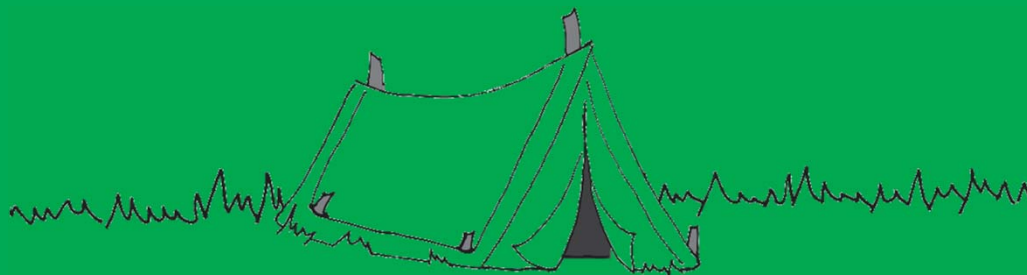
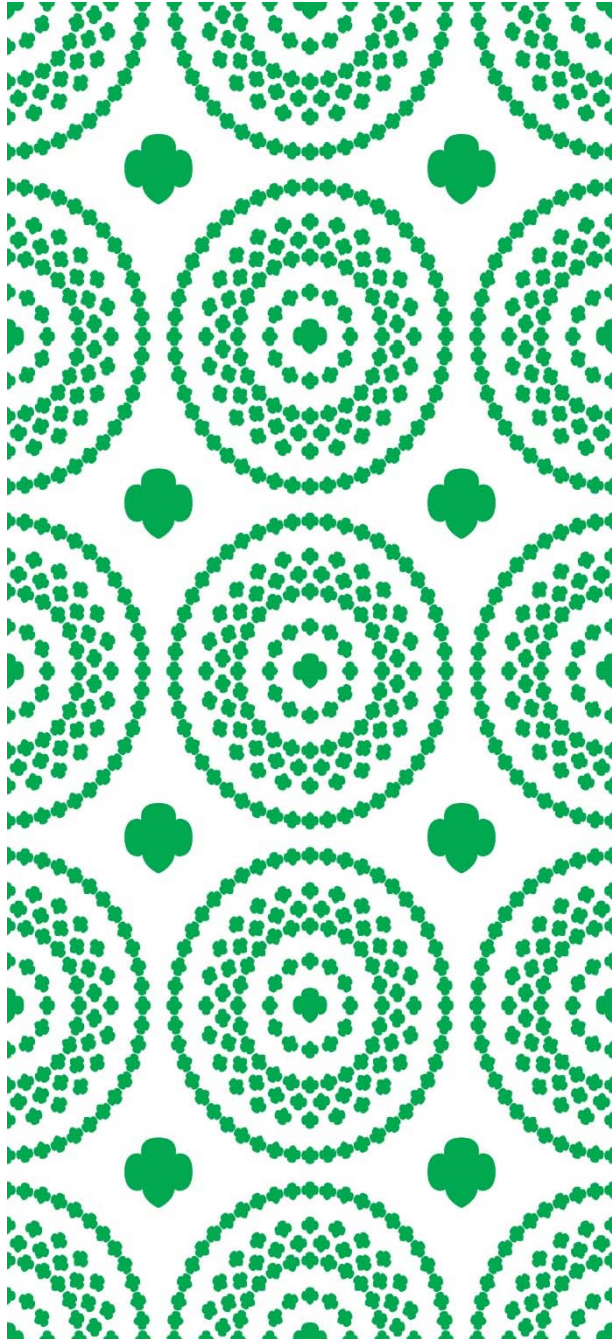




Girl Scout Camps & Outdoor Activities

November 2015 Board Presentation





OD Task Group: **Camp Property**



- Review: *Why are Camp Experience Valuable?*
- Camp Use and Program Trends
- Introduction to Our Camps: *Our Biggest Program Investment*
 - Description / Location
 - Main Program Activities and Features
 - Use Numbers
 - Challenges
- Values Statement & Decision Making Criteria
- Next Steps

Camp Makes Girls More Positive about their GS Experience!



Camp was girls' **#1 most memorable** outdoor activity in Girl Scouts

High adventure, and camp attendance are key drivers of girls' **leadership and satisfaction**

- Girl Scout Research Institute, *More than S'mores*

When a Girl Benefits, Everyone Benefits



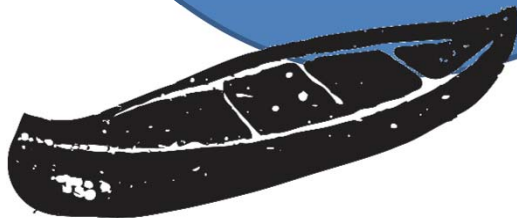
High Overall Outdoor Activity

68% of girls
agreed a lot
that they
enjoyed
participating
in girl scouts

vs.

