LONG-RANGE PROGRAM & PROPERTY PLANNING

Facts about Planning

- The focus of Girl Scouting is to serve girls.
- We serve girls through programming.
- Program determines property.
- Girl Scouting uses property to support girl programming.
- Girl Scout councils use property to make it possible for girls to participate in special creative and educational experiences that can help their mental, social, and physical growth.
- The value of Girl Scout property is in its benefit to our members.
- Girl Scout property provides places for girls to have fun together under the supervision of caring, competent adults. Sometimes these places are camps, where girls have opportunities to learn to appreciate and understand nature. In other cases, these places are sites chosen for their special relevance to girls' particular needs, such as drop-in centers for urban dwellers, gymnasiums or athletic fields, swimming pools, or meeting/office spaces.
- The Long-Range Program & Property Planning Committee is made up of individuals from across our council jurisdiction.
- The Committee's goals are to learn about all of our properties, including meeting spaces and offices; to conduct a Program Assessment to gather input to direct future Girl Scout programming in our council; and to combine the information to formulate a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
- Council members—both girls and adults—have the opportunity to provide feedback to the Committee through various Program Assessment methods, including a survey that can be completed online or on paper, and town hall meetings.
- Town Hall Meetings are scheduled during October 2008. The purpose for these meetings is:
    (1) to inform the membership about the Program Assessment process; and
    (2) to gather ideas, suggestions, and other input for the Program Assessment process, for the Committee, and for the Board of Directors.
- Program and property planning moves the organization forward as the premier group to build girl leaders for our communities, regions, state, and beyond.