

Trading Post Remodel Project

Times are changing and to be quite frank the Worth Ranch Trading Post is more than a little behind the times. Members of the Summer Camp Staff and Worth Ranch Facilities committee have received feedback and made visits to several different Trading Posts at other council's camps to investigate what they offer in their Trading Post and to see what kind of facilities they have. What we found was that many of them are quite modern and offer a wide variety of sundries, Scout supplies, Merit Badge books and clothing items.

Thurman Schweitzer III recently took on the project of renovating the Trading Post at Worth Ranch and working with Camp Director, Tom Lucas and Council Facilities Chairman, Bryan Richards has come up with a plan the first phase of which will be completed in time for the 2012 Summer Camp Season. Thurman is no stranger to camps or trading posts and served as the Trading Post Manager at Worth Ranch and later the Camp Director at Sid Richardson. Thurman understands the important role the Trading Post plays not only enhancing the program and camp experience for the Scouts but also in providing financial means for the camp.

The plan for the trading post includes gutting the inside including the rough wood ceiling, old cabinets (none of which matched) and removing the "office". The new trading post will be more open with better lighting and central air with better more insulated windows and new display cabinets. The interior will look for like the interior of Landreth Lodge with the wainscoting on the walls. The sundries portion of the trading post will include old favorites and give the camp the opportunity to offer soft serve ice cream, nachos, pizza, frozen drinks and treats.

Demolition is wrapping up and over the next month or two; dry wall, electrical and plumbing will be installed. The trading post will be open in time for summer but some of the final finish out will not be completed until next fall. If you would like to help out the project the following are current needs that are being sought:

- Nacho cheese dispenser
- Nacho chip warmer
- Hot dog cooker warmer
- Chest freezer
- Pizza oven, warmer

Pictures from the project:



Insulation cleaned out of the ceiling covers the floor



The building nearly gutted



With the ceiling removed the attic and roof exposed