

# Friends of Camp Timbercrest

*Preserving, enhancing, and promoting Camp Timbercrest in partnership with GSWNY*

## Fall Work Weekend

*Friday-Sunday, September 28-30, 2018*

### Project Status

- **Paint Jackman Lodge** - We got very close to finishing this. There are some spots up top that didn't get touched and a few other areas that could use some touch-up and/or a second coat.



- **32-foot bridge** (just past the bridge built by Eagle Scouts in Jackman Bay). Success! The bridge was designed, pre-cut and pre-drilled by Terry Saye. Given the length of this bridge, we thought it would be better to have it be a bit wider than the prototype footbridge we made at the last work weekend. And because the span is long and high, a handrail on one side was added. Terry was able to drive his truck close to the start of the Lake Trail. With all-hands on deck, it didn't take long to carry all the pieces and parts to the construction site. Once the pieces were in place, some folks headed off to other projects. Because this section sees a lot of water, measures were taken to secure it that we haven't used in other locations. Metal pipes were driven into the ground on both

ends, and into the creek for the center support and the bridge was attached to these posts. Galvanized mesh on top will keep folks from slipping when the bridge is wet.



Update since the work weekend: Terry and Jennifer returned the following weekend to add bracing underneath at the center for added support.

- **16-foot bridge** to span a creek that empties into Beaver Bay - very near the powerline. This bridge is fashioned like the prototype, though it is 4 feet longer. The parts were canoed over to the right side of the powerline and carried to the creek.

- **Signs:** Installed the trail signs. Karen Cotton and the girls of the Greater Jamestown Service Unit made some way-finding signs which were installed. As they put them up, the found spots where additional signs might be helpful. Karen said she would work on that.



- **Trail Improvements:** Stone steps were added in a couple of places where there was a steep incline down do or up from smaller creeks.



- **Tree Removal in the Units** - Trees that were marked by the forester were removed and cut into logs. Most were also spit, but more splitting will be needed.



- **Access to Green Creek:** It should be much easier to enjoy a splash hike along Green Creek now. Several trees that had fallen over the creek were removed. (I didn't get any pictures... Hopefully, Ro did.)

- **Cull the Library:** Apparently, summer staff did quite a bit of culling already, as well as checking the board games to make sure they were complete! A small box of books was removed and the remaining books and games were organized. Those shelves can probably use some sanding and refinishing. That corner could use better light. Hmm...



- **Food:** We missed you, Bill! But somehow, we managed to get everyone fed and to send home leftovers with those still around on Sunday afternoon.

We didn't get to these projects:

- **Access to Wishing Well:** Clear a distinct trail to the wishing well (farm spring). This might require some creative engineering of steps... not sure what tools we might need. This might be a project for a time when Sara brings her magic trail-making tools.
- **Clear some young trees:** It would be fun if girls to make it to the (2nd) highest point on camp. Right now, there is a lot of underbrush and many young trees.
- **Remove Cattails from the Swim Area**

We came up with these ideas for future projects:

- Handrails at the stone steps.
- Stone "beds" in a couple of mushy places on the Lake Trail.
- Create a camp-out / cook-out area off the Lake Trail. (We found a nice, level spot between the peninsula and the power line that would be ideal.)
- Clear a couple of viewscapes along the Lake Trail.
- Refinish the fireplace bench and chairs.

- Provide a few more benches for the deck so that people stop taking the fireplace bench and chairs outside.
- Fund drive for more picnic tables to replace those that are falling apart. (\$250 each would be enough to purchase parts, a memorial plaque, and to get them built and installed.) We also found a few spots along the lake trail where it might be nice to have a picnic table - to provide a destination for a lunchtime hike.
- Create a spot for quiet reflection, ceremonies at Lakeview.

### Group Photo



**Back Row:** Richard Schroen, Kimberly Meabon, Kathy Pascatore, Danay Marsh, Dawn Cicchini, Emily Garrick, Karen Cotton, Jerilyn Hickey, Dee Wilson Barb Conklin  
**Middle Row:** Annie Foti, Anita Gaston, Natasha Patchen, Allan Patchen, Megan Wilson, Peg Jungquist, Ro Woodard, Donna Dolce  
**Front Row:** Jennifer Schlick, Betsy Vinton, Jude Klock  
**Missing:** Terry Saye, Bob Schlick, Paulette Morein