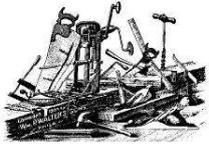


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Boy Scouts Implement Drainage Project

By Chris Schrager

With the help of two groups of Boy Scouts and their parents, the project that brought new roofs and gutters to Kentucky Camp's historic buildings has been completed. Using funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (the so-called "stimulus money"), the Coronado National Forest contracted to have the 20-year-old wood roofs replaced with new fire-resistant shingles. But with the soil at Kentucky Camp prone to erosion gullies, we needed to make sure that the runoff would be directed away from the building foundations and pathways.



Chris Schrager provides safety training to Boy Scouts before the work begins

In early 2011, a group of Boy Scouts and their parents helped the Friends begin the drainage project. Under the leadership of Eagle Scout candidate Alex Clabourne, the group dug a trench around the northeast corner and north end of the Headquarters Building. Drainage pipe was laid into the trench on a bed of sand, and connected to three downspouts from the ends of the new, historic-look half-round gutters. Then the trench was filled. At the same time,

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other scouts and parents set some masonry blocks upright in the slope in front of the building, to help reduce erosion gullying that has been slowly cutting into that area.



Scouts filling drainage-ways with soft sand

During the trenching process, the wooden front steps to the Headquarters Building were

removed – and substantial rotting was discovered on the wood that was on or near the ground. As a result, there are now new steps – of pressure-treated wood, to last longer – leading into the building.



Some creative drainage pipe routing was required in order to dodge some buried historic plumbing.



Scouts installing a downspout drainage pipe on the north corner of the Gold Processing Building

A second Eagle Scout project helped complete the overall roof drainage project. A team of Scouts led by Evan Cipra installed pipe to take the runoff from the southeast and southwest corner downspouts away from the building.

Also, during this phase of the project, downspout drainage pipes were laid for the Gold Processing Building and Cabin A.



Thanks to all the Boy Scouts and their parents whose service projects have done so much to help preserve Kentucky Camp, and make the visitor experience more enjoyable. C'mon out and see all the improvements soon!

Site Status Report

In addition to the downspout drainage project, we've continued to make good progress in many other areas around the site. Here are some photos that show some of the key accomplishments.



The old plastic sink outside the Headquarters Building has taken a beating from many years in the Arizona sun. A donated cast-iron/porcelain replacement has been installed.



A cruel joke. (No hot water exists at this sink.... The hot water knob isn't connected to anything!)



John Weiss and Drum Haverstock replace a glass window pane for Cabin C.



John Weiss installs a door knob for the office in the Headquarters building



Steve Waylett hams-it-up with dual nail bandoliers left over from the roofing project.



Chris Schrager, Kathy Makansi and John Weiss reposition gutters to better catch the rain.



Pete Van Cleve rebuilds the front steps on the Headquarters Building.



Steve and Chris connect a downspout to a drainage pipe.



Mark Doumas connects a downspout to the drainage pipe.

April Work Week

Plans are well underway for a week-long gathering at Kentucky Camp to tackle some of the bigger projects that are too big for the monthly volunteer days. (Technically, this will not be a "Passport in Time" event since those are Forest Service sponsored events)

This year's event will be the last full week in April: the week of 4/23 through 4/27. Accommodations are tent camping with access to our "five star" solar shower facilities or bring your RV. We anticipate putting together a group meal plan or you can plan your own. We are still looking for a few more folks to round-out a team of 12. Here are the projects we are planning:

- We'll remove the existing manta (cloth) ceiling in Cabin C and install a new drywall ceiling. We'll also reinstall the exposed electrical conduit into the adobe walls.
- Interior plastering in the small room in the Gold Processing Building.
- We'll scan Forest Service slides into our digital photo archive. We will also scan hard copy photos that anyone else would like to contribute.
- Apply sacrificial adobe coat to Gold Processing Building and Cabin C.
- Refurbish Cabin C patio sink – rebuild adobe wall underneath and replace the "countertop"

Contact Mark Doumas at doumas@mindspring.com if you are interested in participating and can commit to attending for the full week.



