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Dear Friends of Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania (GSHPA),

GSHPA is pleased to announce that we are launching a new page on our website, which will provide updates from the Property Committee's progress. GSHPA is moving forward to address the needs of each camp individually whether related to improvements or retirement. Since we have kicked off the 2018 camp season, we wanted to provide members with news and developments related to each property in our footprint.

The Property Committee, a committee of the Board of Directors, meets on the first Monday of each month. To find updates following monthly meetings, interested members can visit the **Property Committee page** on the GSHPA website, www.gshpa.org/en/our-council/Property-comm.html. **Updates will be published periodically.**

Additionally, we will hold quarterly town-hall style webinars. Registration for webinars and recordings of those webinars will be posted on the **Property Committee** page. Using a survey link, members can submit questions in advance of the webinars. Questions will be addressed as part of the webinar series.

In November 2017, the GSHPA Board decided on the future of the seven camps owned and operated by the Council. The board made the decision to **retain, review** or **retire** each of the seven properties.

Properties that have been **retained** are defined as properties for which the plan is the continued use for residential camp and other programming. Properties under **review** are defined as those in which the intention is the continued use for troop camping, day camping and other membership-related activities, but with an additional review over the course of three years against defined utilization and financial guidelines established by the Board.

Three properties are being **retired**, meaning, plans will be made to end all use, maintenance and ownership by GSHPA.

Camp Archbald (Susquehanna County)
Status: Review

- Camp Archbald is open and we are currently taking reservations.
- Troop Adventure Camp and Family Camp are both available and on the Event Calendar.

- We encourage members to make reservations by visiting www.gshpa.org or by calling 1-800-692-7816.
- Approximately 70 volunteers and staff attended a May 12, 2018 work day during which they prepared camp for summer, completing various landscaping, cleaning projects, and more.
- As directed by the Board, two parcels of undeveloped land that total 120 acres will be individually listed for sale with Timberland Realty in May 2018.
- Interested parties should contact Timberland Realty directly at www.timberlandrealty.net, listing agent Brian Bullard.
- Engineering assessments related to property infrastructure are currently underway.

Camp Echo Trail (York County)

Status: Retire

- Camp Echo Trail is closed.
- The property will be listed for sale late summer 2018. Interested parties should contact Timberland Realty directly at www.timberlandrealty.net, listing agent Brian Bullard.

Camp Furnace Hills (Lancaster County)

Status: Review

- Camp Furnace Hills is available for reservations for May 1 – September 1, 2018.
- We encourage members to make reservations by visiting www.gshpa.org or by calling 1-800-692-7816.
- On September 2, 2018, Camp Furnace Hills will close for ongoing forestry management until spring 2019.
- As directed by the Board, 50 acres will be retained and approximately 190 acres will be listed for sale in the spring 2019. Interested parties should contact Timberland Realty directly at www.timberlandrealty.net, listing agent Brian Bullard.

Camp Golden Pond (Huntingdon County)

Status: Retire

- Golden Pond is currently accepting reservations through the end of July 2018.
- We encourage members to make reservations by visiting www.gshpa.org or by calling 1-800-692-7816.
- Camp Golden Pond was listed for sale with Timberland Realty on May 1, 2018. Interested parties should contact Timberland Realty directly at www.timberlandrealty.net, listing agent Brian Bullard.
- Volunteers and staff are coordinating a closing ceremony for the property on July 28, 2018. For more information on the closing ceremony, please contact Kim Amsler, Regional Director, Kamsler@gshpa.org.

Camp Happy Valley (Adams County)**Status: Review**

- Camp Happy Valley is open for reservations.
- Troop Adventure Camp is available for the summer and on the Event Calendar.
- We encourage members to make reservations by visiting www.gshpa.org or by calling 1-800-692-7816.

Camp Louise (Columbia County)**Status: Retire**

- Camp Louise is closed.
- Volunteers and staff are working to establish a date for a closing ceremony.
- As directed by the Board, GSHPA continues to work with the Friends of Camp Louise.

Camp Small Valley (Dauphin County)**Status: Retain**

- Camp Small Valley is open for reservations.
- Resident camp will be open from June – August 2018.
- We encourage members to make reservations by visiting www.gshpa.org or by calling 1-800-692-7816.

GSHPA is dedicated to a process driven by board oversight and governance. For a review of our Governance and Management Policies, please take a look at GSHPA's Delegate Handbook, located at www.gshpa.org. We are pleased to serve the membership and provide you with these on-going updates.

Yours in Scouting,



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