

June 8, 2011

Dear Scout Camp Friends,

We are excited to report that thanks to you and others like you, we have secured the long term future of our three LaSalle Council Camps. The Camp Maintenance Endowment Fund is now up to \$310,000. Rice Woods Camp, Camp Topenebee and Camp Tamarack, Wood Lake Scout Reservation will be better preserved and protected for future generations of Scouts.

We have recently been afforded a great opportunity. We have been given an Anonymous Matching (Challenge) Grant of \$20,000 to help build up this crucial Camp Maintenance Endowment Fund. If we secure an additional \$20,000 in gifts by December 31, 2011 this donor will match it with another \$20,000. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our camps.

For anyone who has already contributed to this fund and would like to add to their current gift total, you have the possibility to become a James E West Fellow. If your total donation (with the matching funds included) is at least \$1,000, you will receive the National BSA James E West Certificate, and become a member of the LaSalle Council Heritage Society. If you donate by October 1, you will be invited to our Heritage Society Dinner on October 12, 2011. All James E West donor names will be added to the beautiful Camp Maintenance Endowment plaques (if paid by December 31, 2011). These plaques will be proudly displayed at each of LaSalle Council's four properties.

We invite anyone who has given any amount to this critical camp fund to come out and visit one of our treasured camps for a short ceremony and light refreshments. We will unveil the new plaques and honor all who have given toward the safety, quality and future of our camps. You will be able to see some of the many improvements we have made over the last few years. Please come to one or all of these dedications. We would love to have you join us.

<b>CAMP TOPENEBEE</b> National Youth Leadership Training	Horton-Hiler Lodge	July 13	6:30pm (CDT)
<b>CAMP TAMARACK</b> Wood Lake Scout Reservation Boy Scout Summer Camp	Dining Hall	July 20	6:30pm (EDT)
<b>RICE WOODS CAMP</b> Order Of The Arrow Ordeal Induction Weekend	Rice Woods Cabin	Sept 24	6:30pm (EDT)

This tremendous opportunity will go a long way to help us reach our 2011 goal of \$400,000. We still have a great need to build up this permanently restricted endowment fund. Thanks for your help! This fund supports on-going camp needs at these historical camp properties, making them safe, fun, and beautiful for generations to come.

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