



PROPERTY LONG RANGE PLAN
“Camp Northern Star”



Summary
Northern Star Council Property Long Range Plan
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“Camp Northern Star” is a concept, a method, a territory, a network and a culture – all to be anchored by one base camp. It is many camps working as one to deliver the rich resources and 100 year legacy of Scouting within the Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America.

NORTHERN STAR BASE CAMP – Fort Snelling

Base Camp shall serve as a combined programmatic and administrative hub, in support of units and districts and community partners. Base Camp is the literal and figurative center of “Camp Northern Star.” This urban camping, training and program center will function interactively with a future onsite Council Service Center/Scout Shop, supported by a trio of Scout Shop/customer service centers distributed geographically around the suburban ring.

Outside of the suburban ring, there shall be two long-term Boy Scout camps, three resident Cub Scout Camps, one training camp, and multiple collaborations with non-owned weekend camping facilities, mostly inside the suburban ring.

Phase Two Capital Campaign Investment:

\$2,000,000	Acquisition
\$3,000,000	Development
\$5,000,000	Total

Northern Star camps and their current/future roles in the overall network are:

FRED C. ANDERSEN SCOUT CAMP - Houlton, WI

Located just five miles northeast of Stillwater, Minnesota is Fred C. Andersen Scout Camp. The camp boasts 260 acres along the St. Croix River. Year-round camping, 17 winterized cabins, campsites, and a one-mile trail to a backpacking campsite make this property one of the most active camps. A trading post with snacks, souvenirs, craft items, and Scouting literature is available upon request and ranger's availability. The Andersen-Weekes Tree Farm is a 60-acre site of gently rolling hills, open fields and woodlands perfect for camporees, district events and large groups. This camp is the busiest in the council for pack and troop camping, and in the summer hosts five week-long Boy Scout National Youth Leader Training sessions.

Long Range Plans:

A final project in the Phase One Capital Campaign is Swanson Lodge, which is nearing completion within a budget of \$690,000. This facility will launch Fred C. Andersen into its next 100 years hosting a variety of training courses for both Northern Star Council as well as its community partners.

KIWANIS SCOUT CAMP - Marine on St. Croix, MN

Kiwanis Scout Camp is 110 acres nestled on the banks of the St. Croix River. The camp is a unique property, which can provide summer activities: swimming pool, tennis courts, basketball, volleyball, softball, BB guns, archery, hiking trails, canoes, rowboats, bouldering wall, climbing tower, and team building course. Wintertime doesn't slow down at Kiwanis with sledding, snow shoeing, broomball, petting farm, and crafts. This camp also can provide a dining hall for 130 people, a 36-person dormitory, six sleeping cabins, bunkhouse, and a fellowship hall for 100 people. A trading post with snacks, souvenirs, craft items, and Scouting literature is available upon request and ranger's availability.

Long Range Plans:

This wonderful long-term leaseholder partnership with the St. Paul Kiwanis Club not only serves weekend unit camping but is also home to the most popular resident camping programs – often with a waiting list. Kiwanis Scout Camp has many community partners including long standing relationships with the St. Paul Public Schools and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Fork Horn programs. No more significant improvements are planned at this time.

MANY POINT SCOUT CAMP - Ponsford, MN

This resident summer camp is located in a beautiful wilderness setting in northwest Minnesota near the town of Park Rapids. With its 2400 acres of wooded land in the White Earth State Forest, 8 miles of shoreline on Many Point and Round Lake, and location adjacent to the 143,000 acres of the Tamarack National Wildlife Refuge it's the perfect place for a Scout Troop's, or Venture Crew's summer camp experience. The cornerstone of Many Point's program continues to be deeply rooted in its founding principles of developing units to be stronger troops and crews. Many Point also prides itself on its variety of program activities, quality of advancement opportunities, great food and a customer-service-oriented and Mission-focused camp staff. Many Point is not utilized for weekend camping.

Phase Two Capital Campaign Investment:

\$ 500,000	Central Kitchen and Staff Area
\$ 500,000	Buckskin and Voyageur Shower Buildings
\$ 75,000	Ranger Home Renovation
\$ 60,000	Ten Chiefs Trading Post
\$ 20,000	Ten Chiefs Lodge Kitchen Upgrade
\$ 20,000	Latrine Replacement (4)
\$ 70,000	Buckskin Handicrafts Building and Storm Shelter
\$ 100,000	Flintlock Lodge Renovation
\$ 6,000	Health Lodge Septic Systems
\$ 70,000	Roads and Infrastructure (Ottertrail River Crossing)
\$ 20,000	Skid Steer
\$ 50,000	Family Camp Cabin Renovations
\$ 75,000	Buckskin Nature Center
\$ 20,000	Climbing Tower Additions
\$1,586,000	Total

Long Range Plans:

Some of Many Point's long range goals include a campsite improvement campaign that will strengthen and improve campsites to promote troop loyalty. Many Point has long prided itself on its strong program offerings for first through fourth year Scouts and is making concentrated efforts to attract older Scouts as well. Recently, Many Point implemented week-long specialty camps focused on SCUBA, emergency response and aquatic adventures for older Scouts. Future goals include more specialty camps, and more high adventure and training opportunities that will strengthen both the solidarity and size of troops and crews attending camp. Continued physical improvements are also planned with the goal of better serving current Scouters and attracting new units to camp.

