



## **Camp Crossed Arrows Reserve Ranger Program update: April 15, 2020**

Through council volunteer engagement, the Camp Crossed Arrows (CCA) Reserve Ranger Leadership Team formed following volunteer voting.

The Reserve Ranger Program coordinator is Crystal Morris. She will serve as the main liaison between the CCA reserve program and council staff. She is supported on the leadership team by Jana Patrick as the Reserve fundraising coordinator and Paul Whitlock as the Reserve maintenance coordinator. Tim Beshears, Girl Scouts – Diamonds chief operations officer, is working closely with the reserve's leadership team during this time of continued forming and CCA operating plan development.

Crystal Morris will contact service unit leaders throughout the northeast Arkansas and central Arkansas regions for support opportunities. Jana Patrick is working closely with the council fund development team to approach community members for donation/sponsorship commitments. At this moment, all monetary solicitations are for commitments only until an operating plan and budget are approved by the Diamonds Board of Directors. If, or when, the Diamonds Board approves an operating plan and budget, then monies may be collected toward support of the program.

The current timeline for a possible reopening of the Camp Crossed Arrows property is as follows:

1. The CCA Reserve Ranger Leadership Team develops an operating plan for the property that puts forth a financial break-even operation through projected reservation and donation revenues against projected expenses, and sustained volunteer support of the camp's physical hospitality and maintenance operation.
2. In late May 2020, the CCA Reserve Leadership Team will provide the proposed operating plan and budget to the Diamonds Board property committee for review, discussion and decision. If the property committee approves the proposal, it will send a motion to the full Diamonds Board.
3. In late July the Diamonds Board is scheduled to hold a board meeting. During this meeting, the motion from the property committee would be addressed along with the approval of the FY21 budget. If the board accepts an operating plan for CCA and approves an FY21 operating budget with the operation of CCA included, then the earliest the physical operation of CCA would resume would be October 2020. During the period between FY21 budget approval and approved start date, the Reserve Ranger program would begin raising cash donations and accepting future reservations for the site.

If anyone is interested in participating in the physical operation of the CCA Reserve Rangers, please email [info@girlscoutsdiamonds.org](mailto:info@girlscoutsdiamonds.org). If you are interested in financially supporting a Camp Crossed Arrows operation, please email [funddevelopment@girlscoutsdiamonds.org](mailto:funddevelopment@girlscoutsdiamonds.org). If you'd like to join the volunteer collaborative effort on Facebook, [request to join the group](#).