

SKC Master Camp Planning: Meeting Notes

Feb. 4, 2020

20 attendees

Notes:

- Everything we hope to have could possibly fit at Chief Logan or Falling Rock, but won't rule out a greenfield
- Need to prepare for May presentation – we won't have a completely designed camp, but we will have a clear direction and outline. Possibly some picture vignettes. Board will vote and we will follow direction from there.
- Will form more manageable work groups – they will need to meet outside of this meeting; present to team on Feb. 25
- A Dropbox will be available – review ideas, gather research
- Plan to communicate March 10 with camp overview/layout (even if not final)
Also gathering input through focus groups with adults and youth now
- 4 groups:
 1. Camp Support (entrance, visitor center, health, dining, training, etc.)
 2. Program Areas (aquatics, climbing, shooting, nature, etc.)
 3. Accommodations (backcountry, tents, staff cabins, troop cabins, etc.)
 4. Infrastructure (utilities, restrooms, maintenance, ranger residence, etc.)
- Be prepared to share what you're thinking – narrative, pictures (what we want and what we think it should look like). Don't be limited by what's already listed in your area. Dream big. No boundaries at this point. How can we, as a council, impact the Scouting program in Ohio? Think about what could be a draw in our area.
- We'll start with the vision of creating a first-class Scout camp, but this could evolve to be a destination property. It's a fluid and dynamic process.
- How do we compare to other camps in Ohio? Others have better facilities that are a draw for Scouts.

Camp Support Discussion:

- Revisit the 500 youth for summer camp. Seems too big. Go smaller and max out (might attract more people.) Build for 400, but expandable. Ability to flex up and down.
- Dining hall – split into parts



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- Multipurpose building (or complex of buildings): Welcome center, trading post and administration, health, business center/leader lounge all in the same building. Need A/V and internet in the building.
- Training – standalone facility that accommodates at least 100. Could hold district dinners, cub scout daycamp, NYLT, Wood Badge, etc.
- Ranger home – standalone near front of camp. Signage/contact info to get a hold of ranger
- Branded signage coming into camp. Need the right roadway.
- Roads and parking – what’s the most durable? Prefer look of asphalt.
- Programming – incorporate camp maintenance/landscaping part of merit badges
- User friendly, clean, pavement to eliminate mud.
- Entrance goes to parking lot, short paved walk to multipurpose building. Walking paths between buildings.
- For Cubs, everything needs to be in eyesite.
- Amphitheatre with a view.
- Need to know paid staff by position (will impact building accommodations) – Drew to send info.
- 325 campers; 65 staff at Chief Logan today.

Program Discussion:

- Added cafeteria, athletics, youth training, biking, ATVs. Aquatics, cope and climbing and shooting sports will require more conversations.

Accommodations Discussion:

- Can’t forget about backcountry, needs to be above sea level
- Cabins
- Nicer tent camping, canvas tent, elevated
- Staff cabins – need something that keeps people coming back, possibly a kitchenette, toilet/shower in the structure
- 80-100 person lodge/dorm

Infrastructure Discussion:

- Water usage, power usage, will depend on building size
- Restrooms and shower houses – 4 seasons, not shut down for winter. Small laundry area. Solar panels.
- City water or well water?
- Vertical space, heavier shelving, proper inventory system, storage for tools that deters theft
- Sanitation/waste water will be a big topic.

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- Internet for training center
 - May need more than one ranger/ranger house
 - Suggestion to keep highlighting the progress council is making in other areas, too.
 - Next meeting: Feb. 25