PHILLIPPO SCOUT RESERVATION - Cannon Falls, MN

The reservation is located on the south shore of the Byllesby Reservoir, three miles west of Cannon Falls. The reservation is 450 acres of rolling fields, wooded campsites and hills overlooking the Cannon River valley. Phillippo Scout Reservation features nine winterized cabins, a 48 person Conference Center, campsites, cross country ski trails, lighted snow tube hill, canoes, and a modern 400-person dining hall. Phillippo Scout Reservation is well suited for weekend tent camping, winter cabin camping, unit camping and summer activities. This is the council's largest resident Cub Camp in the summer, and primary winter Cub Day Camp facility.

Long Range Plans:

Long range plans for Phillippo Scout Reservation include continued growth in non-Scout partnerships and increasing our Girl Scout camps during the summer months (served 200+ in 2008). Expanded Cub resident weekend camping will also be important, leading up to the development of Stearns Scout Camp. Phillippo Scout Reservation's campmaster programs and leader training courses will all be further developed as we prepare for our next 100 years.

RUM RIVER SCOUT CAMP - Ramsey, MN

A year round camp located 4 miles north of Anoka on Minnesota's state Highway 47. Its 160 acres feature wooded campsites, three enclosed activity buildings, a campmaster lodge, a sliding hill, orienteering, cross country skiing, snow shoeing and a nature trail.

Long Range Plans:

A partnership with Anoka County Parks to develop similar/alternative facilities at Rum River Central Regional Park is being pursued, and Rum River Scout Camp is expected to be replaced in the next 3-5 years.

STEARNS SCOUT CAMP - Annandale, MN

A year round camp located north of Annandale on Stearns County Highway 44. Stearns is the home to a Cub Scout Resident Camp that will be expanded significantly in future years. Conveniently located 45 minutes NW of Minneapolis, Stearns features 12 buildings and shelters, hiking, orienteering, bouldering, climbing tower, disc golf, cross country skiing, and snow shoeing, and over 1200 acres of forest, lakes, and owls. In addition to several large camporee areas, Stearns is also home to the Northwinds Boy Scout Winter Camp, and Cub Scout winter day camp will be added soon.

Phase Two Capital Campaign Investment:

\$1,800,000	Dining Hall for Cub Resident Camp
\$ 300,000	Water Feature and Shower House
\$ 80,000	Storm Shelters
\$ 140,000	Nature Center
\$ 150,000	Road Construction
\$ 200,000	Camper Platforms and Tents (Accommodate 400)
\$ 24,205	Climbing Tower
\$ 55,000	Program Areas
\$2,749,205	Total

Long Range Plans:

Stearns Scout Camp will not only include a Cub Resident Camp facility but will also host 2nd level programs that will start at base camp. These “next” programs will include team building and self-reliance activities, and an introduction to the Minnesota wilderness. Outdoor education will be a vital part of Stearns Scout Camps. Stearns Scout Camp is currently hosting many community partners as well as a number of Scoutreach programs such as Latino soccer and Zulu District activities. In 2009, Stearns Scout Camp will host a nine-stake LDS encampment with more than 900 participants. The final plan for Stearns Scout Camp is to host an expanded Polar Cubs program, serving youth from the west side of Northern Star Council as well as Cubs from Central Minnesota Council. Camporee fields will also be improved at several locations.

TOMAHAWK SCOUT RESERVATION - Birchwood, WI

Tomahawk Scout Reservation is located on Long Lake in northwestern Wisconsin, 20 miles north of Rice Lake, encompassing nearly 3,100 acres of woodland area and nine miles of shoreline. Through four large, well equipped sub-camps, each with different meal serving options, programs are offered for various ages. Some unique programs include rock climbing, big boat sailing, COPE, canoe outpost, white water rafting, high adventure kayaking, Brownsea, camp-wide competitions, ecology, snorkeling, Scoutcraft, lifeguard training, bison ranching, climbing towers, horse rides, along with 30-plus merit badge offerings! This camp also serves as a base for high adventure trips to Lake Superior and other locations. In the winter it is home to Snow Base for Boy Scouts.

Phase Two Capital Campaign Investment:

\$ 550,000	History/Welcome Center
\$ 35,000	New Entrance Road
\$4,056,000	Land Acquisition
\$4,641,000	Total

Long Range Plans:

Tomahawk Scout Reservation’s long range plans include adding more program features for older boy high adventure needs as well as working to provide more programs for Venture crews. Tomahawk will become even more of a regional camp, continuing to host hundreds of visiting council troops and hosting National Camp Schools. Tomahawk plans to offer more training opportunities for volunteers attending, and strengthening the volunteer involvement in the camping committee. With recent land acquisitions and a new entrance road complete with a Welcome Center, Tomahawk will be prepared for its next 100 years.