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Dear Friend of Cedarlands:

Thank you for your generous support of Cedarlands Scout Reservation through your volunteer efforts, membership in Friends of Cedarlands, and donations.

I write to let you know that the Spring Beaver Weekend will be held at camp from Friday, June 4 to Sunday, June 6. The volunteer work at Beaver Weekend is invaluable to getting camp ready for the summer. The major project slated for the weekend is the rebuilding of the porch of the super's house (the old office), but I am sure other important projects will be completed as well. The annual meeting of Friends of Cedarlands will occur after dinner on Saturday night.

Your membership dues and donations have allowed Friends of Cedarlands to finance camp improvements and purchase program items. Last year, we spent \$3097 to purchase tables and chairs to outfit the main meeting room in the new office, Adirondack chairs for the porch of the new office, two 13 foot kayaks, and a set of compasses and orienteering training materials. We currently have \$5548 in our account.

This year the Friends of Cedarlands board is considering purchasing a flag pole for outside the new office, with an American flag and custom Cedarlands flag, and several new rifles. Our thinking is that over several years, we can purchase two or three new rifles a year and replace the current aged and degraded rifles. We had been discussing purchasing new mountain bikes this year, but instead the council bought ten new bikes for this year. While these are not enough bikes to completely replace our current older and worn out bikes (some of which are almost twenty years old), we think it makes sense to wait several years to purchase an additional ten or so bikes so that there will always be both newer and older bikes. This will insure that, down the road, the bikes will not all need to be replaced at the same time. So we are earmarking some funds to purchase additional bikes in several years. We are also working to produce a promotional slide show with voice over narration that we can put on the camp website and send out to troops interested in camp.

If anyone has any ideas for additional projects we should undertake, please do not hesitate to let me know. My email is [mrp341@gmail.com](mailto:mrp341@gmail.com) and my phone number is 917-477-8379. Please also raise any ideas with the board at Beaver Weekend or at camp this summer.

The continued success of camp depends on getting more Scouts to attend, so please consider "talking up" Cedarlands with any Scout troops or Venture crews you know, especially troops from outside the Revolutionary Trails Council. If you know any troops who might be interested

in camp, please give me their contact information and we can call them to answer any questions they have.

Also, if you have friends who perhaps you went to camp with or worked on staff with back in the day and who might be interested in our organization, please forward them this letter, give me their contact information, or refer them to our website. And if you have any old pictures from camp, it would be great if you could scan those and send them to me. We will post them on our website.

The 2010-2011 Friends of Cedarlands membership year begins at Beaver Weekend on June 5, so if you have not renewed your membership yet, please consider doing so for 2010-2011. An annual family membership (2 adults and their children under 21) is \$40, an individual membership for adults 21 and over is \$20, an individual membership for youths under 21 is \$5, and an individual membership for anyone under 25 who served on the Cedarlands staff in 2009 or will serve in 2010 is free. Troop level membership is \$100. Attached is a membership form to update your contact information. Checks should be made out to Revolutionary Trails Council and please write "Friends of Cedarlands Dues" in the memo portion of the check. Dues and the attached application can either be brought to Beaver Weekend or mailed to: Revolutionary Trails Council, Attn. Friends of Cedarlands, Boy Scouts of America, 1401 Genesee St., Utica, NY 13501. In order to help finance camp improvements, additional tax-deductible donations in any amount are also welcome. Both dues and any additional donations are maintained by Revolutionary Trails Council in a separate account that is just for Friends of Cedarlands and are only spent at the direction of the Friends of Cedarlands board.

Thank you again for your support, and I hope to see you at camp sometime this summer.

Yours in Scouting,  
Michael Petitpas  
President, Friends of Cedarlands