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FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH

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Cape Cod Canal Sunrise - photo by a friend



2nd Annual Scusset Beach Race -Photo by Dave Harris

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Scusset Beach Friends

President: Elise Smith

Vice-President: Charlie Colson

Treasurer: Linda Porazzo

Assistant Treasurer: Edna Faria

Secretary: David Harris

What's New...

The next Friends meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 30, 2013 at 10:00 am at the Nature Center. Hope to see you there!

The Friends are at phase 2 of the playground funding. Work on the playground to start this Fall.

For 2014, more campouts in the Safari Field, the 3rd Annual 5k Race/walk, and more events are still in the early planning stages. A fishing derby and a clam bake may be happening next season, too. Come to Scusset and join in the fun!

The 2013, 2nd Annual Race/walk was a success with a great turn out. Race results are on the website.

The 3rd Annual Scusset Beach 5K Race/Walk is already scheduled for September 13th, 2014 at 9 a.m.

Event information and dates, when they are available, will be on website, or the Friends of Scusset Beach Facebook page. Visit us there, too. Interested in joining the Scusset Friends group? A membership information form is available on the website.

Great Friends with a great purpose!



A Few Words from John....

Happy autumn everybody,

Well, the summer is over, the seasonal staff has been released and offseason camping is underway.

It was a very busy season, as is usual here at Scusset. There are too many high points to mention but lifeguard Ben Littlefield's rescue of a teenage girl in the surf ranks right up top. The successful 2nd annual road race is also high on the list. As I said, there are just too many to mention.

This coming summer as many of you know will be the 100th anniversary of the Cape Cod Canal which is certain to increase our work load.

I would also like to welcome new vice president Charlie Colson to his new position and thank outgoing vice president Paul Loiselle for all his help and support over the past couple years.

We hit a milestone this past week (October 13-19th) as took delivery of the first set of swings for the new playground.



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

Winter funding is still kind of up in the air so as to what winter project we will be taking on I cannot say, but in the meantime Dave and I will be busy with the usual winterization, brush mowing, etc.

In closing I want to thank you all for your continued support and I hope everyone has a safe and healthy winter and wish all of you a merry holiday season.

John

Dedication Day – New Beach Boardwalk -2013



Scusset Beach State Reservation

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

Department of Conservation and Recreation

www.mass.gov/dcr/

Department of Conservation and Recreation Friends Groups

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

www.friendsofscussetbeach.org

Look for Friends of Scusset Beach on Facebook, too.



FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH

The President's Corner

What a wonderful summer was had at Scusset Beach this year. The park staff did a wonderful job as usual and the dedication of the beach boardwalk was memorable.

The Friends have completed our \$10,000 goal of phase 1 for the playground. The first two pieces of equipment will be installed by Thanksgiving. We will be working with the state playground installer to plan on the next pieces.

We are starting our phase 2 fundraising plans. We are tossing around the ideas of a fishing derby, clam bake/boil, 5K run walk for 3rd year, and weekends in the safari field. We are always looking for everyone's input and thought processes. Please come join us for our next meeting on Nov. 30th @ 10 am in the Nature center.

Come join us for some winter camping. The campground is open Thurs-Sun., Mon on holidays, for the winter. The fish pier bathrooms will be open for the winter. There is electricity but no water or use of dump station. You do not have to make a reservation (you can). If a site is reserved there will be an orange cone in front of it. There will be host campers on site if you have any questions.

Hope everyone has a wonderful winter and Happy holidays.

Elise

Election on officers for 2014 was held at the Sept. 28th meeting.

President: Elise Smith
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The September 28th meeting was very productive. Fund-raising ideas were discussed for 2014. More decisions will made at the next meeting on November 30th, 2014, at The Nature Center. Hope to see you there!

Follow us on Facebook and the website: www.friendsofscussetbeach.org
For questions, suggestions, or membership: email: scussetfriends@live.com

Friends of Scusset Beach Playground Fund Donations

Cape Codder Chapter of FMCA	\$100.00
Northeaster Chapter of FMCA	\$100.00
Yankee Travelers Chapter of FMCA	\$100.00

Thank you for the generous donations.



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, including:

- Shawme-Crowell State Forest
- Nickerson State Park
- Waquoit Bay & South Cape Beach
- Myles Standish State Forest

Scusset Friends Projects

- Scusset Beach Boardwalk to the Canal Access Road.
- Scusset Beach Walk in the Park – campground walkway
- 2012 – Beautification of the beach building exteriors

Scusset Beach Playground

On the Friends wish list is a playground for Scusset Beach. The Friends are working toward that goal with the fundraising events they have planned.

One of these events is the Annual 5K Race/Walk.

The 3rd Annual Scusset Beach Race/Walk is in the planning stages for 2014.

Work is scheduled to begin on the first phase of the playground at Scusset Beach this Fall.



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 a Friend's group website for Scusset Beach friends.
- Participation in Park Serve Day – spring planting and preparing the park for the summer camping season.
- Fundraising events: Safari campouts, Annual 5K Race/Walk, Raffles, and more.

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. The level of involvement is up to each individual member. Visit the next meeting and get to know us.

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

Want to join? Print and fill out the membership form on the website and mail it with your yearly dues to:

Friends of Scusset Beach
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And get a little sand in your shoes!

