

**Friends of Crowell-Hilaka**  
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Dear Neighbor,

**We would like your support** to save a *very special place* in your community.

During the summer of 2009, the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio (GSNEO) announced that Camp Crowell Hilaka was being “mothballed” on October 1, 2009. With this announcement, a group formed the **Friends of Crowell Hilaka (FoCH)** to save the camp. The goal of FoCH is first and foremost, to save the camp; and then, to work with GSNEO to completely reopen the facility, restoring it so that all Girl Scouts in NE Ohio (and beyond) can benefit from its unique blend of grandeur, history and beauty.

We have a very long way to go, but FoCH has already had one small win: GSNEO has agreed to allow part of the camp to remain open while the decision is made on what to do with this property.

As a resident of Richfield, you know that you live in a fast growing and ever more congested part of NE Ohio and that land in Richfield is ripe for development. Once the economy recovers, the fear of FoCH is that the Girl Scouts will sell the property to developers, and this incredible place of nature and history will be lost *forever*.

**Please help us to prevent this outcome. Here are some ways to help:**

- ♦ Visit our website: [www.friendsofcrowellhilaka.org](http://www.friendsofcrowellhilaka.org)
- ♦ Become a member of FoCH by joining our Yahoo Group for up-to-date information on our progress.
- ♦ Stop in at the Richfield Historical Society to see pictures of the camp
- ♦ Support your local Girl Scout troops so that they are able to camp
- ♦ Spread the word about this serious threat to a historic place right in your backyard
- ♦ Contact our president by email: [lynndragonwing@roadrunner.com](mailto:lynndragonwing@roadrunner.com)

We look forward to meeting you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

BOARD NAMES  
Friends of Camp Crowell Hilaka