

Camp St. Augustine Historical Significance

Since its earliest beginnings as Rocklawn Farm in the mid 1880's through its one hundred years as Camp St. Augustine, this pristine twenty acre property has embraced nurturing, education, spiritual renewal, nature and discovery. The compassionate vision for this land began with Deacon Charles N. Morse and his wife Hester, who established a training and working farm for inner-city boys from troubled homes. This noble goal continued under the guidance of the Saint Augustine Ministries of The Society of St. John the Evangelist, who took over ownership of the farm in 1900. Renamed Camp St. Augustine, the focus continued to be inner-city, lesser advantaged children, in hopes of instilling self sufficiency and self esteem to help them reach their potential as contributors to society. Foxborough now is very fortunate to be able to continue the tradition and significance of Camp St. Augustine through its further evolution as a mentoring, learning and recreation center that has the potential to service the community with a wide range of programs and activities.



Rocklawn Farm

A Modern Vision For Camp St. Augustine

The campaign to purchase the St. Augustine property and the final purchase decision was a community effort, substantially strengthened by the endorsement of key town departments including the Conservation Commission, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, Recreation Department and the Historical Commission as well as the Board of Selectmen. The vision was to be a property that would bring together four resources clearly valued by Foxborough residents—conservation land, quality water supply, recreation facilities and historical assets. The Camp St. Augustine purchase was effectively "sold" to the community as an embodiment of these resources and the importance of each coming together.



Historical



Recreation



Conservation



Water

Who are the Friends of Camp St. Augustine?

The Friends of Camp Saint Augustine (FOCSA) started out as a mainly neighborhood group to save the Saint Augustine Camp from development. It rapidly grew into a town wide enterprise and its efforts were rewarded by the Town's purchase of the most significant part of the Camp Saint Augustine property. FOCSA, at least partly fueled by a sense of gratitude, now feels a desire and responsibility to help the Town realize the full potential of its new acquisition. To this end, we want to help the community, in working with the Recreation Department, gain as much benefit as possible from the property. *You are invited to be part of continuing to make this project and property successful. We need your help to make good things happen at Camp St. Augustine/CRRA and see it to its full potential.*

FOCSA Membership Form

Yes! I/We would like to support CRRA and become FOCSA members.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Annual Regular Membership Fees:

Individual member \$20.____ Family membership \$30.____

Individual Lifetime membership \$125.____

Sponsorship membership annual donation \$ _____

Total Amount Paid \$ _____

I/We are particularly interested in:

Recreational activities and events____

Nature programs____ Cultural/Hobby Related programs____

I/We would like to assist with:

Fundraising____ General volunteer needs____ Membership drives____

Please Mail Payment and Membership Form
to: **Mary L. Quinn**
Friends of Camp St. Augustine
45 Granite St., Foxborough, MA 02035

*Please make checks payable to:
Friends of Camp St. Augustine*

Recent FOCSA Happenings at CRRRA

The Recreation Hall and Chapel Meeting House Dedications took place in June of 2006. This was a wonderful celebration, held in conjunction with the Recreation Department, of two years of community effort to restore these facilities which host special events and are also available for rental.



The Chapel Meeting House hosted FOCSA events as well as many private functions in its first full season of use. Among these were a Storytelling event, a talk on Owls and Bats, the first Chapel wedding and a Holiday Boutique. Go to www.chapelmeetinghouse.org for rental info.



Autumn Fest 2006, FOCSA's Annual Family Fundraiser, welcomed over 800 attendees and all enjoyed the many activities and beautiful weather.



The Livingston Taylor Concert held on March 2, 2007 was organized by FOCSA as a special community event and fundraiser to bring a unique talent to the area. So many were able to enjoy an evening of great music from this eclectic singer, musician, teacher and songwriter. A workshop for Foxboro High School music students was also held with Mr. Taylor in conjunction with the event.

So please consider joining FOCSA today!

In addition to supporting and enjoying a beautiful property and meeting new friends, benefits include:

- Member discount for Chapel Meeting House rental
- Invitation to special FOCSA member events
- Special member rates for certain FOCSA events and programs
- The FOCSA newsletter with all the latest happenings at CRRRA
- Pride and satisfaction from supporting a worthwhile cause

Friends of Camp St. Augustine Mission Statement

Friends of Camp St. Augustine is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, protection, promotion and enhancement of the former Camp St. Augustine property located in Foxborough, Massachusetts. Our charge is to facilitate this open space property's conservation, historical, recreational and educational assets through program utilization, volunteer and fundraising activities. These initiatives will be organized and executed in conjunction with the Town of Foxborough and its appropriate town departments. In addition, the organization will advocate and foster the effective stewardship of the property within the community.



Friends Of
Camp St. Augustine
(Part of the Cocasset River Recreation Areas, "CRRRA")
Mill St.
Foxborough, MA



*helping to preserve and protect our
quality of life*

Join Today!

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