



# CONSERVATION and SCOUTING

**WHERE EARTH DAY IS EVERY DAY!**



**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
LONGS PEAK COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**



## COUNCIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Longs Peak Council Conservation Committee is comprised of natural resources professionals, Scouters with a conservation interest, camp property committee representatives, youth holders of the *William T. Hornaday Conservation Award*, and district representatives. The committee approves conservation awards, conservation grant expenditures, Hornaday Scholarship awards, and oversees camp property conservation efforts. The committee also selects the annual Project SOAR patch design, and oversees the “gold seal account”. The committee meets at least twice per year.



## LEAVE NO TRACE CAMPING



Leave No Trace camping is the basic fundamental approach to all outdoor Scouting activities in the Longs Peak Council. The council promotes Leave No Trace camping, and has been deeply involved with its training programs since 1994. The Longs Peak Council is a member of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.





## CONSERVATION AWARDS

Outside of specific rank requirements, electives and achievements, academic achievement awards, and merit badges, these categories of conservation awards are available:

**PROJECT SOAR (Save Our American Resources)** is a Longs Peak Council program since 1980 in which Scouts and adults that complete a minimum of at least three conservation / environmental service hours may purchase the annual Project SOAR patch.

**WORLD CONSERVATION AWARD** is presented with different requirements at the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing program levels. Requirements can be reached via the “conservation page” on the Longs Peak Council website.

**WILLIAM T. HORNADAY AWARDS** are three national level awards for Boy Scouts and Venturers that include the *Hornaday Badge*, *Bronze Medal*, and *Silver Medal*. Requirements for these awards include “significant” service projects, for Boy Scouts specific merit badges, and for Venturers special additional requirements.

In addition, there is a *Unit Level Certificate* available for packs/ troops/crews that have at least 60 % of their membership participate in a conservation service project. Two adult awards are also available as recognition items: The *Gold Badge* may be awarded by the Council Conservation Committee to an adult Scouter who has demonstrated significant conservation involvement and leadership as a volunteer. The *Gold Medal* is awarded by the National Conservation Committee for exceptional service to conservation on a regional or national basis.

Since the inception of the *William T. Hornaday Conservation Awards*, over 75 Youth and adults have been recognized with this award in the Longs Peak Council.



## CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

Administered by the Council Conservation Committee, the Conservation Grant Program is available in support of conservation projects at council camps, and for other conservation efforts within council boundaries. Grants are awarded up to a maximum of \$1,000, and special consideration is given to projects that involve Scouts in the implementation of the project. Grant applications may be downloaded from the “conservation page” of the council website. Grant proposals are normally acted upon at the spring and fall meetings of the Council Conservation Committee.

## HORNADAY AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

The Longs Peak Council awards, when warranted, an annual conservation scholarship to a selected youth applicant within the council who has been awarded the *William T. Hornaday Conservation Award*. Applicants may be eligible at the following levels: *Hornaday Badge* \$1,000, *Bronze Medal* \$3,000, and *Silver Medal* \$4,000. Applications for the scholarship are available from the Council Conservation Committee Chair.

## CONSERVATION PROGRAM FUNDING

Funding for the purchase of Project SOAR patches, the conservation grant program, and the Hornaday Scholarship Award is solely obtained through the annual sale of Project SOAR patches.

## COUNCIL CAMP PROPERTIES

The Longs Peak Council oversees five beautiful camp properties. In Wyoming can be found Camp Laramie Peak (CLP) near Wheatland; Chimney Park Scout Camp near Laramie on property leased from the Forest Service, USDA; and Camp Jack, leased from Wyoming State Parks and Historical Sites at Curt Gowdy State Park. Located in Colorado is Camp Patiya west of Boulder; and the 3,200 acre Ben Delatour Scout Ranch (BDSR) at Red Feather Lakes. Volunteer camp property committees oversee natural resource conservation efforts at most properties, and approve all conservation projects.



## RECENT CONSERVATION PROJECT EFFORTS

Conservation project efforts in recent years have included: major forest mitigation, fish restoration efforts, wildlife habitat enhancement, range management, forest fire recovery, invasive species removal, bluebird housing trails, recycling, and conservation education. It is estimated that on an annual basis Longs Peak Council Scouts contribute over 10,000 hours of conservation and environmental service.

## RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Conservation efforts in the Longs Peak Council have been recognized by various groups and agencies with the council being presented with these awards:

- Larimer County (Colorado) Environmental Stewardship Award – 2007
- Teammate of the Year Award – Colorado State Forest Service – 2005
- Volunteer Service Award, U.S. Department of Agriculture - 1992-1993
- National Semi-Finalist, Take Pride in America - 1992
- Certificate of Merit, National Arbor Day Foundation - 1991
- Gold Seal Award, U.S. Department of Agriculture – 1984 and 1987
- Sol Feinstone Environmental Award, International Congress of Ecology - 1986
- Arbor Day Award, National arbor Day Foundation – 1983
- Green Seal Award, U.S. Department of Agriculture – 1982

## CONSERVATION WEBPAGE

Additional details on most topics mentioned in this brochure, along with other conservation information, can be found on the Longs Peak Council website:

[www.LongsPeakBSA.org](http://www.LongsPeakBSA.org)



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