

SKC Master Camp Planning: Meeting Notes

April 27, 2020

20 attendees

Meeting Notes:

- The team took a deeper look at Falling Rock (FR). We will focus on Chief Logan Reservation (CLR) during the next meeting.
- For FR, looked at build/no-build areas. Everything on the list of recommendations would fit into Falling Rock, except a 50-acre lake, and still allow for some buildable space.
- The team reviewed sketches of potential layouts. Includes 6-acre parade field (noted from earlier conversations that we would need a good amount of space in any camp for this.)
- We could have a more efficient layout at Falling Rock if we “started over” and built from the ground up. Could engage efficiencies – for example, try to locate more program toward the center.
- Across street, could fit shooting sports, including 5-stand (takes up a lot of room).
- Would need a way to get across the road, such as a bridge.
- Road is available for secondary entry (but can be swampy).
- Southern area could be a training facility/conference area (currently ATV area).
- Could not include 50-acre lake.
- Round numbers, nearly \$10.5 million to build structures (doesn’t include road system, utilities). Not dressing to nines; not barebones either.
- Took into account cost estimates across the country.
- Could build in phases, as we have the funds. For example, maybe a training facility would be phase 2 or 3.
- Currently well water. Is municipal water available? Holding pond?
- What about a separate area for Cubs? Need for a second dining hall?
- **Cons:**
 - Disjointed areas, spread out between different areas, might be a long walk
 - Roads separating parts of camp
 - Lake isn’t ideal. It’s small for a camp this size. Would need to consider deepening it and expanding it.
 - Utility work will be a challenge – power, water, sanitation
 - Location isn’t geographically central to the council. It is closer to the greatest concentration of members.
 - Potential security challenges with remote areas (could invite vandalism)
- **Pros:**
 - We have a camp with space that accommodates what we want
 - Shooting sports, could be separated by a road (an attractive option)



- Variety of terrain
- Will conduct a similar assessment for Chief Logan. A few notes so far:
 - CLR - campsites tucked into terrain areas that might appear to be on unbuildable land.
 - Could expand lake/make longer.
 - Flat land (owned by other entities) on other side of railroad tracks and around ridge on upper left of camp layout.
- Is option 3/going greenfield a reasonable option? The primary reason to do it would be to establish a camp that is geographically in the center of the council. The cost would be significantly higher overall.
- As we build the camp, will need a good transition plan to try to avoid losing campers and staff if a summer camp needs to close.
- Working on a density map of the council – where are our concentrations of Scouts geographically?
- Need to ensure history and culture of council and all camps are represented in the solution. When the timing is right, establish a committee to recommend how to transition culture and programming that we don't want to lose.
- Why this work is important: We need to be in a position where we as a council are making the choices, not the other way around.
- Next meeting: Monday, May 4 at 6 p.m.

Sample view of parade field at FR surrounded by camping areas:





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