

FRIENDS OF KENTUCKY CAMP
NEWSLETTER, MARCH 1995

To this point, 1995 has been a very busy & exciting year. Much has happened, is happening and is going to happen throughout the year. The enclosures will provide you with information about our organization, what we are planning to do and how you can join us in our efforts. There is still time to come "aboard" as a Charter member. We have decided that the first 50 dues paying members will be issued membership cards identifying them as "Charter Members" of The Friends of Kentucky Camp

We are looking for a few dedicated volunteers for the "Mud Maintenance and Window Work Training Day" (see appended notice). If you know you want to attend just give one of us a call--Billee at 648-5793 or Mary Farrell at 670-4564-----or fill out the application on the back of the appended notice and mail to one of the addresses indicated. We are limiting the number of participants so that everyone will be able to get real hands-on experience.

We have mailed our Articles of Incorporation to the State of AZ. We decided that we would Incorporate as "The Coronado National Forest Heritage Association". This will be the umbrella Association for all groups who wish to work with Cultural Resources under the Forest Archeologists, Historians and Interpreters. We will be the first of the "chapters" to be formed. We will retain our name, "Friends of Kentucky Camp", and will function as a semi-autonomous "Chapter". The president and Secretary/Treasurer of each "chapter" will be members of the Board of the Heritage Association. There are many reasons for choosing this route, but first and foremost is to provide a structure that will allow for the formation of many "chapters", all working toward a common goal, and working together.

On March 7 a group met with Mary Farrell, Archeologist from the Supervisor's Office, Bill Gillespie, Archeologist from the Sierra Vista District and Mark South and Lydia Goon, Recreation Department of the Nogales District, to brush out a fenceline. The District has contracted to have the Kentucky Camp site entirely fenced to keep cattle and horses from causing further damage to the site. Access on foot, for those hiking the Arizona Trail, or coming from the parking area above Kentucky Camp will be facilitated by pedestrian walkways. We did get the entire perimeter brushed. Mark manned the chainsaw and Lydia directed our efforts to haul off the debris. We had an informal meeting during lunch and planned our strategy for the next few months. We decided that we should start by getting some training for the core group so that they could provide direction and training for specific tasks. The immediate result of this was to plan the "Kentucky Camp Training Day" on April 7.

Mark & Lydia brought in a FS travel trailer for the Site Steward, Arnold Franks. Arnold will be "on site" Thursday through Monday of each week. He will always have a list of tasks and projects that "Friends" can work on when they drop by. He will also help organize workdays when we can all work together on large endeavors. Tom Gordon is

the Assistant Site Steward and he will be sharing the "on site" duties with Arnold. One of them should be there to greet you no matter when you visit. Thanks to their dedication vandalism has not been a major problem. The trailer will provide them with an "all-weather" home. Arnold had only a tent last year and one of the fall windstorms blew his "home" down on his head.

Mary Farrell and Bill Gillespie have been working for a year to prepare signing for not only Kentucky Camp but for outlying components of the site. During the workday 2 of the signs were placed and the other five should be ready for viewing on March 25 and 26. These signs outline the history of the site, and of placer mining in the Greaterville area during the last years of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th. The signs will be placed at strategic locations along the Arizona Trail south of the camp.

Some members of the Green Valley Hiking Club dropped by at noon. They were hiking the AZ trail and were delighted to find interpreters on site. There will be about 30 of them "nooning" on the site on the 23rd of March. We assured them that they would be most welcome and that at least 3 of us would be at KCamp on the 23rd to greet them and show them around.

The Nogales District of the Forest Service will improving be the road in to the "Camp" before March 25 & 26, when we will have Open House at the site. The improvements will make it possible for everyone to drive to the site. On the 25 & 26 the Forest Service will be running vans from the junction of Hwy 83 and Gardener Canyon Road to Kentucky Camp at 11AM, 1PM and 3PM. Reservations are necessary (670-4564 and ask for Kathy). If you would like drive out "on your own" it is advisable to be there at the above times and follow the van to the site as the road is one way in spots.

Arnold reported that a group of "Heritage Car" enthusiasts would be driving to Kentucky Camp in early April. We will have Camcorders there to record the event. We will make copies of our videos for our library. Members will be able to check them out for viewing. So, if you miss an event, you will be able to borrow the tape and see what you missed.

We plan to have a periodic newsletter that will keep our members up to date on what we are doing, what is planned, and an update on workdays, picnics and progress. There will be challenging projects for all abilities and all interests as we work toward our goal--the preservation, conservation, stabilization and interpretation of Kentucky Camp.

Join the "Friends" and you will receive the next Newsletter. Hope to see you on April 7, if not before.

Direct any questions, comments or suggestions to: Billee Hoornbeek, 1121 W. Placita Alvina, Green Valley, AZ 85614-4046 (phone: 648-5793) or Arnold Franks, Secretary/Treasurer: 716 Calle Rita, Tucson, AZ 85706 (Phone: 294-9783)