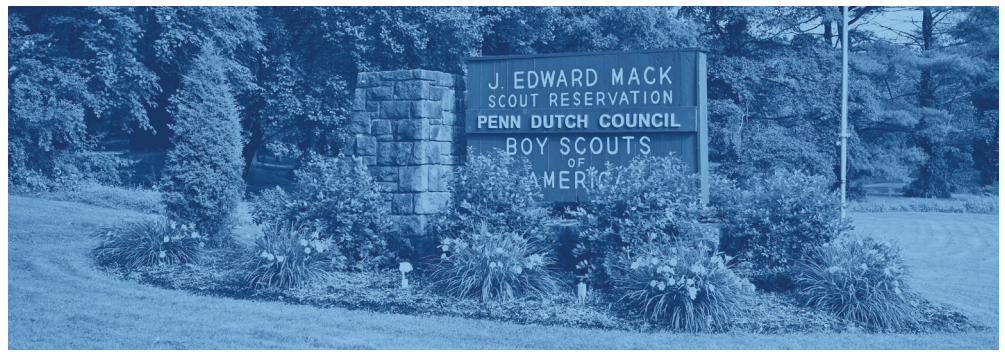




Timely News for Members of the Friends of Camp Mack

Winter 2022 Issue

Friends of Camp Mack Board Members

Eric Shea - President
Ben Wohlberg - Vice President
Derrick Bransby - Treasurer
Jim Castanzo - Secretary
Bob Chaballa
Gary Guare
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Josh Peloquin
Jayme Shea
Logan Startoni

REMINDER!
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Thank you for becoming a Friend of Camp Mack. Your membership fee supports our ongoing efforts to maintain, sustain, preserve, and promote Camp Mack. Thank you for being a Friend of Camp Mack!

OUR FIRST YEAR IN REVIEW

As we look back at our first full year as an organization, we reflect on what we have accomplished, what our plans are for 2022 and to thank our members, donors, and especially those who helped on our Camp Mack projects this past year.

Membership

We've had a great first full year as an organization. Since the beginning of 2021, we have recruited over 75 members. Of those new members, 11 joined at the bronze level, 3 at silver and 8 at gold. To our members, we say, Thank you! And welcome! We are looking forward to working with you all on helping make Camp Mack a

great place for youth in our Council to experience the great outdoors, make lifelong friendships and have fun! We still need to recruit more members, so if you know of anyone you think shares the same passion for helping to preserve Camp Mack, feel free to share this newsletter. A link to our membership form is included at the end of this newsletter.

Financial Position

For a new organization, we are in good shape to accomplish our immediate goals. However, we need to look long-term at those more significant and extensive projects. To accomplish those goals, we'll need more members and, more income. Like any non-profit, we rely on our volunteer's time, and outside contributions, and donations of materials. We have been very fortunate to have friends in the business

community who have made material and financial contributions. We can only rely on their generosity to a point before we will need to tap into our funds to purchase materials needed to complete our projects. One of the Board's goals for the Friends of Camp Mack is to be open with how we use our funds to better Camp Mack. You will always see a summarized statement of financial position in our newsletter.

2022 Events

We're very pleased to announce our 2022 Events Schedule! We'll be hosting four awesome events throughout 2022 – we hope you can join us!

Sunday May 15, 2022 – Pine Car Grand Prix at Columbia Kettle Works in Columbia, PA

Saturday June 11, 2022 – Camp Setup Day & Ice Cream Social with the Camp Mack Staff

Saturday August 20, 2022 – Annual Member Service Day and Meeting

Saturday October 22, 2022 – Fall Camp Service Day



More information about these events can be found on page 6 of this newsletter!

Friends of Camp Mack Winter 2022



Looking for a unique gift
for someone special?
Why not consider something
from the Friends of Camp Mack
merchandise collection.



