Conservation Committee looking for Sawyers & Trainees

The Wood Lake Scout Reservation, Conservation Committee is offering an open enrolment to the Sawyer's Group. The requirements to join this group are simple and few. 1) Must be a current registered member of the Boy Scouts of America, 2) 18 years of age or older.

This group will have the opportunity to cruise the Wood Lake Scout Reservation wood lot with the foresters. Select and mark timber that will be designated for milling. The group will also participate in felling, skidding, milling and sticking the lumber.

While implementing the “Wood Lake Conservation Plan” and cursing the wood lot, we not only find mature timber for marketing, but also damaged, wind thrown and undesirable trees that need to be harvested. Now that we own a sawmill, we can use the timber to make lumber. Some of the lumber we are looking for is already earmarked for use on a planed trail between the lakes. Of course we always have need for lumber to make repairs and to build small projects at camp. Having our own mill will allow us to have lumber on hand for many uses here and at all of our council facilities.

The Conservation Committee will train this group using the “BSA Chainsaw Safety Course”. This course will cover basic chainsaw safety along with safe tree felling techniques, chainsaw maintenance, chain sharpening and required safety gear. Bringing your own saw and safety gear is recommended, but not required. Successfully completing this course will award you a card that is recognized on most BSA camps. You do not have to use a chainsaw or take the “Chainsaw Safety Course” to be part of the group. Only if you want to cut trees.

The Committee will also train sawmill safety, milling techniques and sawmill maintenance. We own a band saw sharpening tool that members of the group will be trained to use. The mill will have a member of the Sawyer Group any time it is in operation.

If you have an interest in becoming part of the Sawyer Group, please contact Ranger George at;

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