

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Longs peak Council – Boy Scouts of America
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Dear Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Team Coach or Crew Adviser:

Attached you will find the leader's booklet announcing the 2010 Longs Peak Council Conservation Committee's ***Operation OSPREY*** (Open Space Park Refuge Environment Year). The purpose of this program is to celebrate the 100th Birthday of the Boy Scouts of America by having each Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Team, and Venture Crew in the council conduct a year long environmental service project in or near their local community. It is hoped that your Scout unit will seriously consider adopting a local environmental area where Scouts, adult leaders, and parents can make a significant difference when it comes to the area's natural resources.

During 2009 your Scout unit should make contact with a local natural resources agency; and, in cooperation with them, develop a year long conservation project adoption that will benefit the environmental. This project should be one of significance that when completed in 2010 you can all look back and say "we really made a difference". It is hoped that by engaging in this effort all of your participants will earn the *World Conservation Award*, the *2010 Project SOAR Award*, and that your Scout unit will earn the *William T. Hornaday Conservation Award Unit Certificate*.

When your Scout unit has decided to participate in Operation OSPREY, and it has worked out a cooperative project with a local natural resources agency, please complete the "Sign-Up Today" form in the attached booklet and submit it to the council. Likewise, at the end of 2010, or in early 2011, please submit the "OSPREY Final Report" form. These forms simply say "Yes, we are on board!" and "We have completed our adoption project". The council does NOT need to approve your project prior to its 2010 implementation. Scout units completing an Operation OSPREY adoption will receive a council recognition ribbon, and those who meet the requirements for the *Hornaday Award Unit Certificate* will be recognized by the National BSA Conservation Committee.

If you have questions or concerns about Operation OSPREY, please contact your local district conservation representative (see list on reverse), see a representative of the Council Conservation Committee, or send an email message to: oposprey@gmail.com.

Good luck to you with Operation OSPREY! Celebrate Scouting's 100th Birthday, make your Scouts proud, and above all do something really great for the environment. Remember, in Scouting Earth Day is every day!

Good Scouting!

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