

Fall 2026 Work Weekend Project List

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Project	Project Leader	Description/Details
Whitewash Outhouses	Needs a Volunteer	<p>It has been suggested that if the inside of the two outhouse stalls were painted white (or whitewashed/pickled), it would be more aesthetically pleasing. What to use for this and whether this should be brushed on or sprayed on needs to be investigated by the leader. Could be done by one person but another would make it go faster. Timeframe, now to 12 months from now.</p> <p>Definitions: Whitewash is a diluted, water-based paint that creates a translucent, distressed, and vintage look by allowing some of the underlying material to show through, while paint is a thicker, more opaque coating that provides solid, even, and longer-lasting coverage, often with more pigments and binders. The choice depends on the desired aesthetic: whitewash for a subtle, weathered appearance, and paint for a clean, solid, and more permanent finish</p>
Stain Gable Ends of Cabin	Needs a Volunteer	<p>This is a two or three-person job and the leader needs a thoughtful plan as to how this will be done safely. We could rent a lift but that is about \$400 or more per day and Frank doesn't even know if a lift can get past the deck and lower roof to reach the gable. The other option is to purchase a harness, ropes, protection gear (about \$150) and have two people on the lower roof. One holding the ladder the other climbs the ladder to do the staining. Access to the lower roof would be via the upstairs window. Frank has one set of protection gear, rope & harness that someone could use so we only need to purchase one set.</p>
Plaque for Beal Stairs	Needs a Volunteer	<p>MITA replaced the stairs on BI last winter and we should have a small plaque acknowledging this attached to the stairs. We did the same thing for the KBC stairs to the beach. The plaque needs to be purchased and the installed.</p>
Re-Blaze the Beal Island Trail	Needs a Volunteer	<p>Prep can be done by the leader and one or two additional committee could help with the actual blazing. While this was done 2 years ago with painted tin can tops, those have faded and there have never been enough blazes to eliminate confusion. We get complaints about that. We should probably make cardboard templates (rectangle size as used by AMC) and then use yellow spray-paint to blaze trees and rocks.</p>
Prep Interior Walls for Painting in the Spring	Needs a Volunteer	<p>The interior walls are looking "tired". Before they can be painted, they need to be prepped. The prep done in the fall would be to identify all the spots that need to be patched and sanded and do that work. If this is completed in the fall, we could do interior painting in the spring. Timeframe, now to 6 months from now.</p>
Top off Water in Solar Batteries	Needs a Volunteer	<p>Need distilled water and top off the batteries for winter. In September, Frank cleaned the corrosion from the battery terminals, cleaned the poop/debris off the tops of the batteries and repaired a broken wire connector from the winter solar panel.</p>

