



Fall Fun at Tanah Keeta!

While we don't have any fall foliage here, we can tell fall is in the air here at Tanah Keeta! It has been just a tad cooler and a tad less humid, but the real tell tale signs of fall is that we have campers filling camp each weekend—from the outstanding University of Scouting, to Cub Scout Fall Campouts, JOTA and many units camping.

We have also been fortunate to have some great service projects going on! Be sure to check out the refurbishment of the Welcome Pavilion (thanks to the sign committee), the new basketball court with the hoops installed (thanks Mr. VanOpstall for installing those hoops), the fully organized and stocked Health Lodge (Thanks Mr. Fintzy), the absolutely chilly new A/C's in the dining hall (HUGE thanks Brandon Baird), the trimmed landscaping (thanks to Aaron Gluck and his service group) and the improved phone and wifi service (thanks Steve Jackson). And in the midst of all this we had a brush with Hurricane Matthew!!! But not to worry, we had over 20 volunteers here on that Saturday who helped put campsites back together, clear brush, pressure wash and much more! A HUGE THANKS to all who helped out.

BUT... There is MORE TO DO! Please consider helping out at camp while you are staying here. Many hands make light work! Or consider bringing your unit up to complete a day service project!

DORM ADOPTION: The dorms are in need of a facelift. We are asking individuals or groups to consider adopting a dorm. To adopt a dorm, we would ask you to provide the labor to paint and replace the flooring. (We will select a standard flooring material and paint. In addition, window coverings and a thorough bathroom cleaning would be awesome. (And we will need a group project to repair the steps AND paint the outside). For those who "adopt" a dorm, you will be able to use the dorm at no cost for the following two years at events that you are attending as a participant! Contact Amanda.pantone@scouting.org for more details.

"Real freedom lies in wildness, not in civilization."



— Charles Lindbergh

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!!

There are a number of people who really give back to camp on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. The service these individuals provide are invaluable, so it is difficult to just highlight one or two volunteer over the others. But this quarter's volunteers of the quarter are Mr. Lee Mooty and Mr. Steve Jackson. Mr. Mooty is often seen around camp mowing, weeding and fixing things. In addition, before Hurricane Matthew he put in many hours helping to prepare camp. Then he was one of the first ones here after the storm helping in the clean up. Thank you Mr. Mooty!

And another HUGE thanks to Mr. Steve Jackson for the MANY awesome things he does around camp. Steve has put in countless hours making some of the beautiful signs around camp (along with other members of the sign committee). He has also been an integral part of the refurbishment of the Welcome Pavilion and on top of all that he has used his exceptional expertise to assist us in improving our phone and internet service around the camp! Thank you Steve Jackson!!!!



What's New?
It is hard to believe but we have broken ground on two new bathhouses!!! Each bathhouse will have 8 units with a shower, toilet and sink. Expected completion is early 2017.

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Third Quarter 2016

Everything is OK at OK!

Well, it got very windy and very wet at our beloved Camp Oklawaha thanks to Hurricane Matthew, but not to worry... the expert management of Ranger Bill with help some of the most awesome volunteers has the camp looking better than ever. Ranger Bill said that he even was able to have some extra things done!

A huge thanks to Dave Carlson for all his help before and after the storm. And a giant shout out to Victor Smith and his friend Charlie who brought in some much needed big equipment to lay down some dangerously tipping trees and for smoothing the road afterwards.

The City of Sebastian also deserves kudos for putting the washed out road back into shape. Rangers Steve and Harlan hit the pavement and got some GREAT new chainsaws which were much needed for the clean up. In fact Ranger Bill was so happy he said that he "was sleeping with one of the chainsaws under his pillow".

And finally thanks to the 40+ volunteers that came out and helped with the entire clean up process. It is awe inspiring when a group of people come together for the common good.

But as with TK, the needs don't ever stop. Here are some projects Ranger Bill would love to have done around camp.....

Oklawaha Top 10 Wish List for Fall 2016

1. Work on completing the new hiking trail on Rat-man's Island
2. Remove remaining Cattails from the swimming area in the lake. (Thanks to troops 567 and 13 for tackling part of the job... there are still some more to do)
3. Build a permanent Human Foosball Court on the activities field.
4. Install 4 "Patrol Sized" campsites on Rat-man's Island.
5. Make and install signs on the hiking trails
6. Fix the pavilion in Chickasaw campsite—needs a new roof.
7. Fix the pavilion in Ojibwa campsite—needs a new roof.
8. Paint the pavilions in the campsites.
9. Paint the Schlitt Bath house.

Contact Ranger Bill at bill.molnar@scouting.org for more information and to schedule your service at camp!

*Never doubt
that a small
group of
thoughtful,
committed*



*people can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing
that ever has.
~Margaret Meade*

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!!

This month's volunteer spotlight is on someone who not only devotes an incredible amount of time at Oklawaha, but you can also find him equally as dedicated to our camp to the south, TK. Thanking this volunteer just does not seem to do enough justice for all he does... run Day Camp, maintain all the landscaping at Oklawaha, helping out Ranger Bill both before and after the hurricane and so much more... For this reason and many others.. Oklawaha's volunteer of the quarter is Mr. David Carlson. David, thank you for all you do!!

A BIG SHOUT OUT to Mr. Brandon Baird who assisted Ranger Bill in getting a much needed and far overdue A/C unit for the Ranger's Residence. Ranger Bill had been without A/C for far too long and Mr. Baird came to the rescue. HUGE, HUGE, THANKS!!!