Snow on Cabin C handrail from the 2010 work week.... Hoping it will be a bit warmer this year!

Friends of Kentucky Camp on Facebook

If you like the social networking web site, Facebook, you'll be happy to know that we now have a Facebook page for Friends of Kentucky Camp. On this Facebook page, you can post comments, pictures, videos and have online discussion with other folks with similar interests.

To find the page from your Facebook session, simply search on "Friends of Kentucky Camp" and "like" the page. You'll recognize the familiar profile picture drawn by Vaughn Stadtmiller of the Gold Processing Building:



Among the initial posts on the page are a couple of video clips. (Which don't work too well in hardcopy newsletters!) One video is from the 2009 Open House, the other the time-lapse video of the Headquarters steps being rebuilt at the March 12, 2011 volunteer day. (Very entertaining!)

2012 Dates to Remember

A new year is upon us, so get out your pencil and mark your calendar for key important events at Kentucky Camp.

- March 10, Saturday - Volunteer Day
- April 14, Saturday - Volunteer Day
- May 12, Saturday - Volunteer Day
- June 9, Saturday - Volunteer Day
- July 14, Saturday - Volunteer Day
- August 11, Saturday - Volunteer Day
- September 8, Saturday - Volunteer Day
- October 13, Saturday - Annual Board of Director's Meeting
- November 10, Saturday - Volunteer Day
- December 8, Saturday - Volunteer Day



Reminder: If you would like to join the Friends of Kentucky Camp email discussion group, send an email to:

FriendsOfKentuckyCamp-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

If you have changed your email address recently and wondered why you no longer receive discussion group email, you need to resend an email to the above address from your new email account. You don't need to put anything in the subject line or body of the email. Additions to the distribution list are screened for spammers!

Our next volunteer day at Kentucky Camp is Saturday, March 10th.

IMPORTANT!

Please detach (or copy) this page and return to the Friends of Kentucky Camp by April 1, 2012:

Friends of Kentucky Camp
c/o Mark Doumas
4320 N La Linda Rama
Tucson, AZ 85718

Membership Renewal

Don't miss out on the fun, the excitement, the Chronicle, and the opportunity to participate in Kentucky Camp's future! Renewing your membership is a simple way to support our ongoing rehabilitation efforts at Kentucky Camp and represents our single largest source of funding. Student, Individual and Family memberships are very reasonably priced. If you'd like to give at a more substantial level, consider a Supporting or Contributing membership..... Or, even a Lifetime membership! Remember, Friends of Kentucky Camp is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization: all dues are tax deductible.

To see if your membership is current, look at the mailing label on the other side of this page. If it says "Renew in June of 11" (or '10' or '09) then your membership has expired and it's time to renew. (If your mailing label says "Renew in June of NA", then you are a lifetime member or have received a courtesy copy.) If your renewal year is in error, contact Mark Doumas at 520 299-4281 or doumas@mindspring.com.

Renew Membership:

Enclosed is a check for \$ ____ made payable to Friends of Kentucky Camp for membership until 6/2012.

Please circle:

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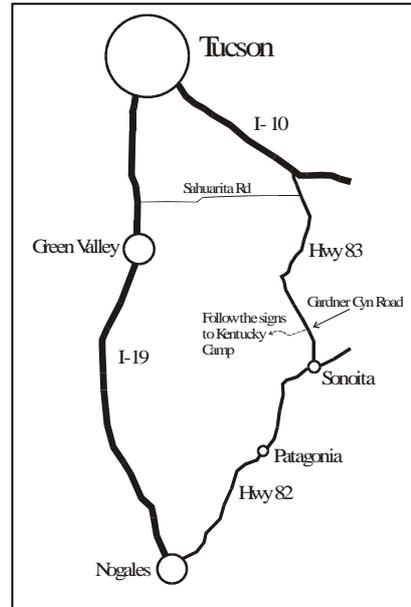
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