



The Bear Facts

Winter 2008

All the News About the Goshen Bears

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Spring Workend May 16-18, 2008

Bears Thanked for Latrine Building Project



We started in the spring of 2007 on a two year project to replace all the latrines in the camps at Goshen Scout Reservations and to add some needed latrines in central areas. As planned, prior to the opening of the 2007 summer camping season we got over half the project completed. The design of the new latrines was Superintendent Mike Jolly's project; he and his rangers built the first one, and they pre-fabricated parts, installed tanks, built decks, and assembled the materials for each of the latrines. After a week's delay caused by snow and cold, a Goshen Bear crew lead by Vic Barker and John Ruppel fell in on the basic materials and assembled the second latrine. While doing the work they documented their process and created a How-to manual used ever since by all later crews. The majority of the spring 2007 efforts were accomplished on a special latrine building project weekend and on the Spring Bear Workend. The vast majority of the special weekend crew participants were Goshen Bears. The basic design and set of materials has been validated; the How-to manual works and we have gotten though half the project very successfully. Throughout the 2007 summer camping season leaders and other adults commented about the new latrines – either that they thought they were a great improvement or that they wondered when the project would spread to their camp. The Bears have been critical to the success of this important project and we know you will continue to be major players as we push to finish all the remaining latrines prior to the 2008 summer camping season. Thanks for your efforts, your dedication, and your leadership – we look forward to another three months of effort and know we'll finish on time.

Bill Evans, Chairman Wilderness Engineers and Al Lambert, Scout Executive

NOTE: Registration on Friday night May 16, will be at the Olmsted Dining Hall. This will eliminate having to move everything from Post to Olmsted during the night.

Temporary Co-Workend Managers' Column

From your Workend Managers,

Yes, Vic Barker and John Ruppel have agreed to share the Workend Manager's job for the Spring 2008 Goshen Bear Workend. We have already made one trip to the Goshen Scout Reservation and discussed some of the available jobs with Mike Jolly and Bill Evans. You will find a preliminary list of this Spring's Workend jobs in this issue of *The Bear Facts*. As you can see there is an effort to complete the latrine building projects for the summer camp opening. This is a very ambitious project that Bears have been spearheading since it started. If you can help by working at one of the special (non-Bear Workend) times, please consider getting a crew together to build one or more latrines. Check with Mike Donaghue for available times for these non-Bear Workend opportunities. For the regular Bear Workend, Vic and John will be making the work assignments. So, contact us for volunteering for specific jobs. Please copy both Vic and John on your email job requests, so that we can keep our lists straight. You will receive a response, letting you know whether you have the job or whether someone else has gotten there before you. Yep, these jobs are first come, first serve. Thanks in advance for your continued support of the Goshen Bears and your temporary Workend Managers. Please remember to register early so that we can plan the jobs and Sam Jones and the cook crew can plan the food purchasing.

Take Notice!!

Check-In on Friday night will be at the Olmstead Dining Hall, NOT at Camp Post.

Vic and John

NOTES FROM THE NEW HEAD BEAR



It is still not too late for you to make another New Year's Resolution. That Resolution is RECRUIT RECRUIT, RECRUIT and ATTEND ATTEND, ATTEND. Attendance at the Goshen Bear Workends is falling. I am well aware that the cost of gasoline is rising all the time and that may be one reason for not attending. What I suggest is that you carpool and share the cost.

The camp is getting older and requires more maintenance and thus there is a need for more Bears. Elsewhere in this Newsletter is a list of the recruiters for the various Districts, but anyone that is interested in having our Scouts attend the best possible camp and have a great experience should RECRUIT. You might notice that some Districts have no recruiter. If you are in one of those District please step up and call Al Wallace 301-473-4848 or e-mail atdscouter@comcast.net. Let's have a great and productive

Spring Workend.

I am looking to recruit someone to fill a couple of positions. The most important is that of Recruiting Coordinator. Only if we continue to get the word out and recruit more Bears can we continue to do the fine work that the Bears do at Goshen. If you are interested, please contact me at atdscouter@comcast.net.

I am looking forward to seeing you all and lots of new Bears at the Fall Workend.

I leave you with this thought – Do not let a little dispute injure a great relationship.

THE SPRING PUSH

By Bill Evans

So that you all know – the push for the spring is due to an unusual confluence of things – we obviously need to get the latrines done; but we also have several hundred folks coming to Goshen during staff week as a part of the National Order of the “Arrow ArrowCorps5” project. They will be living at Goshen and working in the near-by national parks. Obviously that puts extra burdens on required efforts during staff week as we prepare for our own customers and we simply cannot have “things left to do” when we get to staff week. The OA Service Weekend after your Workend is being carefully orchestrated into the total effort also. Thus while the basics described below are the core of your Workend projects, there will almost certainly be changes and additions as we continue forward toward the opening of camp.

