



Sand in Our Shoes



FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH

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Spring- Summer 2012

Summer at Scusset-

After a mild winter, a few teaser sunny days, rain from an early tropical storm, finally summer is here.

The Campground is full, and we are looking forward to a very busy summer at Beach..



Our customers and staff are enjoying the new office location at the Fish Pier Building, which opened this spring for camper registration, season passes, and park information.

Campers please note: Registering for camping will be in our new offices with easier access and parking for incoming campers. We are adhering to department policy - **Check out time is 11 A.M. and Check in time is 1 P.M.** We are sorry, but we can only allow one customer in the office at a time for better service and privacy of information.

Scusset Beach Friends

Chairman of the Board: Elise Smith
Vice Chairman: Paul Loiselle
Treasurer: Linda Porazzo
Assistant Treasurer: Edna Faria
Secretary: David Harris

What's New...

The Beach Buildings have been painted by the Department of Corrections and their great helpers and landscaped by the Friends of Scusset Beach. All made possible by the Friends group and matching grants from the state. The buildings look terrific.. Dedication Day for this and the campground walkway is July 6th at 11 A.M. at the beach parking area.

A Pancake Breakfast is scheduled on Saturday, September 8th, at 8:30 am - 9:30 am at the Nature Center pavilion.

The next Friends Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 21st at 10:00 am at the Nature Center pavilion. Hope to see you there!

They will be completing plans for the upcoming 5K race on the Cape Cod Canal on September 15th and the September Safari campout. All are welcome at the meetings – members and people wanting to know more about the Scusset Beach and the Scusset Friends group.

The Friends are looking for more sponsors for the 5K walk/race. Individual and commercial sponsorships are available. They are also accepting donations of gift certificates and/or gift bags for the raffle drawings. The 5K race/walk is to benefit Scusset Beach State Reservation. They are working towards a playground in the park.

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On Sale at Scusset Office by the Friends

Stickers – \$2

Buttons – \$2

to benefit Scusset Beach



Helping Hands

Scusset Beach Friends Program –

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, including:

- Shawme-Crowell State Forest
- Nickerson State Park
- Waquoit Bay & South Cape Beach
- Myles Standish State Forest
- Forefathers Monument
- Wompatuck State Park
- Borderland State Park

Fundraising

- Pancake Breakfasts at Shawme-Crowell State Forest
- Recycle cans and bottles at Nickerson State Park
- Operate a food booth at Fall River Celebrates America
- Operate a gift shop at Borderland State Park
- Pancake Breakfasts at Scusset Beach
- Scusset Beach stickers, buttons, and key chains available at the Scusset Beach office.

Projects

- Scusset Beach Boardwalk to the Canal Access Road.
- Scusset Beach Walk in the Park – campground walk .

- 2012 – Beautification of the beach building exteriors.
- The Friends hope to include stage one of a playground project in the near future.

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 can I do?

Your level of involvement is up to you. Some people are very active in their Friends groups; serving on the Board of Directors, attending all meetings, working on a specific committee. Other people are content to pay their membership dues knowing that they will support the park. Your level of involvement is up to each individual member.

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

Print and fill out the form on the page 8 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

And get a little sand in your shoes!



A Few Words from John....

Happy Spring everyone. The season has begun and already the park has been very busy. The campground has been full most weekends and Memorial Day weekend was very busy at the beach.

The new office is working out well with lots of good comments from the public. Park serve day also worked out great again this year to help get the park in shape for the season. Thank you to everyone who helped.

We had some beautiful new signs donated for the boardwalk, pathway, etc., that say built by the Friends of Scusset. They look great....a very special thank you to our donor for the great signs.

We have had some changes to the grant project at the beach buildings. I had the opportunity to secure a work crew from the Department of Corrections to paint the whole complex. All we had to do was buy the materials. I spoke with the Friends officers to make sure they agrees with the change and then with the director of state parks for the same reason. With the go ahead we secured the crew who came for two weeks in May to start painting, and they got a lot of work done. They came back in June for a week to finish. The whole area looks so much better.



