The Kentucky Camp Chronicle

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Announcements

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Richard and Gwenyth Corzine

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Don and Virginia Fisher Monty Greene Tom Tompkins

Information about KENTUCKY CAMP and THE FRIENDS OF KENTUCKY CAMP can now be found on the Internet.

Jim McDonald with the USFS did some wonderful work setting up USDA-FS Coronado National Forest Kentucky Camp home page which can be found at the following Internet URL, http://www.azstarnet.com/public/nonprofit/coronado/Intro.htm

I have established a Friends of Kentucky Camp home page which describes our purpose and our ongoing restoration effort. FKC announcements, newsletters, and a schedule of up coming events will be posted there for those who use the Net. You can locate the FKC home page at this Internet URL http://www.rtd.com/~arclight/fkcindex.htm

The USFS installed a new large parking area located on FR92 (the road to Gardner Canyon) just past the ranch. This is a good site to park and access the Arizona Trail. You can follow the trail towards Kentucky Camp from here and explore a portion of the old 8 mile pipeline that supplied water for the mining operation in Boston Gulch.

Upcoming Events

WORK DAYS - January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

There are always both big and small jobs around Kentucky Camp that need attention. We will be putting a lot of effort into preparation for some of the work projects we hope to get accomplished during the upcoming PIT event. Bring your lunch and join us.

PASSPORT IN TIME (PIT) Program - April 7 - 11

Mary Farrell sent this to give everyone a little background information about PIT and the upcoming PIT event.

Passport in Time at Kentucky camp

Passport in Time is a national Forest Service program in which people are provided with the opportunity to do archaeology, stabilization, interpretation, history research... in other words, to do on their vacations the same things many of you do on your weekends at Kentucky Camp! Passport in time projects have been great fun: people come from all over the country, bringing great energy and enthusiasm.

On our last two PIT projects at KC the Nogales District provided terrific support, including a deluxe camp cook trailer and solar showers. Many of the *Friends* participated in the past PIT projects, building the wall behind Cabin A, making architectural drawings of the buildings, recording features of the water system, and doing adobe repair.

We'd like to recruit more of the *Friends of Kentucky Camp* to help with the next Passport in time project, April 7-11, 1997. Following Tom Sawyer's lead, we originally scheduled the PIT to bring in help for some of the time-consuming and labor-intensive tasks like wall patching, but we're expanding to include projects to appeal to almost everyone:

- woodworking Jack Glenn has been working on setting up tools and materials for window sash
 replication—we may have an assembly line set up out there for April! There are other wood projects,
 such as door and window trim repair and replacement, and renailing ceiling boards, that would
 benefit from the help of experienced woodworkers.
- masonry repairing some of the foundations, replacing missing rocks, repointing.
- wall repair both more patching and plastering, and more adobe bricklaying where erosion has
 damaged walls. Where base coving is extensive, we'll be using half-bricks and "veneer" bricks for
 quicker, stronger repairs.
- archaeology the wall repair will involve a little archaeological excavation as we re-contour the ground away from the northeast side of building D to improve drainage and reduce salt building.
- rocker replication anyone want to hunt down plans and help build a rocker during the PIT week (or ever)? We don't have rights to do placer mining in the drainage yet, but it'd be useful for interpretation.

If you'd like to help train or supervise the PIT volunteers in any of theses jobs, please call Mary Farrell at 670-4564, or contact Arnold Franks, Jack Glenn, or Billee Hoornbeek. Our workday will probably be 8:00 am to 4:30 PM, with occasional evening talks or activities, and probably at least one afternoon off to hike along portions of the water system. FKC members are welcome at any time, of course!

Besides getting us some help for these difficult task, The PIT will be a good chance to recruit more members and to send Arnold off on his well deserved vacation with a lot of work accomplished. We originally figured we could only accept only 15 PIT volunteers, but the PIT clearinghouse tells us we already have more than 20 applications, and the application deadline isn't until February 15! We can accept a few more PIT volunteers if we have a few more FKC members to supervise. If you aren't available the whole week, even a day or two could be helpful. If you don't feel expert enough to supervise yet, just come to the January, February, or March workdays to hone your skills.

Friends of Kentucky Camp Workday Activities related to the PIT project:

January 11 - Collect flat rocks from Boston Gulch and stockpile for foundation repair.

February 8 - Make adobe bricks (if warm enough; else, Mar 8 workday).

Progress Report

A BIG thanks goes out to all the FKC Members for contributing their time and effort repairing the walls and window and door frames. Repointing (adobe wall patching) to the interior walls of all the buildings is an ongoing project and a lot of progress is being made. The window and door frames in most of the buildings have now received a coat of paint.

Building D continues to receive a lot of the restoration effort.

Thanks to Arnold Franks' hard work the ceilings in four rooms have been renailed and secured.

- More progress has been made with adobe brick repairs, the wall in D1, the future visitor room
 has received some new bricks and a lot repointing and two of the doorway arches have been
 replaced in room D4 are nearing completion.
- Monty Greene has now completed the architectural floor plan of Building D. Monty is now
 working on plans for the porches that once existed around parts of Building D in anticipation
 that Kentucky Camp may be the recipient of a financial gift that could become available to
 worthy cause like ours.
- Jack Glenn, Tom Tompkins, and Arnold Franks are continuing to make progress constructing replacement window frames.
- Jack Glenn and I spent the weekend of January 4 & 5 installing 120 AC electrical service (two 20 amp circuits) from the meter pole into the pantry of kitchen in Building D. The installation of power will increase the level of safety and convenience for the operation of the power tools that are being pressed into service now to restore the windows and doors of this building.

Acknowledgments

The following members & organizations have generously donated tools & equipment to Kentucky Camp.

US Forest Service

- A wood shaper and bits.

Richard & Gwenyth Corzine

- A table and four chairs.

Jack and Robin Mutchler

- A weed whacker.

Tom Tompkins Lew Orrell Various garden tools.Various hand tools.

Chip Llewellyn (me)

- Newsletter supplies & postage.

- 250' 3 conductor wiring for Building D power installation.

In the Future

As some of you probably know Arnold and Arleen Franks are going on a overdue and well deserved extended vacation starting around the end of April. The USFS and FKC would like to recruit a temporary Site Steward and Care Taker for Kentucky Camp during Arnold's absence. If anyone would be interested in this position or knows of someone who might be please contact Arnold Franks for more details regarding this opportunity.

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If anyone has anything they would like to share in the KENTUCKY CAMP CHRONICLE newsletter please contact Chip Llewellyn at [telephone - 885-8099 / email - arclight@rtd.com].