No Outdoor Activity

34% of girls
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Camp Property

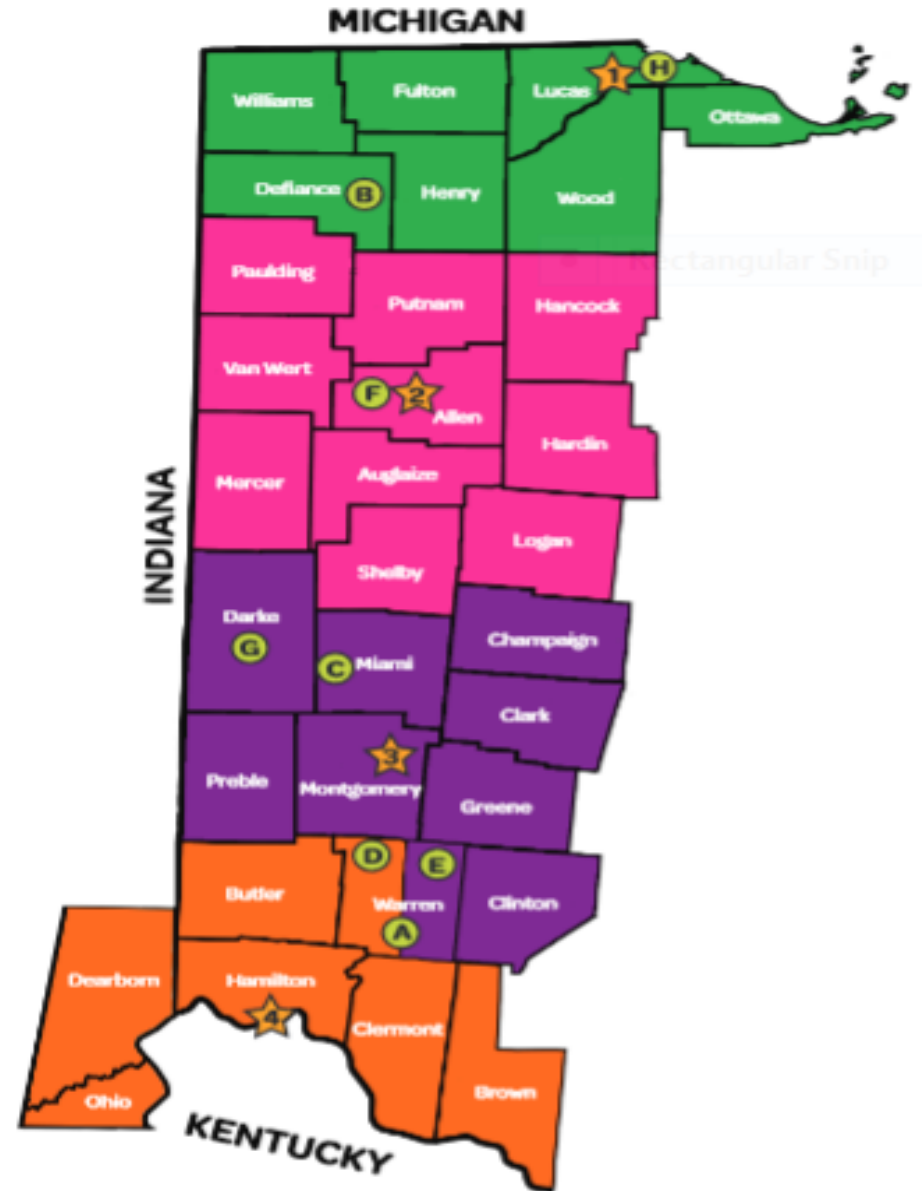
GSWO Camp Properties

The “Big Four”

