



Hidden Valley Highlights

What's New at Hidden Valley Camp!

Fall 2019

Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee, Inc.

Large Fireplace & Grill Coming NOW to Southern Shade Shelter

Thanks to your contributions to our ongoing **Brick 4 Bricks** fundraiser, a grant from the Kriz Charitable Foundation, and The Friends of Hidden Valley, our long-term dream of having a large fireplace and grill at Southern Shade Shelter has come alive. Concrete has been poured and stone work is beginning. The project includes a new roof extending over the fireplace, with any remaining funds going towards a new water source, food prep or serving counter, and seating. Work will hopefully be complete in November. This new sheltered cooking space will help troops continue their outdoor cooking or

fire plans during inclement weather, and will be especially helpful during Day Camp, when rain always seem to arrive in time for lunch cooking over a fire! The large grill will allow for large scale cooking, while the big fireplace will allow for a nice campfire.

Hidden Valley Camp is one of the few privately owned wilderness areas in Lawrence, KS, purchased in 1956 for local Girl Scout use.

As an adult registered Girl Scout in Douglas County, YOU, as Girl Scout leaders and volunteers, are members of Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee, which owns, manages and funds the camp. We receive no funding from GSA, and rely primarily on the annual Bromelsick Trust distribution, cell tower lease, The Friends of Hidden Valley, Inc., for their assistance, as well as community volunteers, and the Girl Scouts and adults that use the camp.

Please help us keep Hidden Valley the treasured place it is for future generations of Girl Scouts.

Read on about how you can help!

Buy A Brick; Add to History; Help Fund Future Projects!

The B4B fundraiser is an easy way for your troop to contribute to future projects at the camp. GS troops can purchase a brick for \$50 and have it custom-inscribed for placement in the cabin patio. See the website for details and a form or pick one up in the cabin.



Karl Ramberg donated this carved medallion for above the fireplace!

Enjoy!

Get Ready for Day Camp 2020!



Day Camp 2019, "Girl Scouts in Wonderland" was a continuing success, with over 580 campers, aides and volunteers participating during the two weeks of camp. Highlights included archery and zip-ping for the older girls, as well as a Mad Hatter's Tea Party, sling shots, cooking over hot fires, creeking, singing, and the traditional spray of cold water by the Fire Department on the final Fridays. Thanks to Lysette DeBoard for her years of developing and fine-tuning these fun and rewarding Day Camps. She has turned over the baton to Jessica Hensley and the 2020 Day Camp meetings have just begun. Contact Jessica if you like to assist in any way...it takes a large and diverse team to plan and coordinate these great events, and help is always welcomed!

SAVE THE DATES: Day Camp 2020: June 8-12 & June 15-19

The Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee, Inc. (LHVC) has a 12-member Board of Directors that oversee the Bromelsick Distribution and management of the camp. Board members must be adult registered Girl Scouts in Douglas County. Their annual meeting and election will be during the November 4th Service Unit Meeting. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please contact the Chair.

Taking a hike? Check out the yurt first to see what you can observe this month at Hidden Valley Camp.



For Reservations, equipment checkout or other camp use information, contact Kyra at kyra@lhvcamp.org

What Can You Do at Camp?

LHVC is proud of all that is offered to local Girl Scouts through Hidden Valley Camp. The cabin, shelters, Gathering Place and many fire rings are perfect for your meetings. Two miles of trails offer many opportunities for hiking, nature study and scavenger hunts. The cabin is rich with art supplies and equipment to fulfill your crafty plans. The yurt is perfect for large group sleepovers, and features interesting exhibits of the nature of various habitats. The butterfly garden is great for ceremonies, and many bridges provide the perfect backdrop for bridging up! Camping and campfire cooking is supported with a fully stocked shed of everything you need, from tents to pans and grills and water jugs, all by reservation. Badge work, service projects and more can be performed at your camp in the heart of Lawrence. And the best part? It's all FREE for local Girl Scouts of Douglas County! Now that's a deal!

Looking for more?

Climb a Tower
Sleep in a Tree House
Go on a Geocache Hunt
Take an Archery lesson
Challenge yourself on the Low Challenge Course or Zip lines
Adopt-a-Site for the year

Service Projects Abound; Plus New Project List for Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards!

Did you know that your service at Hidden Valley Camp can be applied to the LHVC custom HV Ar-ca-loo-ka Patch? Or the Friends of Hidden Valley (\$50) Troop Rewards? Find out more at their respective websites below.

Local GS troops are always encouraged to help support Hidden Valley Camp by volunteering their time to help maintain this camp and keep it it's best. Troops can attend regular workdays or request service projects to do on their own. Remaining workdays this school year are:
November 3 and April 18, from 1-4 pm.

Want to build a bridge? A new Adventure Trail? Tackle invasive species? Older girls can also choose from a variety of more involved and needed projects at Hidden Valley that may be applicable towards Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards.

Contact the Camp Manager for more details and to get started on your own project!

Looking for a fundraiser? Biochar, made from burning woody biomass down to charcoal, is an up and coming trend in gardening. Small bags sell for about \$12.00 in local nurseries! The Forest Service has suggested selling biochar at Farmers' Markets to spread awareness of this new, yet ancient product! At Hidden Valley, we burn our invasive honeysuckle shrubs down to biochar and use it around the camp in plantings, trails, and erosion control. Help rid the camp of honeysuckle, make your own biochar, and try your hand at selling it! Contact Durand

New to Hidden Valley? Or want to find out more about what you can do there? Tours are available! Contact Kyra to set up your own custom tour!

Friends of Hidden Valley Help Support the Camp



The Friends of Hidden Valley, Inc., (FHV), was organized in 1997, and incorporated in 1999, to provide additional support to the camp, through gifts of time and money, as well as by spreading public awareness of the importance of this camp for youth and wildlife. The dues-paying membership organization is open to the community, and is a great way for leaders and parents to stay in touch and involved with Hidden Valley, even beyond their GS years. FHV sponsors annual workdays, conducts outreach in the community, applies for grants, contributes annually to special projects, and is committed to ensuring this camp is here for generations to come through an Endowment with the DCCF. Please consider becoming a Friend of Hidden Valley! Membership forms are on the website and can be found in the cabin.

Contact Information

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Reservations (including Zip lines and Archery), Equipment checkout—Kyra: kyra@lhvcamp.org
LHVC website: www.lhvcamp.org
FHV website: www.friendshv.org