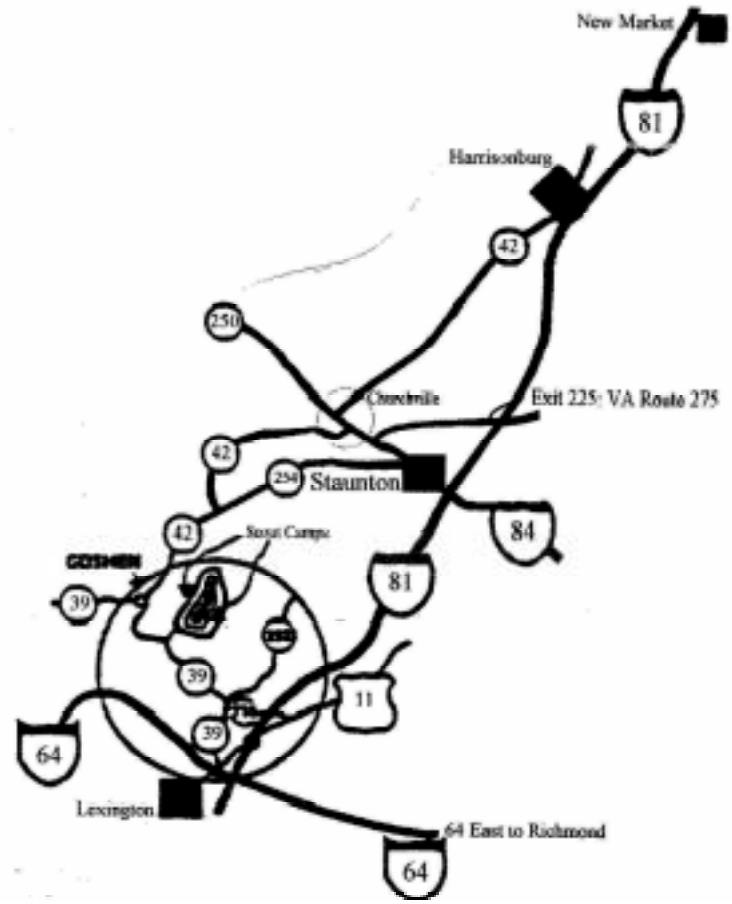
Task # 34 **COOK CREW**
Results- Workend Manager's comment - Four meals. Not many complaints.
Remarks - Thanks
Crew – Sam Jones, Richard Allen, George Cashin, Joe Robbins, Chester Staley, Al Wallace John Renard, Steve Baggett, Sherm Pearsall, Norm Feldser

Task # 35 **LANDSCAPE POST**
Results- Completed
Remarks - None
Crew – Ralph Loen

Task # 36
ADMINISTRATION
Results- We made it. Just a few mistakes in the presentations.
Remarks - none
Crew – John Ruppel, Bill Warncke, Mary Ellen May, Bill May, Bob Hogan, Charlie May Corrine Schweiss

Directions to Goshen Scout Camps

1. Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to I-66 West (Right Exit)
2. Follow I-66 West to I-81 (70 miles) (Left Exit)
3. Follow I-81 South to Staunton Exit 225 VA Route 275 (75 miles) (Right Exit)
4. At top of exit ramp turn Right onto VA Route 275 West
5. Follow VA Route 275 West across Route 11 to the end (5 miles) (Keep Right at end)
6. Turn Right onto US Route 250 South toward Churchville (15 miles)
7. Follow US Route 250 South into Churchville (observe speed reductions in town)
8. Turn Left after the restaurant onto VA Route 42 South (42 North is ½ mile further on)
9. Follow VA Route 42 South around Mountain as it turns Right and Left across Whiskey Creek
10. Follow VA Route 42 South through farms, etc past Buffalo Gap High School (about 25 miles)
11. Turn Right onto VA Route 39 South at Buffalo Gap crossroads
12. Follow VA Route 39 South through Buffalo Gap, Augusta Springs and Craigsville.
13. Slow down going through Craigsville
14. Follow Route 42 South out of Craigsville toward Goshen (45miles)
15. Just as you cross the river at the Goshen town limits there is a bridge
16. Turn onto VA Route 39 South
    a. just before the Exxon Station under the RR Bridge (11'clearance) then go up steep hill onto VA Route 39 South at Fire Station
    b. or turn Left <u>after</u> the Exxon Station and over the RR tracks follow bumpy road around to Fire Station
17. Follow VA Route 39 South past Sawmill (keep left over tracks)
18. Follow "Scenic Byway" along the river (4 miles)
19. Turn Left onto VA Route 601 at historic marker (Millard Burke Highway)
20. Follow VA Route 601 to Camp Entrance on Right after wooden fence
21. Turn Right into Scout Camps
22. Ranger Station is to your Right
23. Camp Post is ¾ mile on Right – *this is where you go for Friday night registration*
24. Camp Olmstead is ½ mile on Left – *this is where you report on Saturday morning*
25. Other camps are around the Beltway



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NOTE: CHANGES IN DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN SET UP AND WE ARE SHORT OF RECRUITERS. PLEASE VOLUNTEER IF YOU CAN. *WE PARTICULARLY NEED RECRUITERS IN APPALACHIAN TRAIL, ENTERPRISE, WESTERN SHORE AND ZEKIA*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Each Bear is expected to pre-register and enclose an advance food payment of $8.00 per person. The balance of the workend cost is due at Friday night check-in for a total of $16.00 per person.

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print legibly)

1. Name 2. Phone Number 3. Street Address City, State Zip 4. District 5. Unit 6. email	New Bear (Yes/ No)	Age	Sex	Preferred Work: Physical Limitations	Preferred Berthing (Camp)	Food Advance Payment
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.						
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.						
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.						

Please briefly state any impairments which may affect your ability to carry out Bear-type assignments. We won't put you on a roof or have you lift tent platforms or tree trunks if you shouldn't do that work. Let us know early so we can plan the workend carefully with your safety in mind.

Make checks payable to:
BSA Account 1-2306-044-00
Memo-Goshen Bear Workend

Send registration and check to:
NCAC Goshen
9190 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3897

All groups of youth (13 – 18) must be accompanied by 1 same sex adult (21 years of older) for every 5 youths. ***Note this is a work session – all youth must mature enough to perform without undue supervision.***

If you have access to special tools or equipment, please list it here but wait for contact from the Workend Manager to see if it is needed. You can always bring hand tools, chain saws and small power tools. Any concerns or question? Call the Workend Manager (John Ruppel 301/271-4105) as early as possible.

Early Registration is VERY IMPORTANT -- We need time to assign the tasks, order your food and arrange desired lodging – Thank You.