



LaSalle Council  
Camp Maintenance Endowment Fund... What's Next?  
2008 Year-End Progress Report

We are so blessed to have three wonderful and unique camp properties here in the LaSalle Council. Thank you for your support in helping with the future quality and safety of these Scout camping properties.

Our primary responsibility is to further Scouting by reaching out to more youth with our great program and to prepare them to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Our camp properties provide the perfect atmosphere in which to accomplish these important goals.

As you are aware, we have begun the task of raising \$350,000 for a permanently restricted camp maintenance endowment fund (that will provide interest income in perpetuity) to help fill the critical short & long term camp maintenance needs. The Executive Board put a deadline on this campaign of November 30, 2008 (one year). When the Executive Board members met this past September, they first acknowledged the milestone of raising \$113,000 and then motioned to extend the deadline to March 2010. They also deferred considering the sale of property pending the attainment of this goal.

We have now raised \$125,000 and are entering Phase 2 of this important campaign. While we have made great strides, our task is too important to stop now. We need all the support we can get! We are now looking at adding on to this campaign through life insurance policies, wills, trusts and other unique ways. Please contact us if you or someone you know would like more information.

We realize that you have made a gift in the past and we are grateful. However, we are asking you to please consider making a 2008 year-end gift or commitment now. If you desire, you may spread your payments over the next three years. Your continued leadership and support will make a positive difference for our Scouts at all our camps. This is doubly important in a troubled economy – we need this designated restricted fund to benefit our camps and to ensure the quality of our Scout camps today and into the future.

We had an outstanding camping year at all three of our camps. We reached over 16,000 youth and adults with the camp experience. We again attained the National Quality Class A Summer Camp status for Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting at Camp Topenebee and at Camp Tamarack, Wood Lake Scout Reservation. Additionally, usage of our rustic Camp Rice Woods continues to grow. We can be proud of all three camps and we hope you will again consider using the enclosed form to make a commitment to preserve Scout camping here in LaSalle Council.

Thank You and God Bless You and Yours,

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PS For any gift of \$100 or more, you will receive the Camp Rice Woods 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Patch!