

Dear Friends of Great Trail, Crowell/Hilaka Camps:

I was heartened and pleased to see the commitment and passion that our members have about our girls and our camps during the property user meetings during the week of June 15th. I want to convey to you that we are deeply appreciative for all that you do for GSNEO. We are equally committed to establishing a relationship with you that would further enhance our abilities to strategically address our challenges and opportunities with our camp properties.

Because of the desire of a large group of volunteers, Friends of Great Trail Camp and Friends of Crowell/Hilaka Camps are being established to work under the guidance of the GSNEO Board of Directors. One important component of each of these groups will be to assist the board in creating a vision for these camps. This should include a three to five-year strategic plan for each of these camps, thus allowing for an innovative short-term and long-term plan.

We have also received a commitment from GSUSA to provide some assistance from one of their property consultants/landscape architects. We would like to suggest the following dates for organization meetings for these committees:

<b>Friends of Great Trail</b>	<b><u>Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 6:30 PM</u></b>
<b>Board Members</b>	<b><u>North Canton Service Center</u></b>
	<b><u>Fred Cash &amp; Roberta Uhrich</u></b>
<b>Friends of Crowell/Hilaka</b>	<b><u>Monday, July 20, 2009 at 6:00 PM</u></b>
<b>Board Members</b>	<b><u>Macedonia Service Center</u></b>
	<b><u>Chris Scala &amp; Roberta Uhrich</u></b>

At these meetings, the 'Friends of' groups will be provided an opportunity to designate the leadership of their groups, express to the Board what they would like to accomplish as a 'Friends of' group and receive important information and updates from the Board.

We look forward to seeing you at the meetings!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

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Board President