

2016 Outdoor Experience Task Group Recommendations for Decision Making on Council Property

Values Statement on Camp Program Sites: Girl Scout council outdoor program sites provide opportunities for girls to discover, connect, and take action out-of-doors in ways through progressive experiences that build courage, confidence, and character. Experiences in the outdoors help develop girls' understanding and curiosity about the natural world, including greater environmental understanding, and develop girl leaders with the ability to truly make a difference for themselves and the world around them.

Proposed Revised Decision-Making Criteria: Girl Scouts of Western Ohio property decisions and management will be made based on balancing:

1. **Program Quality** – Providing progressive, high quality Girl Scout outdoor program experiences that deliver on the outcomes and meet the diverse interests of our membership, with a special focus on activities and resources that:
 - Provide opportunities for teamwork, challenge, leadership, and adventure.
 - Demonstrate and promote an appreciation of the outdoors and a commitment to environmental stewardship.
 - Take advantage of the unique attributes of each Girl Scouts of Western Ohio property or facility.
2. **Safety and Risk Management**
 - Ensuring the protection and safety of Girl Scouts, their community partners and other Girl Scout customers.
 - Minimizing current and future liability to Girl Scouts of Western Ohio.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Maintaining fiscal stewardship, including:
 - Ensuring maximum program benefit for every council investment.
 - The long-term and annual investment of capital and operating funds required to offer specialized program experiences.
 - Protecting the long-term value of the property.
4. **Property Access** – Maximizing property access for Girl Scout members, including ensuring that:
 - Camp/property availability meets member “demand.”
 - Members are given priority for camp/property use.
 - Camp facilities are designed to reduce barriers to use, in consideration of the physical abilities, experiences and expectations of current girls and volunteers.

Communication: The board is committed to ensuring timely communication with stakeholders throughout council property review and decision-making processes, to establish transparency about purpose, process, and findings of property studies and decisions.