



Camp Myeerah Decision-Making Process and Data

I. Background – Board Values and Principles 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 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 on Property

“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.

Property Criteria 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.

II. Board Task Group – Camp Recommendations

Three Tiers to Guide Camp Action – Based on site visits and a review of all council-owned properties, the task group established three tiers that guide the action taken with respect to the camp properties

1. **Tier 1 camps** will be maintained and improved, based upon existing maintenance and capital improvement processes (dependent upon available financial resources).
 Camp Libbey Camp WhipPoorWill Camp Stonybrook
2. **Tier 2 camps** will be improved and/or monitored over the next 3-5 years for changes in camp use and other risk areas, including encroachment. (Dependent upon available financial resources).
 Camp Butterworth Camp Rolling Hills Camp Woodhaven
3. **Tier 3 camps** will be sold or investigated for other options for ownership, management, or use of camp based on surrounding conditions or restrictions on use/sale of property.
 Camp Myeerah Camp Greene Camp Ladigrau

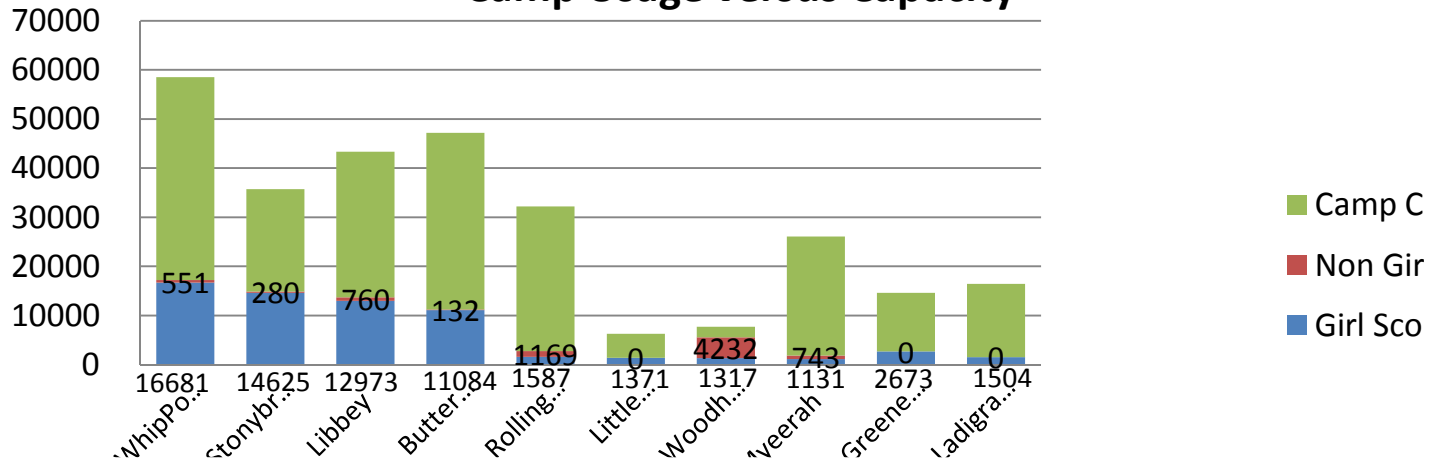
Tier 3 Camp Recommendations – Based upon evaluation of all council properties, the following recommendations are made to the board of directors concerning Tier 3 camps:

1. **Camp Ladigrau** - Market for sale.

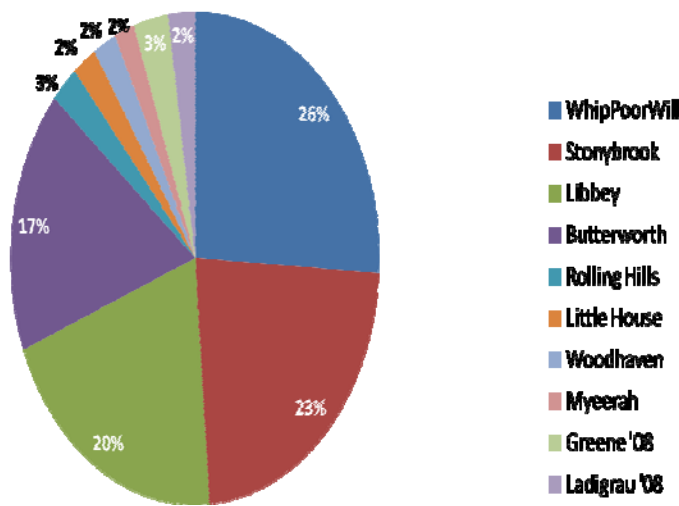
- Camp Myeerah** - Investigate options for collaborative agreement, sale or donation which would ideally allow for some continued Girl Scout usage. This option may include the sale of some or all of the camp property.
- Camp Greene** - Investigate options for collaborative agreement which may allow some future Girl Scout usage. Due to the donor restrictions on this property, there will be discussions with the donor. For the current time, this camp will remain closed.

III. Girl Scouts of Western Ohio and Camp Myeerah – Camp Data

Camp Usage versus Capacity



% of Total Camp Use



Camp Myeerah Usage- 2010 & 2011

Usage	2010	2011
Girl Scout (camper days) ¹	1131	1213
Non – Girl Scout	743	2273
% of Usage by GS	60.4%	34.7%
GS - % of Camp Capacity (camper days)	4.7%	5.0%
# of Individual Girls - 2011	Trp / SU Camp	318 girls
	Program Events	234 girls

IV. Camp Myeerah Offer – June 2012

June 2012 - Received an unsolicited offer to purchase Camp Myeerah from a local family

- Willing to assume conservation restrictions and current agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife
- Family is a local property owner, who wants property for personal use.
- Does not include option for continued Girl Scout use.

Communication Plan

- e-mail service unit managers and key camp users.
- Town Hall Meeting – open to Girl Scout members.

¹ **Camper Days** = number of campers x days used

Camper Day Capacity = available beds x number of weekend & spring/ summer vacation days (May – October capacity includes tent units)