

## 2016 Outdoor Experience Task Group Summary of Recommendations

### Recommendations for Future 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.

#### Decision-Making Criteria

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio property decisions and management will be made based on balancing:

1. Providing high quality Girl Scout program experiences that deliver on the Ends and outcomes;
2. Considering the unique contribution of program experiences in the outdoors;
3. Investment in activities and resources that provide opportunities for challenge, leadership, and adventure;
4. Promoting environmental stewardship;
5. Ensuring the protection and safety of Girl Scouts;
6. Considering the long-term and annual investment of capital and operating fund required to offer specialized program experiences;
7. Maintaining fiscal efficiency, maximizing program benefit for every council investment;
8. Minimizing liability to Girl Scouts of Western Ohio;
9. Protecting the property's future value and minimizing future liability;
10. Minimizing barriers and providing easy access to camp use by all Girl Scouts;
11. Maximizing access for members, including ensuring that members are given priority for camp.

#### Communication

Ensure regular communication with stakeholders throughout property review and decision-making process to establish transparency about purpose, process, and findings of property studies and decisions.