



Sand in Our Shoes



FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH

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Park Serve Day – April 21, 2012

Join us in the beautification of Scusset Beach State

Reservation for the 2012 season. – meet at the Nature Center at Scusset Beach State Reservation. Plans for the day: beautification of the park for the season.

The Camping Season Opening Day is May 4th.

Make your camping reservations early through Reserve America. www.reserveamerica.com or call Reserve America at 1-877- 422-6762

Scusset Beach 5K Cape Cod Canal walk/run is scheduled for September 15th. We are looking for sponsors! Contact information on page 3

Race information: www.racewire.com – Scusset Beach 5K

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Scusset Beach Friends

What’s New...

What will they accomplish this year?

Planned is beautification of the beach bath house, landscaping and painting

The next Friends Meeting is on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 10 am at Scusset Beach Nature Center. Hope to see you there!

They will be planning this year’s projects, fundraising events, safari campouts, and getting acquainted with new members. All are welcome – members and people wanting to know more about the Scusset Beach Friends group.

Events Scheduled for 2012:

- **Safari Campouts:**
May 3 -6
Sept. 27 – 30
(Campout forms on page 6 and 7)
- **Pancake Breakfast**
Sept. 8th - 8:30 – 9:30 am

The Scusset Beach 5K on the scenic Cape Cod Canal – September 15th, 2012 ...it’s sure to be the first of a popular annual event at Scusset Beach. Proceeds will be used toward a grant for next year’s projects. Among other projects, the Friends of Scusset Beach are considering a playground for the park.

More information on the 5 K Race on page 4.

Chairman of the Board: Elise Smith

Vice Chairman: Paul Loiselle

Treasurer: Linda Porazzo

Assistant Treasurer: Edna Faria

Secretary: David Harris



Helping Hands

What is a Friends Group?

Friends groups are organizations dedicated to supporting specific DCR properties through volunteer work, fundraising, providing programs & events, and advocacy.

What does a Friends Group do?

Friends groups undertake a variety of activities. These can include work days at the park to help with a project, organizing fund raisers to help purchase much needed equipment or supplies, or serving as an advocate for the park when needed.

Friends groups are essential partners in protecting and enhancing DCR's parks.

More than 70 groups are working across the state to enhance our forests and parks system.

What has the Friends group accomplished?

Since the group was formed in the fall of 2009, a good deal has been accomplished. This includes:

- Organizing the group and setting up non-profit status
- Attending Training for friends groups
- Painting camp site numbers and traffic arrows in the campground
- Non-profit status allowed the park to receive a generous donation of power tools from an estate in Plymouth.
- Apply for and receive 2 matching state grants for projects to benefit the park. These include the ADA boardwalk to the canal service road and the new campground ADA pathway.
- Attend and support 2 Park serve day events to help beautify the Reservation.
- A website has been established. Please visit www.friendsofscussetbeach.org.

Projects

- Scusset Beach Boardwalk to the Canal Access Road. - 2010
- Scusset Beach pathway in the campground.- 2011

2012 – Our Friends group plans are clean up and beautification of the beach bathhouse area.

Future Plans

- 2013 – The Friends group hopes to begin phase one of a playground for the park.

Other Activities

- Regular meetings at Scusset Beach throughout the camping season to formulate plans and organize and follow through on fundraising, projects and grants.
- Design and maintain friend's group website for Scusset Beach friends.
- Participation in Park Serve Day – spring planting and preparing the park for the summer camping season.

Why Now?

Given the fiscal climate and the current economy, now is the perfect time for a Friends group to aid in making improvements to Scusset Beach possible. The Friends Group can help us leverage funds from the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Matching Partnership grants to improve the park, as well as assisting with projects and fund raising.

What is the level of commitment I would need to make?

That is entirely up to you. Some people are content with joining and just paying their dues knowing the money goes to the facility. Other people like to attend work days, come to friend's group meetings or serve as officers. It really is up to you, how much you become involved.

I'm interested - So what's the plan?

Print and fill out the form on the page 5 of the Newsletter and mail it with your check to:

Friends of Scusset Beach
Scusset Beach State Reservation
140 Scusset Beach Rd.
Sagamore Beach, MA 02562-2815

Telephone: 500-888-0859
Fax: 508-888-1183
email: scussetfriends@live.com

Visit the Scusset Friends website:

www.friendsofscussetbeach.org

Get a little sand in your shoes!



A Few Words from John....

Winter has been upon us for a while now and we certainly cannot complain about how it has treated us so far. The good weather has made for a modest increase in the winter camping program with the number of sites sold up a little bit. That is good news.

The Interior of the new park office at this fish pier is complete and from the comments I have received looks great. This is going to be so much more efficient for both staff and the camping public. We still have some outside work to do, like installing parking signs etc. that need to wait for spring to get done but by opening day of the regular season I hope to have everything completed.

