

## Introductions

- Dave Cornell, Project Architect, Boy Scouts of America
- Chris Miller – SKC Board Member, Board President
- Jay Jacobsmeyer – SKC Board Member, Vice President of Properties
- Sue Vasko – SKC Board Member, Vice President of Program
- Connie Everhardt – SKC Board Member
- Greg Comfort – SKC Board Member, Past Board President
- Keith Morrow – SKC Board Member, Camping Chair
- Deanna Biros – SKC Board Member
- Erin Thompson – SKC Board Member
- Matt Shaw – Camp Falling Rock, Program Director
- Drew Thiele – Chief Logan Reservation, Camp Director & Chair of Worker Bees Patrol
- Justin Cox – Camp Lazarus, Property's Committee Member
- Vince Phillips – Camp Lazarus, Property's Committee Member
- Jeff Moe – Scout Executive, Simon Kenton Council
- Phil Smith – Director of Support Services, Simon Kenton Council
- Matt Taylor – Operations Director, Camp Oyo, Simon Kenton Council

## Purpose

- Focus - use and/or improvements to four camps
- Cornell emphasized history and direction, asking “Why we made the decision to cease operations at Chief Logan Reservation?” Numerous board members provided answers, varying from operational costs to camp usage, while agreeing the decision was multifaceted and layered.

Many discussed the broadness of where to go. There are many options and Simon Kenton Council has to figure out what they want to be and where they want to go. Cornell stated that the camps must reflect the brand, locally and nationally. He also confirmed a comment from Moe that this will be the primary focus of BSA National moving forward over the next year or two. Many of the existing camps no longer reflect the BSA brand, nor represent it well. As such, many failing camps will be addressed expeditiously.

The underlying questions that were discussed included and centered around the following:

- What is SKC's niche? What does the Council want to be known for?
- What do the existing camps say about the SKC brand?
- What elements should THE SKC camp have?
- Based on the “Dream Camp,” which of the existing properties can be made to best fit the idea or should a new location be considered?

## Elements - items inside and outside of camps

The committee identified, at a very high level, elements that must be considered and included in an ideal camp. They are:

- Restrooms
- Housing
  - Cabins
  - Tents
  - Dormitories
  - Primitive/Backcountry Camping Area
- Program Areas - \*Not all areas are listed and this will expand at the next meeting

- Aquatics
  - Lake
  - Pool
- Shooting Sports
- Field Game Area
- Equestrian
- Medical Office
- Food/Commissary/Dining Facilities
- Training and Conference Center
- Council Ring
- Amphitheater
- Utility Infrastructure/Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Maintenance Area
- Alternative Energy Sources, including wind, solar, and hydro
- Parking – Large enough for events
- Winder Sports Options
- Weekend Uses
- Chapel
- Safety Locations
- High Speed Internet w/ WiFi
- Business Center

In consideration for the size of the camp location, it was determined that camp would be built to accommodate 500 weekly summer camp attendees.

When niche was mentioned again, Cox acknowledged that of the existing camps, only Camp Falling Rock had any kind of a niche with its natural rock face for rappelling.

Cornell posed the question differently, asking, “What do our customers want?”

Biros replied with adventure, leadership development, nice and upkeep facilities. She further encouraged the committee to create opportunities to engage our youth membership to get their opinions.

Thiele replied saying Scouts want community. They want to be challenged in a safe space to grow personally in leadership and character through an outdoor experience. Camps are for kids that don't fit in. Camps should provide places where kids can grow.

The group concluded the camp should accommodate year round usage, provide a variety of program, deliver great customer service, provide a safe camping and outdoor experience, and feel like a resort. Youth need to see the camp as THE place to be, current and relevant, serving today's and tomorrow's youth.

The end result must be a sustainable solution for Simon Kenton Council.

### **Method**

- Illustrations - develop images of solutions or options of
  - Cornell challenged everyone to think and see the camp through the eyes of a 12/13 yr old Scout and asked everyone to come back with illustrations or ideas for each of the elements of the ideal camp.
- Cost estimates - provide estimates of various solutions for budget explorations

- Promotion - communication of plan to constituency

**Timeline**

Next meeting is scheduled for **January 7, 2019**.

**Responsibilities**

- Property
- Costs
- Illustrations
- Communication

**Dismissal**