Exterior Door to Deck	Needs a Volunteer	The exterior door to the rear deck needs to be replaced. It is not a standard size so someone needs to investigate options for a new door. E.g. custom door fabrication or DIY build. Timeframe, now to 12 months from now.
Clean Gutters	Needs a Volunteer	2 People
Rake Leaves	Needs a Volunteer	1 – 3 People
Rear Deck Refurbishment	Frank	<p>NOTE - This is a BIG project and I propose that it commence Friday AM so that it will be completed by noon Sunday. As a fallback, if there is not enough time to install the new railings. The old ones could be reattached until spring. I think only 1 or 2 in addition to me can be working on the deck without getting in each other's way. Specifics: (1) The deck boards on the rear deck are rotting and need to be removed and replaced with new 5/4 pressure treated (PT) deck boards. (2) The railings also need to be removed and replaced. Because the posts for the railings are too far apart (10'), the existing railings are not rigid enough. Additional posts will need to be added. (3) The outer rim joist is made up of two 2 x 10's nailed together. The outer 2x10 has warped and separated from the inner one. I think we can remedy this by bolting the two boards together which will pull them tight to each other. If this doesn't work, the outer 2x10 will need to be replaced. (4) There are at least three 2x10 joists that have rot in the top few inches near the outer railing. Hopefully none of these need to be replaced. Assuming they are still structurally sound, I propose "sistering" 4' or so of 2x10 PT to the affected joists to span the rotted area. To prevent further rot on the top of the joists, I propose we put 3" storm and ice shield tape along the top of each joist. This can be done when all of the decking has been removed. (This is why we need to do all of the deck boards at the same time.) (5) We will also need to figure out how to dispose of the deck boards. I don't know if the Georgetown dump will take PT lumber. Maybe someone can volunteer to be in charge of disposal.</p> <p>Cost – The PT decking will cost \$600 (composite decking is more than double the cost of PT decking). I estimate that stainless screws, bolts, 2x10's, posts, wooden railings (like we have now), etc. will add at least another \$900 bringing the total to \$1,500. If we go with stainless steel stranded wire instead of wood balusters, we could be adding another \$200 - \$400 assuming the free wire and hardware Kathy found is useable. Another option is aluminum with wood: Railings</p>
Old Decking Disposal	Needs a Volunteer	We don't know if the Georgetown dump will take PT lumber. Need someone to volunteer to be in charge of disposal.
Wood Stove Chimney	Needs a Volunteer	The stainless-steel chimney for the wood stove needs to be inspected to determine if it needs to be cleaned. Need a mirror on a stick to perform the inspection. If it needs cleaning, the brushes are in the shed.
Fall Clivus Maintenance	Frank	Need a volunteer to learn this. Frank has already raked the "poop pile" to make room for more. What remains is servicing the liquids drain to the dry well. Note - Raking causes the entire cabin to stink for about 6 – 12 hours. Raking is done when no-one is staying at the cabin.
Fall or Spring Clivus Poop Shoot Cleaning	Needs a Volunteer	Once each year, the dark colored plastic vertical shoot (large diameter pipe) from the toilet to the Clivus needs to be cleaned of "gunk" that sticks to it. This requires purchasing or

		making a brush with about a 3' handle. Boiling hot water is poured down the sides of the shoot and the "gunk" stuck to the sides is brushed off and rinsed down to the Clivus. Cleaners can't be used because that would interfere with the composting process. Like raking, this will create a smell but it dissipates in a couple hours. Opening the bathroom window and leaving the door shut will keep the cabin from stinking up. This should probably be done when no one is staying at the cabin.	
Fix the Weather Stripping on Affected Windows	Needs a Volunteer	As shown in the picture, a number of windows have weatherstripping that has detached. These need to be repaired. The fix appears to be to use a weatherproof adhesive to reattach where pulled away. This may also require tiny brad nails to hold the weatherstripping in place while the adhesive dries. Leader should investigate how best to do this.	
Backside Wooden Walkway from Rear Deck to near Propane Tank is No Longer Level.	Needs a Volunteer	At least 2 of the 4x4 posts holding up the walkway have sunk into the ground. Which ones need to be raised, and how much to achieve level needs to be determined. The bottom of the posts should be secured in something like this: Example of concrete 4x4 post support Timeframe, now to 12 months from now.	
Portion of Stairs to the KBC Beach are Out of Level	Needs a Volunteer	When the new stairs to the beach were built, the carpenter didn't get an approximately 6' section level. Need someone to identify what is out of level and determine how to make it level. Timeframe, now to 12 months from now.	
Defrost and Shutdown Propane Refrigerator	Needs a Volunteer	May need to wait until after work weekend	
Reinstall Pump & Pipe for Upper Well	Frank	Need one or two people to assist. I'm not sure I have time to do this work weekend. It could wait until spring or maybe one or two people can help me do this before or after work weekend.	
Design & Install a New Set of Stairs at Front of Cabin	Needs a Volunteer	The stairs are approaching "end of life" with the supports in a few places rotted from ground contact. The stairs currently land in a very inconvenient spot. The new design should fix that. Timeframe, now to 18 months from now.	

The Deck by the Upper Well Pump is out of level.	Needs a Volunteer	Need someone to identify what is out of level and determine how to make it level. Timeframe, now to 18 months from now.
Lock & Lock Cable for Canoe	Needs a Volunteer	We might have a spare lock but we need some kind of cable and a way to secure it to the canoe and the cabin.
Change Lock Box Combo	Frank	Change the cabin lock box combination for 2026 – Pick a “memorable” 4-digit number