Treasurer's Report

It is a pleasure to provide a Treasurer's report annually to all Friends of Camp Mack. Since our founding, the Board of Directors has made financial transparency a priority in all we do. We hope that this brief report will reinforce that commitment. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact myself or another member of the Board. As we close our first year of operation, I am happy to report that FOCM is on solid financial footing. Thanks to the generosity of our membership and donors, we will close the year with revenues of more than \$18,375. We expect to close the year with expenses totaling \$7,150 resulting in a positive change in our net assets and cash

position. Our strong position will allow us to do great things at Camp Mack in 2022.

Our greater than anticipated revenues in year one is in large part due to support from our bronze, silver, and gold sponsors as well as generous donations from the Hammer Creek Hunt Club and Archers for Scouts. The kindness displayed by our membership in 2021 is nothing less than astonishing. We are appreciative of your support in 2021 and are looking forward to all that 2022 has in store. Thank you for making our first year a success!

Submitted by
Derrick Bransby
Treasurer

Summary of Financial Activities as of 10/31/2021

Revenues

Member Dues	\$1,450.00
Donations	\$13,530.00
Merchandise	\$2,241.10
Other	\$1,157.69
Total Revenues	\$18,378.79

Expenses

Support to Camp Mack	\$340.28
Annual Member Meeting	\$131.71
Merchandise	\$5,323.41
Printing, Postage & Supplies	\$1,291.68
Other	\$60.45
Total Expenses	\$7,147.53

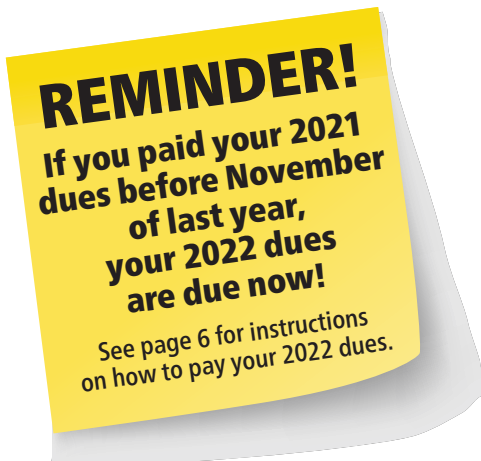
Total Change in Net Assets	\$11,231.26
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Merchandise

We encourage all members to purchase some of our great looking merchandise so you can show your support of our organization and our beloved Camp Mack. We currently have a great selection with more items being considered. Sales of our Friends of Camp Mack merchandise have been robust. The Pennsylvania Dutch Council has been gracious in allowing us to sell our

merchandise at the Camp Mack Trading Post and their Pennsylvania Dutch Council Scout Store. Be sure to visit the merchandise section of our website to see what is available and to purchase for yourself or as a gift. If you order merchandise online, you'll be able to pick it up at any Friends of Camp Mack event! To place a merchandise order, click [HERE](#).





Below left: Friends of Camp Mack load tents, tent frames and cots at Camp Maumee in Indiana

Below center & right: A contingent of Friends of Camp Mack meet the truck at Camp Maumee to help unload the truck.



Completed Projects & Events

Transporting Tents and Tent Frames from Indiana to Camp Mack

Many of our canvas tents are showing their age and need to be replaced and repaired. New canvas tents, the type we use for the Cup Scout Summer Camp program are prohibitively expensive. A few of our members have been on the lookout for used, but in great condition canvas tents. Over 150 tents, 200 cots, and 150 metal tent frames were found at Maumee Scout Reservation in the Hoosier Trails Council, near Bloomington, Indiana. The PA Dutch Council was able to purchase the tents, but the challenge was the Council needed to physically get them and bring them to Camp Mack. That's when The Friends of Camp Mack stepped in and

offered their time. In late May, Gary Guare, Bob Chaballa, Logan Startoni, and Eric Shea set out for a three day journey. They drove to Indiana, rented a giant box truck, collected the tents, cots and frames, and drove it all back to Camp Mack. Upon arrival back at camp, over a dozen FOCM members and camp staffers met the truck at camp to help unload. The group quickly decided to start putting the metal frames out in the campsites while canvas was still being unloaded. In a whirlwind of three days of adventure, the foursome claimed they would do it all again if needed! Thanks to our four traveling tent movers for taking time off of work to help Camp Mack!