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

On June 23rd we worked on the landscaping there. It is looking good, but there is more to do, and another data will be set to complete it. Please feel free to come and join us.

Lastly, work has continued on the 5K race/walk. Things are moving along with the planning, etc., but we need more help. Sponsorship is the key to this event working for us, so we need more sponsors. Think about helping by signing up just one sponsor to support the race.

John DeCosta, Park Supervisor

2012 Scusset Crew

John DeCosta, Park Supervisor
Jim Simon, Supervisor
Joe Casey, Night Supervisor
Carolyn Jones, Supervisor
Dave Gauthie, Maintenance

Laborers:

Senior Laborer, Marlene Clark
Senior Laborer, Danny Linhares
John Hart
Meredith Moore

Summer Workers:

Mackenzie Hyldburg
Harry Krauspe

Clerk: Norma Cotter

Park Interpreter: Donald Dyer

Lifeguards:

Caroline Cooley, Head Life Guard
Khristian Reindeau
James Sylvia
Heather Savaria
Michael Opalinski

And **many Host Campers**, who really help us all out during the season.

**Join the Scusset Friends at the Safari Camp Out
September 27th – 30th. Sign up form on page 8.**

Scusset Beach State Reservation

www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/scus.htm

Department of Conservation and Recreation

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/>

Department of Conservation and Recreation Friends

Groups <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/friends.htm>

Camping Reservations:

Reserve America website: www.reserveamerica.com

or Telephone: 1-877-422-6762

Campground map:

www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/images/pdf/ScussetCamp.pdf

Friends of Scusset Beach

<http://www.friendsofscussetbeach.org>



July Interpretive Programs

Scusset Beach State Reservation

20 Scusset Beach Rd.
Sagamore Beach, MA 02562
Telephone: 508-888-0859



<p>Tuesdays July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31</p>	<p>Beach Exploration – 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm <i>Explore Scusset Beach. Each week we will focus on a different topic- so join us each Tuesday for some fun on the beach. Topics include Beach Geology, Intertidal Life and Beach Habitats. Meet at the end of the Scusset Beach boardwalk. Rain cancels.</i></p>
<p>Wednesday July 4, 18</p>	<p>Investigating the Past – 10:00 am – 11:30 am <i>Clues to the past can be seen by learning to read the landscape. Find out how plants and soils provide a historical record of previous events, natural and man-made. Meet at the Fish Pier. Rain cancels.</i></p>
<p>Thursdays July 5, 12, 19, 26</p>	<p>Sagamore Hill Hike – 10:00 am -11:30 am <i>The hill overlooking Scusset Marsh has a rich history from Indian Council ground to golf course to a WW II gun battery. Explore the history of the area on a 1.1 mile walk including a stunning vista of Cape Cod Bay. Meet at the Fish Pier. Rain cancels</i></p>
	<p>Creature Feature - 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm <i>Learn about some of the creatures that live here at Scusset Beach. See some live animals and other natural history artifacts. Meet at the end of Scusset Beach boardwalk. Rain and heavy winds cancel.</i></p>
<p>Fridays July 6, 13, 27</p>	<p>Cape Cod Canal: A Modern Marvel – 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm <i>Join the interpreter for a stroll along the Cape Cod Canal. Along the way we will talk about the different uses of this land and the Cape Cod Canal, from the Native American use of the land through today's use of the Cape Cod Canal. Meet at the Fish Pier. Rain cancels.</i></p>
<p>Saturdays July 7, 14, 21, 28</p>	<p>Beachcomber Scavenger Hunt – 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm <i>Search for common seashore objects and discover the lore and history behind the found items. Meet at the end of Scusset Beach boardwalk. Rain cancels.</i></p>
<p>Saturday July 7, 21</p>	<p>Beach Twilight Hike 8:00 pm- 9:00 pm <i>Have you explored the beach at night? What happens when the sun goes down and the stars come out. Come find out. Flashlights not allowed. Meet at the end of the Scusset Beach boardwalk. Bring binoculars if you have them. Rain cancels.</i></p>
<p>Saturday July 14, 28</p>	<p>Around the Campfire – 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm <i>Gather round the campfire to share stories, play classic campfire games, or sing a song. Meet at the campfire circle at the Campground. Rain cancels. July 14 – campfire will start at 7:00 pm and feature a special guest – Smokey Bear ! Bring your camera!</i></p>
<p>Monday July 16</p>	<p>Irish Music Session & Campfire – 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm <i>Share a campfire with your fellow campers while enjoying some live Irish music! Meet at the campfire circle in the Campground. Rain cancels. Rain date is Monday, July 23rd.</i></p>

