

Dear Scouter

The planning for the new dining hall at Gerber Scout Camp is nearly complete and we remain committed to its use starting in the summer of 2010. The plans call for a larger building with several new features to ensure it serves many generations of Scouts. The cost of construction for the improved dining hall exceeds the insurance settlement and we are looking to maximize the value received for the dollars spent.

This is where **we need your help**. We have decided to act as our own General Contractor for the construction of the building. This will reduce some costs. In order to further reduce our costs, we are looking for qualified Scouters to perform portions of the construction in either a volunteer capacity or professionally at a substantially discounted price.

I have agreed to coordinate recruitment and scheduling of volunteers for the project with the goal of reducing our costs by 25%. This will only be possible if many of us step forward and give of our time and talents. We have identified many potential areas for volunteer participation.

- Site clearing (early) and Landscaping (late)
- Plumbing (rough and final)
- Ceramic tile work
- Communications and phones
- Interior finish carpentry
- Painting
- General site cleaning
- Final cleaning before occupancy

The areas that we attempt to take on ourselves will depend on our ability to recruit team leaders who agree to lead the selected work and provide direction to other volunteers while committing to completing the work according to the planned schedule. In order to have the biggest impact, **we need experienced construction professionals to step forward and volunteer their services**. Extended time to complete some of these items may be available, but we cannot significantly delay the construction schedule due to our need to summer 2010 occupancy.

I am also collecting leads on supply donations since this will have a significant impact on our final costs.

Please contact me either via e-mail or phone to volunteer your services or offer a materials donation. I would be happy to talk with you if you have other suggestions for cost savings during construction.

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