

Today's Vision Tomorrow's Mission

Meeting the Needs of Youth Through
Strength, Growth, and Opportunities

The Proposed Consolidation
of
Okaw Valley Council, BSA
Trails West Council, BSA

Meeting the Needs of Youth

- A strategic move for the future
 - A partnership between two very similar councils
 - Ensuring strength, growth, & opportunities
 - Providing the greatest Scouting experience possible for young people

Why a Consolidation?

- Opportune timing
 - Leadership changes
- Economics
 - Financial strength
- Efficiencies
 - Staffing, volunteers, programs
- Independence
 - A strong, quality council

What Areas Were Investigated?

- Three areas of concern
 - Program
 - Finance
 - Personnel
- The anticipated outcome
 - What benefits would a consolidation have on these areas
 - Will we provide a greater program that meets the needs of our youth

Benefits – Program

- Four great camps to better service youth
 - Camp Sunnen
 - Camp Joy
 - Camp Vandeventer
 - Camp Warren Levis
- Growth of opportunities for Scouts
- Growth of opportunities for Scouters

Benefits – Program

- ❑ Expanded high adventure and Jamboree participation
- ❑ Development of unique programs for older youth
- ❑ Increased training opportunities for youth and adults
- ❑ Larger volunteer base to staff events
- ❑ Overall better quality Scouting program

Benefits – Finance

- ❑ National Scout Shop
- ❑ Savings on occupancy expenses
- ❑ Savings on equipment rental expenses
- ❑ Savings on professional fees & salaries
- ❑ Opportunities for endowment growth
- ❑ Expansion of product sales
- ❑ Overall greater fiscal strength

Benefits – Personnel

- Stronger, more efficient staff
 - Consolidation of personnel
 - Potential addition of Finance Director to help grow endowment and fundraising
 - Allow the field staff to focus on servicing youth and units
 - Ability to attract seasoned professionals
- Stronger, combined Executive Board
 - Balanced representation from both councils

The Consolidation Process

- What has occurred
 - Both executive boards appointed consolidation teams to investigate
 - Both consolidation teams recommended consolidation
 - Both executive boards have voted to proceed with the consolidation

The Consolidation Process

- What occurs next
 - Send out a letter to all chartered organizations
 - Establish a new executive board
 - Establish a search committee for a Scout Executive
 - A final vote of all the voting members of the council to consolidate