All programs are free and open to the public. There is a \$7.00 parking fee. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** Reasonable accommodations available on request. For more information call the Park Interpreter, Don Dyer, at (508) 888-0859. Website: www.mass.gov/dcr

5K Walk/Race – Cape Cod Canal

September 15th, 2012

A 5K Walk/Race, Raffles, Entertainment, all at
Scusset Beach State Reservation with the
Cape Cod Canal for a background.



Sign up for the Walk/Race at www.racewire.com

Sign up forms are also available at Scusset Office in the Fish Pier building.

We are looking for more race sponsors and donors to make this race a giant success for Scusset Beach. Our goal is a playground at Scusset Beach.

- Individual and commercial sponsorships are available.
- We are accepting gift baskets and gift certificates for the raffles.

It is for a great cause... enjoyment for children visiting the park. Sponsorship is a wonderful way for you, to help make this possible, and for you, as a business owner, to get your name "out there"

For more information on sponsorships and donations, email: scussetfriends@live.com



Park Serve Day April 20th, 2012

The Chairman's Corner

Welcome. And welcome back to the summer staff at Scusset; we are glad to have you working at our wonderful park. Keep a positive outlook and everyday will be a good one. You have the best supervisor in the state.

Update on the beach bathhouse: it has had a coat of paint and is due for another one. We started working on the landscaping this past weekend but only got about a third of it done... we didn't have very many bodies. A big thank you to Louann, from Fox's Den, Paul Loiselle, Edna Faria, and the DCR staff for all their hard work.

Update on the race: it is coming along a lot slower than anticipated. We do not have a major sponsor so far, and we do not have many runners/walkers yet. I hope it is just that September is too far off for them right now. We could really use some help on this project by anyone and everyone.

A reminder of the Pancake Breakfast on September 8th at the Nature Center pavilion, and of the Safari campout weekend September 27 – 30. Space is still available for the campout..

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy Scusset Beach State Reservation.

Elise





Newly Painted Beach Buildings



Campground – May 2012 - photos by David Harris

To become a Friend of Scusset Beach State Reservation, please print and fill out the following form mail it to us – or drop it off at our office. Better yet, come to the next meeting. We encourage everyone to become a friend.

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Sagamore Beach, MA 02562-2815
Fax: 508-888-1183 email: scussetfriends@live.com



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<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: _____

"Get a little sand in your shoes!"





Friends of Scusset Beach
Safari Campout
September 27th - 30th, 2012

Friends of Scusset Beach invite you to dry camp in the Safari Field at Scusset Beach. This is a fund raiser for the Friends to raise money for improvements to the Park and for Grant Applications. Please come and join us.

*Early Bird Arrival on Thursday after 1 p.m. \$18.00

*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

*Variety of Activities – Weather Permitting

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Name: _____
Telephone _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip
Code: _____

Camper: _____ Camper Registration: _____

Auto Registration: _____ Vehicle: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Children: _____ Age: _____

Children: _____ Age: _____

Must be received by 8/25/11

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 Make checks payable to Friends of Scusset

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