

Help Conserve Camp Trexler

****CORRECTED PHONE NUMBER****

Trexler Scout Reservation has been a Boy Scout camp for nearly 100 years, since General Harry Trexler deeded the pristine 755-acre woodlands to the Boy Scouts in 1927. For financial reasons, Minsi Trails Council has decided to sell the camp, which in addition to the recreational opportunities for scouts also protects hundreds of acres of natural areas. This includes two springs that are the headwaters for Middle Creek, and two small scenic lakes where many scouts learned to swim and fish.

Camp Trexler is one of the few remaining properties in our area large enough to provide habitat for plants and animals that need a large, unbroken forest. Forests benefit our community in several ways:

- They protect headwaters and ground water recharge areas so the wells in our yards can continue to provide clean safe drinking water.
- They offer recreation for residents – hiking, fishing, and time spent enjoying and exploring nature.
- They provide a home for bear, deer, foxes, fishers, ducks, birds, fish, wildflowers and many other plants and animals.

When a large, forested property like Camp Trexler is divided into smaller pieces, sold off, and developed, the negative effect isn't just on animals. If Camp Trexler becomes residential houses, the cost related to road maintenance and the additional children in our local schools will far exceed the amount of taxes paid by new residents. We will all be paying for the development of that property. There will also be a greater chance of flooding downstream because the forest is no longer there to absorb and slow rain water. The generation of scouts who spent summers at the camp will be left with nothing but memories.

PLEASE – if you wish to see Camp Trexler remain a natural area, contact Minsi Trails Council's CEO, Richard Christ. Ask Mr. Christ to tell the Executive Council to ONLY consider environmental buyers (conservancies, hunting/fishing clubs, camps, state parks, etc.). Mr. Christ can be reached at 610.465.8554 OR Minsi Trails Council main office at 610.264.8551 or email him at richardd.christ@scouting.org.