With just under half the project yet to go and a deadline of “before staff week” for completion we have four targeted building efforts. Obviously building several latrines is a key task during the Spring Bear Workend.

- However – the first opportunity is in conjunction with a project by a Troop that is building their own latrines at Bowman – where they are regular summer attendees. They will be working on the weekend of March 14th – 16th. Since building will be happening, it is just as easy to set up and support four crews as it is two or three so if you can get a crew together and join them you’d be welcome.
- Another opportunity will be a special building weekend on April 18th – 20th. We are looking for five or six crews and will provide all the support. Details for this weekend event will be posted on the website and sent out to the Bears email list as soon as available.
- Another “during the week” opportunity is April 21st – 24th /25th/30th. We have an outside group coming down that has supported us in the past – and once again supporting four or five crews is just as easy as supporting one or two. So if you are available during that period, please come down to help.
- Sign up for the Bear Workend “as normal” – the Workend Managers will work the crews, tasks and etcetera. If you can participate on any of the other three opportunities let Mike Donaghue know. Specifics of support, food, and other details will follow.

If you have a crew of 4 – 5 experienced Bears that can/will/wants to come at other times, let Mike Donaghue know and we’ll find a way to support you. The basic facts are that we have 24 more latrines to get done but obviously there is prep work (Ranger time and effort) required before a crew can start. We are moving forward with prep work as fast as weather allows just in case crews materialize.

Projects for Spring Workend Listed

At this moment the task list for the Workend is

1. Build more Latrines
2. Stain inside of the Health Lodge (some interior overhaul has been completed and we need to finish it off)
3. Cut Brush
4. Repair tent Platforms
5. Stain new Latrines
6. Crew to go around and do odd an ends to already built Latrines
7. Screen Door repair
8. Cut uprights
9. Gutter Repair

... and for sure more will be added as we continue to sort out priorities prior to the summer camping season.

Editorial Note

Due to cyber-gremlins, all pictures from the Fall Workend disappeared save for those sent in by C.T. David. The Bear Facts apologizes for the lack of crew pictures and expresses its sincere appreciation to C.T. for his photos during the Saturday night business meeting and of his work crew.

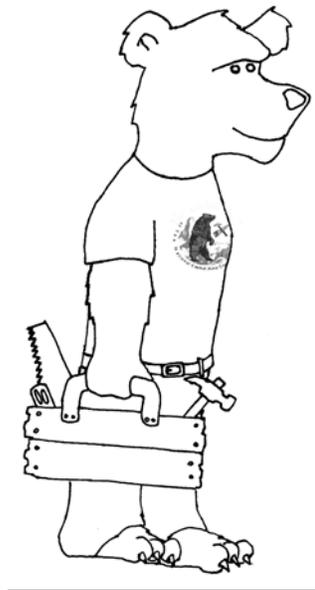
Fall 2007 Workend Results

Due to an administrative error, no Workend results were available at the time of publishing The Bear Facts. They will be reported when available.

New Bears



There were eight new Bears this Fall. They are: Emily Baranoski, James Booth, Kohler Brafford, Andrew Cronan, Emily Crum, Ann Louise Davis, Pam Greenspon, Irving Jaquith, Dave Mellor, Carl Minderman, Eric Packard and David Steinfeld. We hope you will all return soon and often.



Second Timers

Returning for their second Workends were Thomas Baranoski, Richard Hanes, Charles Harris, Mark Miller, Catherine Spencer and Bill Wasda.



Classifieds

Wanted

Supplier of Silver Claws for 25 Workend Bears. Contact The Bear Facts editor at jimsundergill@comcast.net

Community Notice

Friday night registration for The Goshen Bears will be at Olmsted dining hall NOT at camp Post

Classified ads are now being accepted by The Bear Facts. Contact the editor to determine rates and whether or not your ad is worthy of the Goshen Bears readership.

RED HAT DAYS



Only one Red Hat was awarded during the Fall Workend. For making 15 trips to Goshen, Rob Jones was presented with the carnelian chapeau.

Silver Claws Awarded

Three Silver Claws were awarded in the Fall. These are marks of having attended 25 Goshen Bears Workend. The three recipients were Linda Sundergill, Workend Manager, Susie Lewis and Janice Robbins. Congratulations and thanks to all three of you.