Give the Gift of Membership

Are you looking for a gift
that keeps on giving?

Why not give a gift membership
in the Friends of Camp Mack?

*On the right: Friends
of Camp Mack Board
members prepare
to serve ice cream
to the 2021 Camp Mack
summer camp staff
at our first annual Ice
Cream Social.*

Completed Projects & Events (continued)

Transporting Chairs from Southern Virginia to Camp Mack

Like the previous project, Friends of Camp Mack members, Derrick Bransby, Bob Chaballa, and Eric Shea traveled to a school district in Charlottesville Virginia to pick up cafeteria chairs for use in the main pavilion. The chairs are commercial grade and although used, are in great

shape and should provide many years of service in the Pavilion. These chairs will replace the heavy benches we've used for so many years. Thanks to the Order of the Arrow for purchasing the chairs for Camp Mack and to our members for spending a very long day fetching the chairs!

Summer Camp Staff Ice Cream Social

Our support of Camp Mack doesn't stop with our work on camp facilities and grounds. We want to show our appreciation to the young men and women who serve on our Cub Scout Summer Camp staff too. So, on Tuesday, June 15, just prior to the start of our Cub Camp sessions, several Friends of

Camp Mack Board members provided an ice cream social for our summer camp staff. We provided the ice cream and served our deserving youth staff members. We think the effort was genuinely appreciated by our staff, and look forward to continuing the tradition in 2022!



Fall Workday and Membership Meeting

On Saturday, October 23, close to 15 Friends of Camp Mack members pitched in at camp for a morning-long work session. Members, many sporting their Friends of Camp Mack apparel, tackled several camp projects.

One group did an inventory of all of our canvas tents (including those we brought back from Camp Maumee. Each tent was examined to determine its condition. Tents in need of repair were put aside, tents beyond repair were discarded. All the tents in good shape were folded neatly and put back into inventory to be used for summer camp. Another group focused on

the maintenance storage areas. Items beyond repair and no longer in usable condition, were discarded. The work area was organized and cleared for future projects. And we filled a giant dumpster with all of the discarded stuff from the days work. Thanks to GFL Environmental for donating the use of the dumpster and the related disposal costs! Our members worked until noon and then stopped for a hearty lunch prepared by our catering team. After lunch, we conducted our first membership meeting. We all had great satisfaction knowing we put a real dent in projects that needed to be completed.

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Upcoming Service Opportunities

During our first membership meeting, Gary Guare, our Camp Mack Ranger, listed several potential projects our organization can consider. These included:

- Sprucing up individual campsites to make them more attractive and usable for our summer campers
- Clean-up and renovate the camp offices
- Establish low-impact, short-term campsites for use by weekend campers
- Complete maintenance and clean-up projects around camp

If you have any interest in helping with any of the above projects, please contact President Eric Shea!

Completed Projects & Events (continued)

Fall Workday and Membership Meeting



*Top right: Friends of Camp Mack members sort the tents, tent frames and cots from Camp Maumee.
Center right: Members clean out the camp storage area and dispose of old, unusable materials.
Bottom left: Members attend our first member meeting at Camp Mack.*



Help Us Continue the Legacy of Camp Mack

As our organization grows in support of Camp Mack, our need for financial assistance will also increase. With our goal of preserving and promoting both the property and programs at Camp Mack, the Friends of Camp Mack will seek to continually

increase our level of support over time. In order to prepare for the future needs of Camp Mack, we plan to establish a restricted endowment fund to help produce earned income each year through managed investments. The income earned each year will help to fund

our projects at Camp Mack, while the fund principal will remain in perpetuity. If you are interested in helping to jump start our efforts to create an endowment fund, please contact endowment@friendsofcampmack.org.



camp in the afternoon and conclude the afternoon by hosting an ice cream social for the summer camp staff members! It's a great way to help out, meet the young men and women serving the cub scout campers, and enjoy some awesome Fox Meadows Creamery ice cream! To register for this free event – please email Eric Shea (ericshea@friendsofcampmack.org) by June 3rd!

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