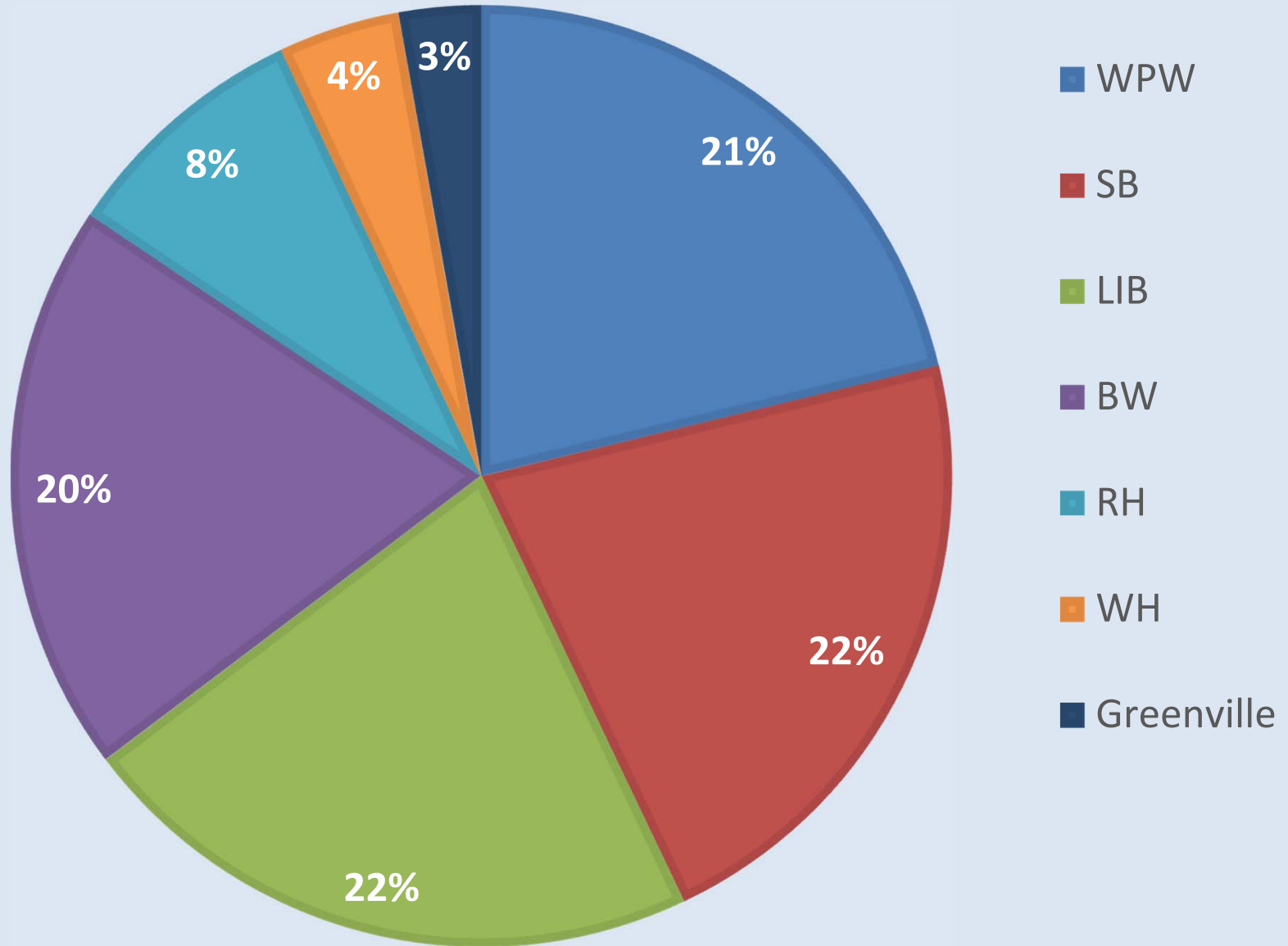
- A. Camp Butterworth*
- B. Camp Libbey
- D. Camp Stonybrook
- E. Camp WhipPoorWill

Smaller Camp Properties

- F. Camp Woodhaven
- C. Camp Rolling Hills
- G. Little House (Greenville)



WESTERN OHIO CAMP USAGE



Camp Use & Cost Per User

	WPW	SB	LIB	BW	RH	WH	Greenville	Total
Day Campers	3,150	3,948	4,176	2,360	942	1,042	851	16,469
Overnight Campers	3,925	3,189	2,944	2,232	2,276	509	488	15,563
Summer Camp Offerings**	2,994	3,158	3,222	4,743	875	425	0	15,417
Out of Council Groups	604	112	204	0	0	800	0	1,720
Grand Total	10,673	10,407	10,546	9,335	4,093	2,776	1,339	49,169
Site % of Grand Total	18.34%	29.21%	24.40%	19.88%	12.74%	36.05%	38.26%	21.63%
GSWO Only Total	10,069	10,295	10,342	9,335	4,093	1,976	1,339	47,449
Total Yearly Overnight Capacity	58,202	35,626	43,216	46,968	32,118	7,700	3,500	227,330
Annual Cost of Property	\$144,249	\$111,888	\$175,579	\$130,155	\$73,987	\$62,855	\$10,255	\$708,968
Cost per Camper DaY	\$14.33	\$10.87	\$16.98	\$13.94	\$18.08	\$31.81	\$7.66	\$14.94
GSWO Usage % T.Y.O. Capacity	17.30%	28.90%	23.93%	19.88%	12.74%	25.66%	38.26%	21.63%

