Girl Scouts of Western Washington-Camp Properties and Programs Master Plan

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

irl Scouts of Western Washington (GSWW) owns and manages seven camp properties comprising over 1,800 acres and providing outdoor programs to over 24,000 individuals annually. The camp system has provided immersive settings for meaningful, transformative outdoor experiences for generations of Girl Scouts.

The Camp Properties and Programs Master Plan leverages the unique characteristics of each camp setting and the traditional strengths of the organization - leadership and community - in articulating a sustainable framework for high-quality, engaging outdoor programs, sites, and facilities.

Based on the project findings, the GSWW Board adopted the recommendation to concentrate resources and efforts to enhance programs and developments at four camp properties — Robbinswold, River Ranch, St. Albans and Lyle McLeod. The three remaining properties were reserved for near-term tent camping and future development potential when additional capacity is needed.

The Camp Master Plan Vision enlists six programmatic directions that build upon the traditional Girl Scout strengths of leadership, community and recreation, while addressing identified program gaps in environmental education and science; technology, engineering and math; arts, culture and progression. The programmatic directions serve as system-wide focus areas which, in conjunction with site characteristics and opportunities, inform the specific program offerings at each camp. The program framework encourages girls to explore the camp system as they advance their skills, seek new experiences, grow as leaders, and expand their spheres of influence.



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