

## **ADOPT A CAMPSITE/BUILDING PROGRAM**

The buildings and facilities of our two camps are important program tools. To help with the maintenance and improvement of our camping facilities, The Blackhawk Area Council is offering an Adopt a Campsite/Building Program to packs, troops, teams, crews and chartered organizations. The program is designed to benefit both the council and unit. The council will benefit by having needed maintenance and improvements to a designated building and/or campsite. All units using the “adopted facility” will benefit by having a better camping experience and the unit who adopts the building and/or campsite will be able to use it on weekends for no charge.

A prerequisite for this program is that the Scouting unit must participate in the Friends of Scouting program. If previous support in FOS is diverted to the Adopt a Campsite Program, then the general budget will fall short affecting all other council programs.

The scope of the program is as follows:

1. Examples of improvements that can be made include but are not limited to:
  - Campsites – tent platforms, picnic tables, picnic shelter, removing dead or unwanted trees, repairs to and painting latrines, bulletin board, and flag pole.
  - Buildings – doors, windows, tables, chairs, insulation, wood burning stove, painting, new bunks and mattresses and roof.
2. All maintenance and improvements must be approved by the camp Properties and Maintenance Committee before proceeding. A written request must be submitted with the scope of the work. When a group signs up for a building and/or campsite, a list will be provided by the Properties and Maintenance Committee with a list of current items needing attention. The group may select from this list or submit a new project.
3. Any material purchase may be done by either of the following methods:
  - Unit purchases materials with council office permission.
  - Unit donates the money to the council office and the council office purchases the materials.
4. Quality workmanship of all projects is expected and will be monitored by the camp Properties & Maintenance Committee. If workmanship is not at the level expected, then the group will be requested to make the necessary changes to reach the expected level.
5. Work verification will be determined by one of two methods:
  - Provide receipts for materials purchased or a project material inventory if the material is donated by a store.
  - Fill out the “Project Request and Hours Worked Verification” form.

When a unit performs a minimum of 50 hours of work or provides a minimum of \$250 in materials, or a combination of either that equals \$250, the unit will receive one weekend usage of the campsite or building for free, based on availability. This free usage must be used within one year of the date it is granted. A combination example would be hours worked (based on \$5 per hour) and money donated such as 30 hours worked + \$100 in materials would equal \$250.

If a chartered organization participates in the program, they can provide the free weekend to its own membership or provide the free weekend to the unit it sponsors.

6. Time commitment. When a group signs up for this program, it will be for a period of one year. If the group wants to continue to adopt the same building and/or campsite, they should contact the camp Properties & Maintenance Committee at least 60 days before the end of the annual period with their desire to continue.

7. Recognition. A sign(s) will be posted on the building or in the campsite recognizing the unit that is caring for the property.

To sign up for this program, contact Phil McCrery at the council office. (815-397-0210) For further questions, again contact Phil McCrery, Bob Gingras, Council Vice-President of Properties, (815-288-5262) or the appropriate camp Property & Maintenance Chairman. Gene Nott for Canyon Camp (815-235-4575) or Rod Mathias for Camp Lowden. (815-239-2354)