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Subject: Re: [FriendsOfCrowellHilaka] Re: GSUSA visit

Dear Friends of Camp Crowell-Hilaka:

Debbie and I are too beat to give you minute by minute details yet, but because some of you are sitting on the edge of your seats, I'll try to sum it up.

Glen Chin, the properties specialist from GSUSA, basically said that there were so many buildings (houses, cabins, shelters, latrines, etc.) that it would take two more staff out there to keep up with them. Jim Kananen told him there were 150 buildings. Chin noted that the platform tent areas needed at least 50% replacement for safety and that the trees need to be cleared away from the tents. He enjoyed bouncing at Garfield. He could see why the the girls would love Amity and Kirby. He liked the kitchen at Gund- only needs new counters to replace the butcher blocks. The he told the Property Committee that he thought they had done a good job in gathering data. He finally said that he thought they were correct in deciding to mothball the camp. I had to press him three times to ask what moth ball meant. He said it cost \$50,000 to keep someone there. Could we work on fixing things up or just let them run down? No answer. What about keeping the area cleaned up- roads and so forth (we never got to trails). He finally said he could not recommend they put any more money into the place.

That said, Ms. McQueen did received our proposal and the board was going to vote tonight on whether the three camps that asked for extensions, including ours, could get more time.

If they go ahead and close on October 1, we need to get the artifacts from the Mill into a safer place.

Stay tuned.

Kathleen