

Camp Tadmawaterfront Renovation

In this project we will *rethink, recreate, and revive* our current waterfront and turn it into a modern, up to date area that can support a program that further promotes the values of Cub Scouting and encourages year-round use of the camp. We are asking members of our scouting community as well as businesses and individuals throughout Connecticut and its surrounding area to help us raise our goal amount of **\$100,000** to renovate the entire site and update used equipment.

Please visit our website for the full details and more ways to help at

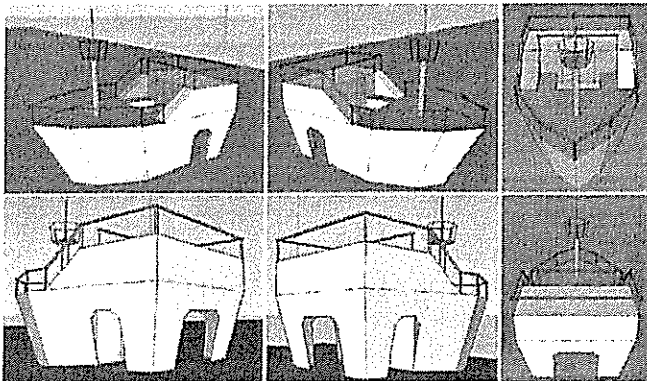
<http://sites.google.com/site/camptadmawaterfront/>

The Purpose

- To create a waterfront that compliments and further supports the values of Cub Scouting
- To install facilities that will enhance the waterfront program and encourage year-round use of the area
- To modify and repair aged equipment

Our Goals (See website for full list and more)

- Construct a new Guard Tower that resembles a pirate ship to compliment the area's "pirate" theme (see models below)
- Construct a boathouse with the capacity to store all of the boats and boating equipment
- Construct a pavilion so the campers may escape from the sun when the heat can be unhealthy and to promote year-round use of the area
- Install outdoor showers so campers can rinse off before dressing in regular attire



- Install a green source of electricity in the area to promote year-round usage of the facilities
- Install a sand volleyball court to host weekly volleyball games on a surface that can lessen the chance of injury
- Acquire newer boats in safe and working condition and repair current boats to the greatest extent
- Acquire additional safety equipment (i.e ring buoys, guard tubes) to be prepared for larger groups
- Secure new life preservers to replace those that will soon become expired

Each donor (unless otherwise requested) will be recognized on a dedication plaque which will remain at the new waterfront for all to see. All donations are tax deductible.

Camp Tadmawaterfront is part of the Mark Greer Scout Reservation and donations for any camp project are sent to the Friends of M.G.S.R. Please be sure to note any check with "Camp Tadmawaterfront" in the memo and enclose this form with your donation.

Camp Tadmawaterfront Donations – Donor Information

Name: _____ Company Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address (to receive letter of appreciation): _____

Phone (if we cannot contact you by email): _____ Did you visit the Camp Tadmawaterfront website? Yes ___ No ___

Who should we give credit to? Name (Individuals) _____ Name (Family) _____ Company _____ Remain Anonymous _____

Name of Additional Individual (if applicable): _____ Family Name (if chosen above): _____

Special Requests – This gift is being made in memory of: _____

Donation Information – How much would you like to contribute?

- \$10,000 \$1,000 \$250 \$50 Advertise amount donated on website
 \$5,000 \$500 \$100 Other: \$ _____ Cash
Type: Check (to CT Rivers Council)

Please give your donation to Mr. James Caulfield (Friends of Scouting Commissioner) tonight or at the next Roundtable OR mail your donation to Anthony DiNicola (Project Manager), Attn: Friends of M.G.S.R., 811 Ellsworth, Storrs, CT 06269

December 28, 2009

Anthony DiNicola
Camp Tadma Waterfront Renovation Project
811 Ellsworth
Storrs, CT 06269

Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is Anthony DiNicola. I am a Boy Scout and earned the rank of Eagle, the highest rank in scouting, in 2007. Growing up with Cerebral Palsy, scouting gave me the chance to grow and live with my disability, facing each new challenge with determination and enthusiasm. I overcame many obstacles and discovered new abilities while attending Camp Tadma as a Cub Scout. Camp Tadma is a Cub Scout camp in Bozrah, Connecticut, operated by the Connecticut Rivers Council. It sits on the Mark Greer Scout Reservation property.

I have a distinct connection with the waterfront at the camp, as I struggled as a swimmer at a young age. With Cerebral Palsy, it was difficult to learn how to stay afloat, let alone swim. Despite my condition, the staff made me comfortable enough to learn with confidence. Each year I would return and would improve more as the instructors challenged me while retaining my trust and focus. With their help I accomplished something I thought I was never going to be able to do. My gratitude for their efforts is unexplainable. Today I am a certified lifeguard as well as a swim instructor working at Camp Tadma and was a member of my high school swim team. The experience I had while at camp motivated me to continue my career in scouting, return to camp as a staff member, and pursue the rank of Eagle Scout.

I've attended Camp Tadma since the beginning of my scouting career and I have been on the camp lifeguard staff for three years. The camp offers its program to Cub Scouts ages six to ten. At the waterfront, the boys get to enjoy the water and learn a variety of skills like first aid, swimming, rowing, and the basics of life saving. The program is designed to be fun and constructive so the scouts learn by doing, not by watching. Well over 900 Cub Scouts use the waterfront during the summer camp season (number taken from 2008 season). The boys that come through our program are those that continue onto Boy Scouts and later attain the rank of Eagle Scout, as I did myself.

Because the camp has had such a significant impact on my life and how I approach challenges, I am compelled to return the favor. The waterfront area has not been updated since 1992 and as a result it has recently been showing signs of aging. When funding is available, maintenance is left up to volunteers and staff. Much of the equipment used on a daily basis will soon be unfit to serve their purposes simply because they have been utilized to their fullest extent. To solve this problem, I decided to plan and manage a restoration of the area that will improve the program and encourage the use of the camp year-round. With the help of the rest of the staff and the businesses and individuals throughout Connecticut, this dream can become a reality. To carry out my plans, I am seeking your aid as a member of our community to help fund the project that will allow all Cub Scouts who come through Camp Tadma to experience a unique and nurturing program that will help them grow into mindful and strong citizens.

Please see the attached document for more information on the project and for the full details visit the project website at <http://sites.google.com/site/camptadmawaterfront/>. If you would like to make a contribution, please complete the form on the reverse side and return it along with your contribution however is most convenient for you (return instructions are on the form). All donations are tax deductible. Checks can be made out to "**CT Rivers Council**" with "**Camp Tadma Waterfront**" in the memo. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information at adinicola2@gmail.com or (860) 992-7682. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to keeping the Camp Tadma waterfront a place where boys can learn and grow.

Sincerely,

Anthony DiNicola
Eagle Scout