Camp Libbey – Tier I

Camp Description

- Defiance / Defiance Co.
- 350 acres
- Dining Hall (200)
- Administrative building
(lg. + sm. conference rooms)
- *5 lodges (1 lodge x 2sides; clusters; cabins + “lodge house”)*
- *4 tent units (w/shower & toilet buildings in ea. unit)*
- Environmental Center
- Pool & Pool House
- Amphitheater Area
- High Ropes; Climbing Wall & Zip Line
- Low Initiatives
- Lagoon Sewage Treatment

Primary Program Uses

Day Camp TAC
Resident Camp
Archery
High Ropes / ACE
Troop /SU Camping



Property Concerns

Dining Hall – moisture damage & floor/ foundation deteriorating.

Camp Whip-Poor-Will Tier I

Camp Description

- Morrow / Warren Co.
- 505 acres
- 4 lodges (1 lodge w/ 2 sides)
- 3 cabin units (“platform cabins”)
- 5 tent units
- 1 “tree house” unit
- 1 conestoga wagon unit
- DH – year round
- pool & pool house
- climbing wall; zip line; low ropes
- high ropes (inactive)
- pond

Primary Program Uses

Resident Camp
Day Camp
Canoeing
Climbing Wall
Archery
Troop/ SU Camping

Property Concerns

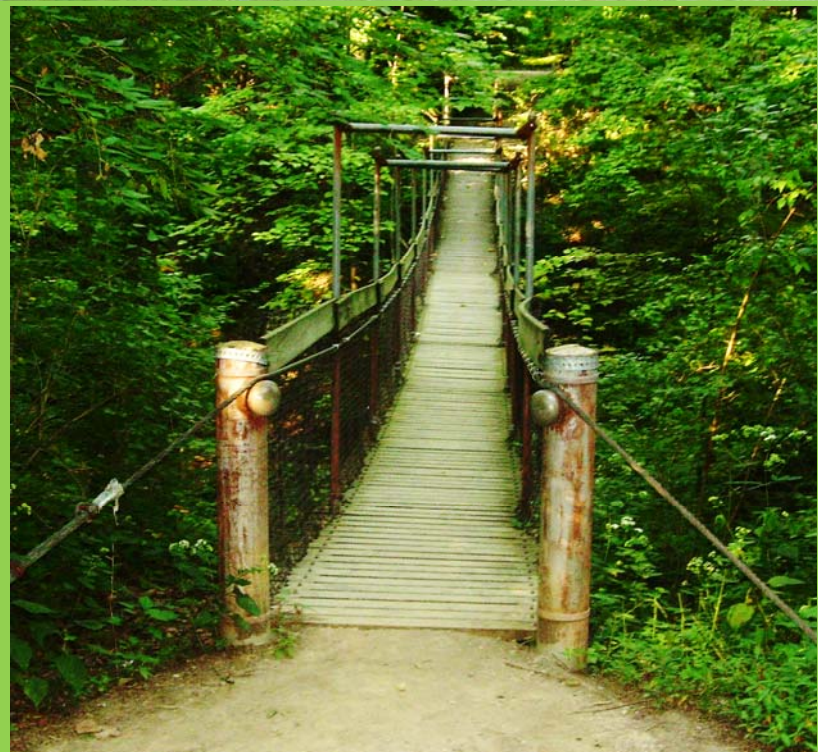
Shower / Toilet Building
needed for tent units.

Septic System needed.

Pool House deteriorating.

High Ropes - make decision
about continued use.

Camp Whip-Poor-Will Tier I



Camp Stonybrook – Tier I

Camp Description

- Waynesville / Warren Co.
- 305 acres
- 3 lodges (5 units: 2 bldgs. w/2 sides & director's cabin)
- 4 tent units
- DH (& can use for overnight)
- Pool & Pool House
- Low Initiatives Course
- Day Camp Area



Primary Program Uses

Troop Adventure Camp
Volunteer Day Camp
Low Initiatives
Troop/ SU Camping

Property Concerns

Pool House – Deteriorating
Day Camp Area – Primitive
Security – High potential for
development of adjacent
property

Camp Butterworth – Tier 2

Camp Description

- Hamilton Tnshp/Warren Co.
- 152.59 acres
- 5 lodges
- 4 tent units
- 2 shower /toilet buildings
- 2 Adirondack Units
- Dining Hall
- Pool & Pool House
- 3 Season Program Building
- Bouldering Wall
- Archery Barn
- Brownie Shelter