Based on the latest information, it looks like seasonal staffing has been level funded which means we should have about the same staffing levels as last year. The Acting regional Director asked us to submit proposals for staffing this year and I forwarded a request to add an overnight shift back to the park. How far this proposal gets depends of course on the dollars, but I was encouraged they asked.

We have also received notification that our partnership grant for beautification to the beach buildings has been approved. Thanks to Paul Loiselle for all his hard work on the grants.

On the flip side, our request for a complete study of the electrical system has been tabled at this time due to funding constraints within that part of the budget.

Lastly, a few words about the upcoming proposed 5K run/walk. I am very excited about this project. It has the potential to not only be a good source of Revenue for the Friends and our project list for the future, but also a good way to get people to know about the Friends work and the Park itself. It is going to require some hard work to pull off, but I feel in the end it will be worth it.

Thank you all for your continued support of Scusset Beach.

John



**John DeCosta, Park Supervisor
Scusset Beach State Reservation**

The Scusset Beach 5K Cape Cod Canal Race, September 15th, is sure to become a popular event at Scusset Beach. Interested in sponsoring the race?

Contact information:

John DeCosta

Email: John.DeCosta@state.ma.us

Telephone: 508-888-0858

Elise Smith, Friends of Scusset Beach

Email: scussetfriends@live.com

Race information is also on

www.racewire.com





The Chairman's Corner -

Greetings:

I would like to congratulate Paul Loiselle on his DCR volunteer of the year award he received in October. I would also like to thank Paul for all of his countless hours and hard work he puts in to writing our grants. We have received our 2012 grant to work on the beach bath house. Thanks Paul.

I would also like to congratulate John DeCosta on his DCR staff of the year award also received in October. Scusset would not be the great place it is today without John's hard work and management skills. And congratulations to John on completing his 2 year park supervisor course in West Virginia and passing. 😊

I would also like to thank Linda Porrazo for her countless hours of work doing our 503C taxes and endless paperwork for the Feds and the State. Great Job, Linda. Thank you.

Thank you to all of our members who do the behind the scenes work (meetings, cleaning, fundraising, planting, etc) to make Scusset Beach a wonderful place to come to.

Work has begun on our big fund raising project for this year. We are working on holding a 5 K race on September 15th. There will be a link on our web page to get all of the information on getting donations, helping set up the race, conducting the race, as well as running or walking the race.

This fundraiser is the start for the playground project which will take a few years to put in place. We are looking for and counting on everyone to help out in some way to make this a success.

Winter has been good to us this year weather-wise and hopefully it will continue throughout the rest of the year. Look forward to seeing everyone this spring/summer/fall at our meetings, campouts, plantings and especially the 5 K race.

Elise Smith, Chairman, Friends of Scusset Beach

"Welcome to our new Friends!"

Tom & Mindy Rodriques

Albert & Laura Marsh



If you are interested in becoming a Friend to Scusset Beach State Reservation, please print and fill out the following form and mail it – or drop it off at the Scusset office – with your membership check. Better yet, come to a meeting. We encourage everyone to become a Friend.



Friends of Scusset Beach

Scusset Beach State Reservation

140 Scusset Beach Rd.
Sagamore Beach, MA 02562
email: scussetfriends@live.com
website: <http://www.friendsofscussetbeach.org>

As we begin to create a contact list of friends, your information is very important. This fall, we will contact you with information about the meeting to establish the *Friends of Scusset Beach* and send you our Fall Newsletter to keep you informed and aware of the progress made in establishing this group.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Membership Dues are:

- \$5.00 for an individual
- \$10.00 for a couple or family
- \$25.00 for a business

Checks can be made payable to:
Friends of Scusset Beach Reservation Corporation

Type of membership wanted: _____

My Special Interests & Talents: _____

I am interested in- (Please check all that apply):

- becoming a member of a Scusset Beach Friends Group
- attending meetings
- serving on the Board of Directors
- participating in work days to maintain and clean areas of the park
- assisting in fundraising efforts

Other: _____

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Safari Field Campout
May 3-6, 2012**

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*Arrival on Friday after 11:00 a.m.
Saturday Breakfast
Sunday Departure by 3:00 p.m.

*Weekend fee for 2 people including meal \$50.00
Additional adults \$15.00 Children \$10.00

Name: _____ Telephone _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip

Code: _____

Camper: _____ Camper Registration: _____

Auto Registration: _____ Vehicle: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Children: _____ Age: _____

Children: _____ Age: _____

Early Arrival Thursday \$ _____

Weekend Fee (2) \$ _____

Guest/Children \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Send to:
Elise Smith Questions or more info call: 781-585-5828
368 Main Street
Plympton, Ma. 02367

The "Friends of Scusset" Thank You for your support.



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