

In the spring of 2013, volunteers started the Adopt-a-Camp program to spiff up our beloved Camp Low. Since then team members have given several thousand hours of their time to accomplish jobs that camp funds just could not cover.

Those efforts completed work valued at well over \$300,000. This is money *not* required by Council to do the much needed repairs. These jobs were completed because someone cared.

Troops and girls reap the benefits of someone's generosity in giving their time and skills. However it is time insure that our progress continues.

The Camp Low Adopt-A-Camp Team has made a difference, but there is so much more needed, AND there is something that everyone can do. Troops, girls, and volunteers can help in one of 3 ways!

- 1) Service Areas Take the 5-1-WIN Challenge.
- 2) Troops can *adopt* a section of camp.
- 3) Anyone can donate to the *Buy-a-Board Campaign*.

For more information go to www.gshg.org and search "Adopt-a-Camp"

To see our progress, go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/793057187407020/>

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart."
-Elizabeth Andrew



Interested in taking part in the Camp Low Adopt-a-Camp Program? Have questions about the program? Contact one of our Adopt-a-Camp Team Members!

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If you're interested in Adopt-a-Camp in your region, contact Cheryl Legette
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CAMP LOW

Adopt-a-Camp Program




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Take the 5-1-WIN Challenge!

(5 Volunteers- 1 Weekend- we all WIN)

The Savannah Region has 4 districts. Each District is being asked to select one (1) of the 4 A.C.T. Volunteer Weekends per year. Then Service Areas in that District are being challenged to recruit at least 5 skilled volunteers to work with the Adopt-a-Camp Team (ACT) that one weekend. Just a few volunteers from each Service Area can make a huge difference when we all work together! SKILLED volunteers can assist in a variety of ways- carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, landscaping, or using power tools. If you bring the skill, we can find a job to match.

To insure camp availability, our Volunteer Weekend dates must be planned early. Each season will have a Volunteer Weekend: Fall (November); Winter (January); Spring (March); and Summer (May). Exact dates each year will be posted on the gshg.org website.

Volunteers need not even be registered Girl Scouts: just fill out a simple ACT information sheet, health history, and GS volunteer waiver. Adopt-a-Camp Team leaders will be on hand during weekends to direct efforts, answer questions, and procure needed materials.

What are the benefits of volunteering? Beginning in the 2015/2016 Girl Scout year, adults who come out for one Volunteer ACT weekend will receive a certificate granting free attendance to a girl of their choice to a super camp day in May!



Troop Adoptions

Participating troops can "Adopt" a site by committing to work at the site a minimum of 4 hours per girl attending. Troops can: clean windows and screens; clean furniture; clean inside and outside walls or tents; wipe down cots or mattresses; remove limbs and debris; replace firewood; report the need for repairs; or complete other approved projects. Adoptive troops will be recognized in Samoa News and be eligible to receive an Adopt-a-Camp Team patch.

Adopting an area allows troops to have the full day at Camp Low. For example: troops could work during the morning, have lunch at camp, then do your own camp activities during the afternoon, and a campfire at night.

*Interested troops contact **Diana McDaniel** for more details as to how to become a valuable part of the Adopt-a-Camp Team.*

Be aware that **if troops come on a date other than a scheduled A.C.T. date**, they must verify availability of the work site through Council by contacting Teresa Laird at tlaird@gshg.org. If troops hope to stay overnight on non-scheduled days they must sign up and pay the usual fees.

Buy A Board Campaign!



The Adopt-a-Camp Team of Girl Scout volunteers is always looking for ways to improve Camp Low. Donations of \$25 or more can "buy a board" or materials to help us complete camp repairs. Early projects have included: rebuilding 360' of boardwalk over the marsh, repairing the floating dock and fixed dock, repairing the lodge roof, moving and rebuilding a historical cabin, and making improvements to the craft building, platform tents, cabins, and bathhouses. Contributions to Buy-a-Board are a great way everyone can participate.

Make check payable to:
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia

Put on memo line:
Buy a Board Camp Low

Send to:
Girl Scouts of Historic GA
Attention: Dawn Kaley
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