

Camp Low Troop Adoption Program

This adoption is considered active from October 1, 2015 thru October 1, 2016.

My __Troop, __Group, __Service Area would like to adopt ___Tidewater, ___Driftwood, ___Salt Meadows, ___Whitecaps, or ___Other_____.

The adoption requires a commitment of a 4 hour(*minimum*) per girl attending. The responsibilities would include basic cleaning windows, wiping furniture, sweeping, brushing walls (inside and out), brushing down ceilings- especially corners, removal of any litter, and general cleaning and prepping of the area --removal of limbs, replacement of firewood etc. Tarps above platform tents can be removed and scrubbed (ask for help with this job if they choose this). Much of the equipment such as scrub brushes, gloves, goggles, hard hats (to keep out spider webs), etc are located at Camp Low and can be loaned to troops. (Girls are not expected to scrub toilets or showers.) Please, report any needed repairs to camp staff Willie Allen, or send notice by email to wallen@gshg.org, or stelaupit@gmail.com.

Any other service beyond the basic cleaning (such as painting) may be possible, but will need prior approval by the Adopt-a-Camp Team. E-mail one of the Adopt-a Camp Team (ACT) below with questions or suggestions. Please allow at least 2 weeks for approval of your proposal.

Your Group may choose any time for your service, but an A.C.T. work weekend is recommended. (This would be an ideal time to bring your Dad, Granddad, or family friend to lend a hand with our A.C.T. 5-1-WIN Challenge work.) However, if you choose a different weekend, you will need to go through the normal GSHG camp registration process to verify that the camp is available on the day you desire (*usually requiring longer approval time*). Adopting an area, allows you to have the full day at Camp Low. For example: you could work during the morning, have lunch at camp, then do camp activities during the afternoon and a campfire in the evening. However, please be aware that to spend the night , you must register through Council and pay as usual if you are coming on a weekend other than the ACT weekends. For day only Troop Adoption sessions, contact Teresa Laird at tlaird@gshg.org to insure that the camp site you want to work on is available.

Groups completing an ACT service project will be recognized in a Council publication, be invited to attend Adopt-a- Camp Recognition ceremonies, and members will be eligible to obtain the Adopt-a-Camp patch for their uniform.

Diana McDaniel is the Troop Liaison member for A.C.T. and will be happy to answer questions and help get troops on their way to become important members of our team. **All troops requests to stay overnight and participate in an existing A.C.T weekend will be accommodated on a First-Request Basis because lodging for A.C.T weekends is limited.** Thank you for accepting this worthwhile service project.

Camp Low Adopt-a-Camp Team Coordinators,
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Contact information:

Leader _____ Email _____

Address: _____

Troop # _____ number of girls _____ Level(s) _____

Phone: home _____ cell _____ other _____

Troop Camp Adoption (details)

ACT has **ONLY one unit** of the camp booked 4 times during the year at no cost to the participants (all who come to work, not just girls). Anyone (troops or adults) working that weekend is welcome to stay that weekend in that unit IF there is room.

For any other weekends other than the 4 seasonal ones, troops who want to "Adopt" will need to book the camp as usual and pay as usual if they are staying overnight.

If they are not staying overnight, and are just going up for the day to work, then they do not have to pay, though they have to check with Council to make sure they have a spot to congregate and operate out of (like one of the units.) They can even stay into the evening for a campfire- making sure the campfire is out before leaving-- **but not over night. VERIFY CAMP AVAILABILITY THOUGH TERESA LAIRD (tlaird@gshq.org)**

The girls in the Troops who are "adopting" are not expected to work 8 hours per day, so there is a little leeway for them to spend a **recommended 4 or more hours working**. HOWEVER, they cannot claim to "adopt" a part of camp if no meaningful amount of time is spent doing necessary work. Please keep it honest--no "make believe" jobs (wandering around camp, pretending to "do a cleanup" while actually just picking up 2 or 3 pieces of paper, etc). The girls will appreciate true work much more than fictional work.

But, never fear, there is a large list of jobs that need to be done. Girls can do the work, then have the rest of the day to do other stuff (cook out, practice outdoor skills, do a marsh walk, etc) though things like canoeing, archery, and the pool are not available. As for activities they may do, the sticking point here is that NO additional gear should have to be hunted down, pulled out, or the pool cleaned before or after their visit. If troops want any other camp activities that are available that day (like the low ropes course) then a currently CERTIFIED facilitator **MUST** be on hand at all times. ***The goal is not to make work for anyone else -Willie or Rick- or even risk damage to the camp equipment.***