

2025 SAWUURA PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Group Camps

Memorial Day 2024: 9 adults and 6 youth/children

Labor Day 2024: 7 families: 14 adults and 10 youth/children

Memorial Day 2025: 3 adults (lots of last minute cancellations)

Work weekends: Eb has hosted a few work weekends, most recently April 2025, to do camp maintenance and projects





SAWUURA Archives

5 boxes of materials handed off to Emrys from Audrey Mawson from her work to write a book about SAWUURA - lots of historical material of the land before it was purchased, and material about the founding and establishment of SAWUURA

7 boxes of materials stored at UU Phoenix with tons of files, photos, and other materials. Work has begun to digitize what we need to keep.



Web Site

The web site is mostly updated, and we now have access to a Google Drive account to store all SAWUURA files, including meeting minutes, camp registrations, and the member database. We now use Google Forms for camp registration and membership renewal.

Marion MacDonald has stepped down as our volunteer webmaster, Emrys and Curtiss working to keep site updated.



Kitchen upgrade in progress

In April, Emrys cleared out the kitchen cabinet and boxes, getting rid of old and redundant utensils and cooking equipment. 2 new stainless tables and a new cast iron propane stove have been purchased, plus cleaning the 3 burner stove that was badly corroded. Next will be to put metal roof over cooking area and new shade structures over the seating areas.



Other Camp maintenance

Winter cabin repairs - chimney and sink

Water line maintenance - ongoing

Water pump stopped working, windmill still pumps - both need servicing

Forest Road was maintained by the county

2 composting toilets up and running





Play Area

All of the wooden play structures have been taken down, only the tall metal swing set remains.

Need to decide and plan for building some new structures.

Large Juniper tree that kids climb in has died - should we be build a fort in it?





Camp Administration

New insurance policy was updated and paid for this year

IRS documents are up to date

Agreement with Forest Service for road use updated

Emrys started communication with UU Phoenix to create a new MOU between the institutions (mainly to request that UUCP provide storage space for documents).

Hope to complete MOU in fall of 2025.

We will discontinue using liability waivers for camp, and instead provide educational material on camp safety.

Looking ahead:

Continue promoting SAWUURA in Arizona's UU communities to increase attendance

Grow the membership and camp income

Complete visioning and future planning

- Does the membership model serve the organization?
- More modifications to bylaws
- Expanding SAWUURA's role in outdoor spiritual experience & education

Climate change impacts on the camp and surrounding ecosystem (fires, floods, drought - documentation and collaboration)

- More watershed work, growing food on the property



Treasurer Report - submitted by Curtiss Seale

Vantage Credit Union:

Community business: \$1102.54

SAWUURA Main Acct: \$3418.84

Expenses: \$1628

Membership & Donation Income:

PayPal membership payments:

\$412.70

\$60 deposited via check in Vantage

Blackrock - Investment account

\$21,939 now \$21,158 in Jan. So we only made about \$800.

2024 went from 22,992 to 21,158(+2,000*) so we made \$166

Transferred \$2,000 to Vantage in September 2024.