

The Pines Post

Newsletter of the Friends of the Lost Pines State Parks

March-April, 2008

Upcoming Events

March 20th, Friends Meeting and elections. This will also be the final planning meeting for the CCC Reunion. We need you there at 7:00 PM at the Refectory at Bastrop State Park

March 29th-30th, 2008...75th CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) reunion event at Bastrop State Park.

More to come...



National Historic Landmark

March 20th Meeting is Special

Our meeting is special this month because of the Election of Officers and it will be the last planning meeting for the 75th CCC Anniversary at Bastrop State Park.

We will be preparing lunch for the visitors to the Park on Saturday, March 28th.

In our Last meeting, it was decided we would have sandwiches, chips, drinks, a large stew, and salads for them. Instead of charging a set price for the meal, we will put out our donation box.

We need help with salads and sandwiches. If you can't do that, you could donate some chips or cookies for the lunch.

We will also be running our film of the CCC at Bastrop during both days.

This will most likely be the last reunion and this is your chance to meet these men.

A message from Todd...

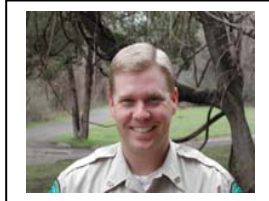
Hello All,

What a great time of year this is. Old Man Winter is on his way out and Spring is just around the corner. The sunburns come easy this time of year for Jamie, I and the boys. We have wrapped up another successful prescribed fire season and are in the process of planting loblolly pines in open pastures to begin the expansion of the forest. Many of you may have helped out with that effort and I greatly appreciate it. The 75th Anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) celebration will be held at Bastrop State Park on March 28-29th. The Friends Group will be hosting and assisting with this great event. I encourage you to come out and learn about what these men have done for our parks and nation during the Great Depression. This will be the last reunion of the CCC'ers so make it a point to come out and thank them for their amazing legacy they have left for us to enjoy!

I really enjoyed visiting with many of you at the Soup Supper. I look forward to this meal every year (even though I gain a couple of lbs). Sorry I had to leave a little early but I had to get home to take care of a sick child. Thanks to Marty, John, Kay, Margaret, Kat & Roy for their dedication and efforts to expand this organization and increase membership. I've seen a change in the group in the last few years and it is very positive. Keep up the great work!

Hope all is well and I'll see you in the park.

Todd McClanahan
Park Superintendent
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**Meet the Staff at
our Park**

My name is Martha Gonzalez, first I would like to express my appreciation to all in the Friends Group for their dedication and interest in our beautiful park. I manage the Sign Shop Operations at Bastrop State Park for the entire State Parks Division and have enjoyed this position for 20 years. I have lived between the parks and that made it very easy to stay. The park holds most of my interests. I am devoted to conservation and preservation and believe that people have an innate need to get back to nature for repose and recreation. Thank you again for the part that all of you play in making that possible.

From the Archives

4. ESTIMATE OF WORK FOR A SIX MONTH PERIOD STARTING DECEMBER 1st, 1933

Projects	Work to be done		Man months Averaging 21-2/3 days work each month per man	Total * Cost
	Unit	Amount		
1. Telephone lines	Miles	2	2	100.00
2. Fire breaks	Miles			
3. Removal fire hazard	Acres	100	5	
4. Roadside clearing (fire Pres)	Miles	15	3	
5. Trailside clearing (fire Pres)	Miles	5	1	
6. Forest improvement			5	
7. Roads - (a) Truck trails	Miles			
(b) Standard	Miles	10	20	200.00
		10	20	
8. Trails - (a) Horse	Miles	2	3	
(b) Foot	Miles	12	25	
9. Lookout houses	Number	1	11	500.00
10. Lookout towers	Number	1	6	150.00
11. Fighting forest fires	Man days			
14. Tool house	Number	1	1	100.00
21. Other structures Lodge	Number	1	150	5,000.00
22. Fences	Miles	25	200	5,000.00
24. Water systems (No. 1)	Feet		20	5,000.00
26. Planting	Acres	2	5	
27. Nursery	Man days	1	20	500.00
28. Seed collection	Bushels			
29. Tree insect control	Acres			
30. Tree & plant disease control	Acres			
31. Boundary survey & marking	Miles			
32. Erosion control	Acres			
	(a) Foot	Number		
33. Bridges -	(b) Horse	Number	2	20
	(c) Vehicles	Number	4	50
	(a) bldgs	Number	15	
34. Cottages	(b) equip.	Number	15	100
35. Public campground - (b) equip.	Number	15	100	3,500.00
36. Public campground clearing	Acres	25	20	
36. Public campground latrines	Number	4	5	100.00
37. Public campground water (No. 24)	Feet			
38. Public campground waste disp	Feet		5	
39. Stream improvement	Miles	2	50	
40. Dams, recreational	Number	2	750 or 500	
41. Eradication poisonous plants	Acres			
42. Rodent control	Acres			
43. Flood control	Acres			
50. Landscaping	Acres	1800	50	
51. Bath House		1	20	5,500.00
TOTALS		20456	16708	25,680.00

A Message from Marty

Hi Friends,

Hope all of you that came to the Soup Supper and enjoyed yourself as much as I did. There were 13 types of soups, deserts, and assorted other goodies. I visited with quite a few friends and visitors there. A few candidates running for office showed up and we informed them how important it was for the Parks System to get permanent full funding. I believe they were sincere and agreed with us, that was why they were there. I presented a certification of appreciation to Ron Giles and Lisa McCormack for their support of the friends group and there many years of doing the News Letter; thanks again Ron and Lisa. And thanks to all of you that came and showed your support for FLPSP.