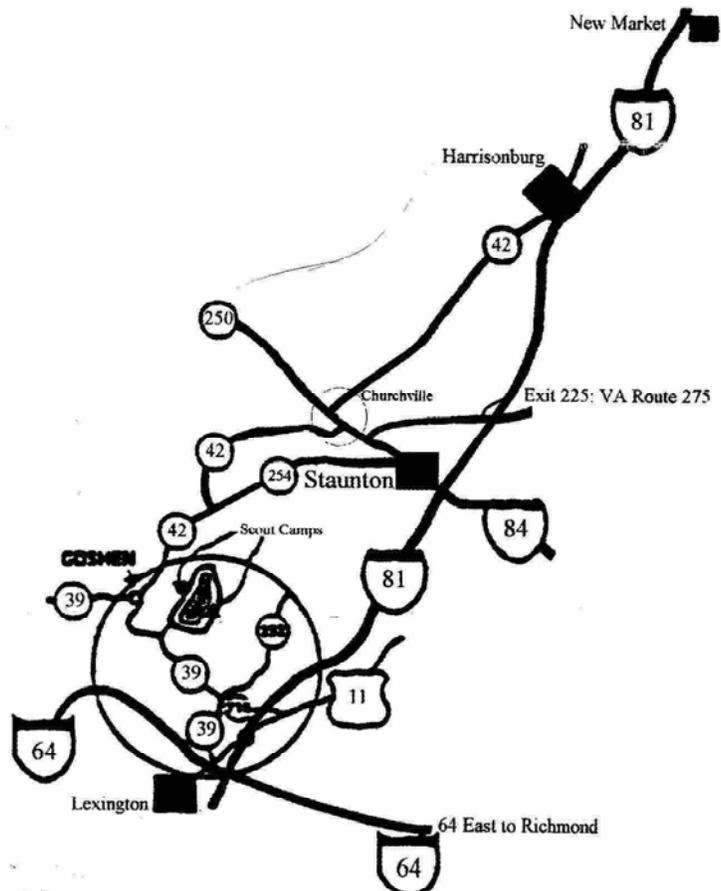
Statistics from the Fall 2007 Workend

Maryland Bears dominated Virginia Bears by 58 to 21 this Workend but the totals for both areas were down. The District with the most Bears at the Fall Workend was Catoctin Mountain and the Service area with the most representatives was Maryland-North. Thanks to everyone who helped this Fall especially Jim Ritchie for his help with these statistics.

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| N/A | | Out of Council | 0 |
| N/A | | NCAC | 4 |
| N/A | | Unknown | 2 |
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| GF | 2 | Maryland-Central | |
| PB | 2 | Maryland-Central | |
| RC | 6 | Maryland-Central | |
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| BH | 0 | Maryland-North | |
| CM | 18 | Maryland-North | |
| FO | 0 | Maryland-North | |
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| ENT | 7 | DC/PG | |
| HOR | 0 | DC/PG | |
| IC | 6 | DC/PG | |
| TAY | 1 | DC/PG | |
| TR | 0 | DC/PG | |
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| COL | 1 | VA Central | |
| GM | 1 | VA Central | |
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| WS | 6 | MD/VA South | |
| ZEK | 2 | MD/VA South | |
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| TOTAL | | | <u>85</u> |

Directions to Goshen Scout Camps from the Washington Beltway

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 left 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 after 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



Emergency Phone Numbers

Camp Post 540/997-5150
540/997-5773



Goshen Bears Communications List

| | Name | Home Phone | email |
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| Coordinator | Al Wallace | 301/473-4848 | atdscoater@comcast.net |
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| | John Ruppel | 301-271-4105 | ruppeljb@erols.com |
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| Colonial | | | |
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| Enterprise | | | |
| Forrest Oak | | | |
| George Mason | | | |
| Goose Creek | | | |
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| Horizon | | | |
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| Mattaponi | | | |
| Occoquan | | | |
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| Paint Branch | | | |
| Patriot | | | |
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| Rock Creek | | | |
| Sully | | | |
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| Western Shore | | | |
| Zekiah | | | |

NOTE: CHANGES IN DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN SET UP AND WE ARE SHORT OF RECRUITERS. PLEASE VOLUNTEER IF YOU CAN.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print legibly)

| 1. Name | New Bear (Yes/No) | Age | Sex | Preferred Work: Physical Limitations | Preferred Berthing (Camp) | Food Advance Payment |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 2. Phone Number | | | | | | |
| 3. Street Address City, State Zip | | | | | | |
| 4. District | | | | | | |
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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 weekend carefully with your safety in mind.

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

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 be 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 Weekend 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 Co-Temporary Weekend Managers (Vic Barker 301/834-7870 & 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.