Primary Program Uses

Day Camp - Staffed
Day Camp – Volunteers
Archery
Bouldering
Troop/ SU Camping

Property Concerns

Beehive Lodge – new roof, new foundation, new plumbing

Friendship Lodge –new emergency exit / exterior stairs

Dining Hall – not winterized

Security – Access from bike trail

Camp Butterworth – Tier 2



Camp Woodhaven- Tier 2

Camp Description

- Lima / Allen Co.
- 20 acres
- 2 lodges (1 lodge + 1 conference center)
- 1 program / art building
- High Ropes & Low Initiatives Courses
- Pond

Primary Program Uses

Day Camp
Canoeing
Ropes
Pottery /Arts
Troop/ SU Camping

Property Concerns

Renovate Sweetbriar Lodge
Grounds - Drainage repair
Pond - Drainage
High Ropes - Elevate paths to improve drainage
Unused Property Parcel that could be sold.



Camp Rolling Hills – Tier 2

Camp Description

- Pleasant Hill / Miami Co.
- acres
- 2 lodges (*2 sides each lodge*)
- 1 Adirondack Unit
- 1 Platform Cabins Unit
- 1 Conestoga Wagon Unit
- 2 tent units
- Climbing Wall
- Pool



Primary Program Uses

Day Camp
Archery
Troop/ SU Camping



Property Concerns

Climbing Wall Repair
Grounds - Drainage improvements
Pool – Repair Pipes (under pool deck)

Little House (Greenville) – Tier 2

Camp Description

- Greenville / Miami Co.
- 0.7 acres
- 1 lodges (*only*)
- In city park

Primary Program Uses

Troop/ SU Camping

Property Concerns

None





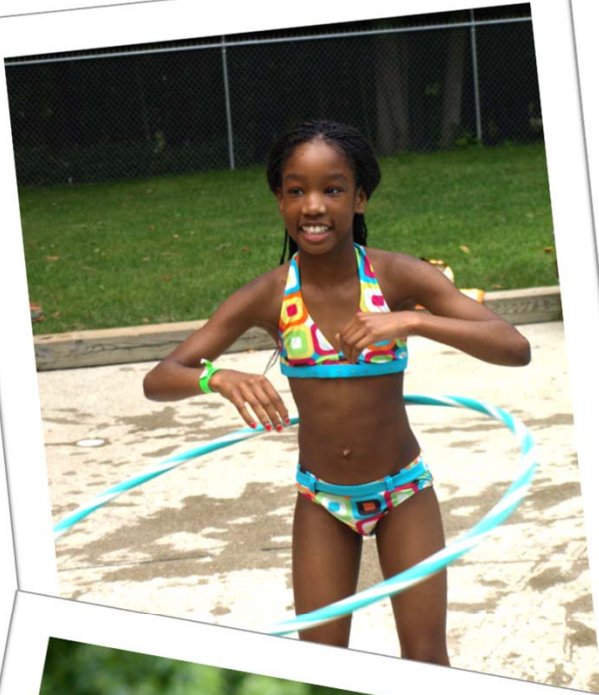
Values Statement and Criteria for Decision- Making

Values Statement

Girl Scout council outdoor program sites provide opportunities for girls to **discover, connect, and take action** in the out-of-doors in ways 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.



Guiding Principles for Decision-Making



“Girl Scouts of Western Ohio property will be managed to:

- Support high quality Girl Scout program experiences;
- Ensure the protection and safety of Girl Scouts;
- Promote environmental stewardship;
- Maintain fiscal efficiency, maximizing program benefit for every council investment;
- Minimize liability to Girl Scouts of Western Ohio;
- Protect the property’s future value and minimize future liability
- Maximize access for members, including ensuring that members are given priority for camp.

Guiding Principles for Decision-Making

Property planning decisions will be made based on balancing:

- Our commitment to providing a safe, high quality program experience for girls that delivers on the council Ends;
- Consideration of the unique contribution of program experiences in the outdoors;
- Investment in activities that attract a sufficient number of girls, including providing progression for girls for whom this is a specialized interest.
- The long-term and annual investment of capital and operating funds required to offer this program experience.






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Where do we go from here...

Next Steps

- **January:** Review and Update OD/ Property Guidelines and Principles
- **April 2016:** Review Recommendations of *Administrative Center Group*
- **June/September 2016:** Review (initial) recommendations of *Camp Task Group*





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QUESTION?

Girl Scout of Western Ohio Board
Outdoor Program Experience Task Group