



## Camp Napowan Property Update FAQ

### Why was the decision made to sell Camp Napowan now?

Camp Napowan has experienced a consistent decline in attendance over the past decade, with 2021 summer camp attendance equaling just one-half of the attendance ten years ago. Additionally, a recent National BSA properties assessment confirmed that Camp Napowan's capital/facilities needs are significant. Declining revenue due to reduced attendance, combined with large capital investment needs, were the main factors in the decision to cease operations at Camp Napowan. Consideration of the current financial resources and future organizational needs of scouting weighted heavily as well.

### What will happen to the important memorabilia of the camp?

All of the memorabilia from the camp will be relocated and stored at our other camps. Our goal is to find a permanent home for our legacy camps' relics, artifacts, and totems at other Council properties.

### Were volunteers of the former Northwest Suburban Council consulted before the sale?

The Pathway to Adventure Council Executive Board and Executive Committee are comprised of volunteers from throughout the four legacy councils, including the Northwest Suburban area. Council Executive Board and Executive Committee members have been involved in discussions relating to the future of our Council properties for several years.

### How can I help?

All Scouters are invited to attend the Takhone Lodge Fall Fellowship at Camp Napowan on October 8-10, 2021. The focus of this weekend will be packing up functional equipment and memorabilia to be shipped to our other camps for future use by our Scouts. Registration for the fellowship can be found on the Pathway to Adventure Council [calendar](#).

### My troop has a reservation for 2022 summer camp; what do we need to do?

Each troop with a 2022 Camp Napowan summer camp reservation will be contacted directly before the end of September 2021. Troops will be invited to attend Owasippe Scout Reservation at a discounted camper rate in 2022 or provided a full refund of their site deposit.

### Why was my unit allowed to register for 2022 if you knew you were going to sell?

Summer camp registration for the following summer traditionally starts while a troop is at camp this year. At that time, the Council Executive Board had not made the decision to cease operations. This information is being communicated out as soon as possible. We did not accept reservations once the decision to move forward with the sale was made.

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### **You just sold Camp Lakota earlier this year. Why are you selling so many properties, and can we expect any other sales?**

In the last 10 years all councils have been encouraged to review the number of properties they support. The Pathway to Adventure Council participated in many different studies, national, regional, and local. To meet the outdoor program needs of our current membership, we are confident that Owasippe Scout Reservation and Camp Frank S. Betz are optimal locations for Scouting programs and activities.

### **Why did you decide to sell Camp Napowan rather than Owasippe Scout Reservation?**

Whereas Camp Napowan has been experiencing a steady decline in attendance, Owasippe Scout Reservation's attendance has increased yearly. In addition, Owasippe Scout Reservation is a multi-camp property, thus has the capacity to handle future growth and expansion. The Executive Board, Executive Committee, and Council Staff are committed to continually growing attendance at Owasippe Scout Reservation to ensure sustainable and high-quality camping experiences for many years to come. We encourage and invite all Camp Napowan troops to experience Owasippe Scout Reservation in 2022 and beyond.

### **Camp Napowan has unique programs that other camps don't have, such as the Flintlock Village. Have you thought about adding an area like this at Owasippe Scout Reservation?**

Flintlock Village is a unique program feature and has been a special part of Camp Napowan. Our camp leadership and Properties Committee have begun plans for the development of a Napowan Flintlock Village at Owasippe Scout Reservation. While this may take a couple years to come to fruition, plans are underway to incorporate this unique and special program that will honor the legacy of Camp Napowan.

### **What will happen to those who were members of or applied for Camp Napowan staff positions?**

Owasippe Scout Reservation's staff is comprised of Scouts and Scouters from not only across Pathway to Adventure Council, but from several other councils, as well. The variety of camp staff backgrounds and experiences make all our camps stronger, and we encourage and invite all of last summer's Camp Napowan staff (and any other interested Scouts and Scouters) to consider applying for Owasippe Scout Reservation camp staff positions. All scouts and scouters are members of the broader Pathway to Adventure camping family, and are welcome at any of our properties. Communication will be sent directly to the 2021 Camp Napowan staff and those who had already applied for staffing positions at Camp Napowan in 2022 inviting them to do the same.

### **If attendance at Owasippe Scout Reservation is high already, how will you accommodate more troops coming from Camp Napowan? Isn't Owasippe Scout Reservation already full?**

The summer camp schedule at Owasippe Scout Reservation will be increased from six (6) week-long sessions to seven (7) week-long sessions in 2022 by starting the summer camping season a week earlier than in prior years (to align with the traditional start of Camp Napowan's summer season). The added session will allow new Owasippe Scout Reservation troops to have abundant choices in selecting their preferred campsite for 2022. More information will be sent directly to troop leaders and will be posted on the Owasippe Scout Reservation registration website.

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