This month we will be holding elections at our meeting on the 20th. We need friends to run for President, Vice President, Secretary, and two members at large. The present Board Members have worked hard to make FLPSP a success but it would be good to get some fresh ideas and people on the board. I hope I can count on you to show up and help with our group.

Also this month is the CCC Reunion at Bastrop State Park. We will be helping out quite a bit including serving sandwiches at lunch on Saturday. The dates for the Reunion are the 28th and the 29th. If you can help or want information contact John Cobb at cobbfarm@airmail.net.

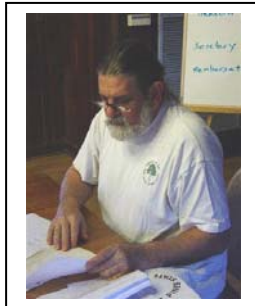
One more thing we are trying to get a committee for a Fun Run in the fall if you are interested contact me at the contact information below.

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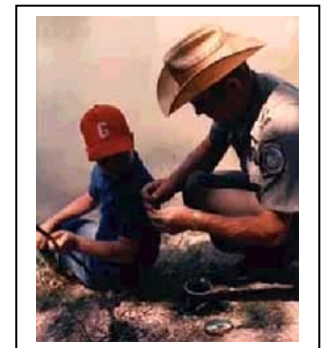


We now have canoes and kayaks available to our visitors at Buescher State Park. The kayaks are proving to be quite the hit with the people who rent them



At our last meeting, the Houston Toads were serenading us as we left the Refectory at Bastrop State Park. They have a high pitched song they sing. If you haven't had a chance to hear them, come out to our meeting on the 20 and listen for them.

If you have kids, remember we give free fishing lessons to young anglers several times a year. Also, one of the better programs Texas Parks and Wildlife has is the fish without a license program at all State Parks. This is for all age groups and most of our Parks will even provide you with equipment.





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Make your plans to be there!!!

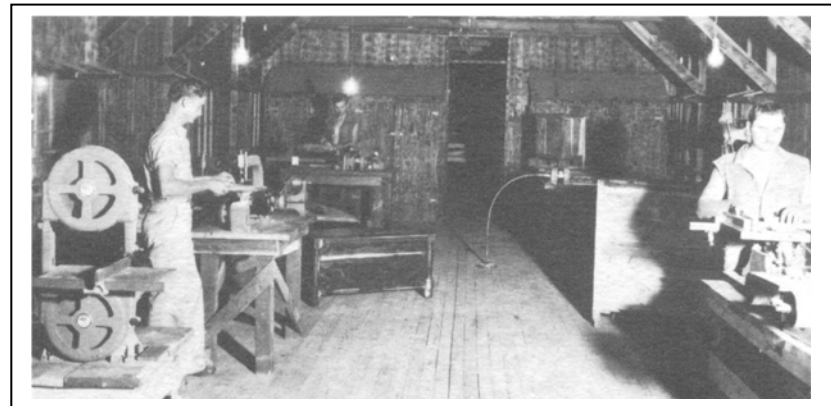
We will need help in serving the noon meal on Saturday, but there are other things you can help with during the entire weekend...

NYA Project Number _____ Job Number _____
 Location of NYA Shop Bastrop Date _____ (Area Office)
 Job Requested by Texas State Parks Board (Area Office)

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES
24 Pcs.	Furniture for CABINS - Bastrop State Park
	12 Chest of Drawers
	12 Luggage Benches
	As per Attached Plan No. S.P.-Texas Bastrop Cottage Cabins 108-

BILL OF MATERIALS		
QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST
1 Lump sum	No. 1 Fir 5x5 Dry Kilned & Mill Grade Stamped.	87.25
1 L.S.	Finish Hardware, paint & etc.	24.39
	Incidentals	14.36
	(See Attached bill of Materials)	
METHOD OF SECURING MATERIAL BY SHOP:		TOTAL: <u>125.00</u>

Above: 1941 Order to the WPA who was running the wood working shop at Bastrop State Park for wood to manufacture furniture for Bastrop State Park. Most of the furniture and signs you see in the State Park system today came from Bastrop's Wood Working Shops.



1937 Photograph of the Wood Working Shop at Bastrop State Park