

Building & Maintenance
Wekiva Youth Camp
Sue Angle, Chairman
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It is an honor to be back with the Wekiva Youth Camp Committee and witness first-hand what a successful camp season our youth have enjoyed thanks to a dedicated Chairman and enthusiastic volunteers, as well as a wonderful Director with his staff of energetic counselors. This success could not happen without the support of our members and clubs, and because of their donations to Wekiva's Building and Maintenance Fund, some necessities have been able to be accomplished since this Chairman began in January.

The first need followed the demise of the very old and outdated freezer/refrigerator unit which had been built into the corner of the Camp's Dining Hall Kitchen an unknown number of years ago. This, of course, had to be replaced prior to the beginning of our camp season. An agreement was reached for the Park Service to pay for the purchase of the new freezer, and our Building and Maintenance Fund paid the \$6,214 for the refrigeration unit. Of course, as you can imagine, this is a unit able to hold food for 150-plus hungry folks 3 times a day for 6 weeks plus set up week. Thanks to our partnership with the Park Service, they took on the responsibility of the demolition and rehabilitation of the space in the kitchen to ready it for the new units, and therefore with no cost to us.

The second item was an answer to a plea from camp leaders and campers who brought to the committee the idea of having a shade or sail over the pool during our camp season. The area surrounding the pool is cement, which gets very hot for the bare feet of the campers, and the pool water gets to bath tub water temperatures. The decision was made that a sail would help to give the campers shade while at the pool and reduce the temperature of the pool water. Bids were sent out and purchase was made of a dark green sail from a company in Tarpon Springs at a cost of \$4,225. They installed the sail using the light posts already in place around the pool. Installation of the sail was accomplished during set-up week, then taken down immediately after camp, dried and stored for next season. The accolades and appreciation for this sail has been overwhelming and very gratifying.

Thanks to the support of our clubs and members, the Building and Maintenance Fund will continue to oversee the care of our camp properties to make sure they are maintained in prime condition, with repair, replacement and upgrading of buildings and equipment as necessary.

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Following the demise of the camp's very old freezer/refrigerator unit, the B&M Fund replaced the refrigerator for \$6,214 while the Park Service replaced the freezer after repairing the kitchen area. The pool is now shaded during camp season with a green sail purchased at \$4,225 by B&M, cooling the hot cement surrounding the pool and reducing the temperature of its water.