



The Girl Scouts of America Need Your Help!

Girl Scouts®

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

It is safe to say that most of you are familiar with the organization. The Girl Scouts of America have been a strong in our lives and in the lives of our wives, and our daughters.

The Girl Scouts of America need your help. There are four Girl Scout camps in the DFW Area that are in need of various site improvements and they have contacted The Dallas Branch of ASCE for assistance.

Please review the attached documents that highlight some of the needs of the DFW area Girl Scout Camps. If you have the ability to assist in the planning or construction of these repairs, please contact me after the meeting.

Thank you for your help,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colin Blankenship".

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Camp Bette Perot



Camp Bette Perot is located 100 miles southeast of the Dallas area in beautiful East Texas between Palestine and Athens.

Camp Bette Perot is home to an award-winning Equestrian Program with a large riding arena and diverse riding trails. The Camp Bette Perot equestrian center is also home to the Tejas Riders, an equestrian program established to give its participants an opportunity to learn about horses and improve their riding skills, while providing service to Tejas Council by sharing knowledge with other girls through outreach programs and horsemanship workshops.

Areas of Assistance:

Flagpole Seating Area – The Flagpole seating area is where the Girl Scouts congregate before going to the Dining Hall. This is an integral area of the campground. The area is suffering erosion problems. An existing grate inlet has filled with silt and is no longer collecting water. The runoff now flows through the flagpole area and is eroding the steps that the girls sit on.





This location will need a design to handle the runoff through the flagpole area and a plan to correct the current erosion issues. For corrective modifications, we are looking for individuals or firms willing to design a solution to the problem, create construction drawings for the Girl Scout staff and if possible complete the construction of the repair. Topographic survey will also be needed for this location.

Swimming Pool Accessible Ramp-

The Swimming Pool at Camp Bette Perot is elevated approximately six feet from the parking area. To access the pool, there is an existing ramp that is composed of railroad ties and a walking surface of grass and gravel. The existing ramp does not meet ADA requirements for access and is in need to replacement.

For this improvement the site will need volunteers to survey the area, design



the accessible ramp, create construction documents, and if possible construct the accessible ramp. Members of TRASA, Texas Registered Accessibility Specialists Association, have agreed to donate their services regarding plan review and accessible design support.

Camp Rocky Point



Camp Rocky Point is located on Lake Texoma just eight miles outside of Denison, Texas. Girls stay in platform tent units overlooking the lake. Camp Rocky Point focuses on water activities, being surrounded by Lake Texoma.

Areas of Assistance:

Waterfront Erosion – Water activities are one of the primary focuses at Camp Rocky Point. Over the past few years, the shoreline has experienced a great deal of erosion around the dock and swimming area.



We are looking for a firm willing to put together plans to prevent further erosion and to protect the existing dock.

For this location the site will need volunteers to provide erosion control options that will slow the erosion. The design shall also ensure that the dock is still safe for use.

Camper drop off lane- Below is a photo of the road that leads to the Butterfield camping area. This roadway has eroded to the point where cars can no longer travel along the path. Today campers must be dropped off up the hill and must carry camping gear down to camp site.



In this area, we are looking for a design firm that is willing to recommend repairs for the roadway. Once the repairs are decided upon, construction plans will need to be prepared. If any firm can provide construction materials or complete the construction, that would be great help.

Camp Gambill

Camp Gambill is a beautifully wooded 54-acre facility located just outside Paris, Texas. Featuring a sandy private waterfront, this camp has a swimming area protected by a floating pier, up-to-date canoeing, kayaking, a sand volleyball court and other outdoor activities.



Areas of Assistance:

The primary need for Camp Gambill has to do with the foundations of the cabins. The Girl Scouts have plans to renovate the interiors of the cabins, but they are concerned about the existing foundations.

For these improvements, we are looking for a firm or individual that is familiar with what it will take to

relocate cabins to a more solid foundation. We would like to provide the Girl Scouts recommendations on how to improve these cabins and provide the assistance necessary to relocate the cabins to a solid foundation.

To Volunteer Please Contact:

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