

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

AND THE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Boy Scouts of America (Boy Scouts) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) enter into this cooperative agreement for the purpose of establishing a framework for a cooperative relationship under which the Boy Scouts and the Corps, to the extent permitted by law, will assist one another in areas of mutual concern.

The purpose of the Boy Scouts is, among other things, to promote the abilities of young people, train them in Scoutcraft, and teach them "patriotism, courage, self reliance, and kindred virtues" through cooperation with public agencies. The purpose of the Corps is to manage, protect, develop, and conserve the nation's water resources for which it is responsible. This includes providing for flood control, navigation, hydropower and water based recreation in the best interests of the American people.

The Boy Scouts are desirous of lending their aid and support to the protection, development, management and conservation of the nation's water resources as a means of providing healthful, wholesome and educational outdoor activity for the Scouts.

II. REFERENCES AND AUTHORITY

CORPS

BOY SCOUTS

10 U.S.C. 2544

36 U.S.C., 21 et seq.

III. SUBSTANCE

A. General Provisions

1. The Boy Scouts and the Corps, working together at appropriate local, regional and national levels, will foster communications with respect to their programs and activities relating to the conservation, management, protection, and development of the nation's water resources, as well as other Corps programs. This effort will include, where possible, other Federal Departments having similar concerns.
2. Subject to applicable limitations, the Corps will be involved in Boy Scout training and program activities to the extent they pertain to the conservation, management, protection and development of the nation's water resources including, but not limited to, fish, wildlife, navigation, flood control, hydropower, water based recreation and other programs administered by the Corps.
3. Corps personnel will be made aware of the agreement and, to the extent compatible with their Federal responsibilities, will be encouraged to serve on appropriate Boy Scout committees and Councils.
4. The Corps shall be consulted regarding Boy Scout program requirements or development of informational materials related to activities associated with Corps programs.

B. Specific Provisions (Program Areas)

On or about January 1 of each year, when appropriate, the Corps shall submit to the Boy Scouts proposed activities and other information that may relate to the following:

1. Scout Council programs
2. National Jamborees and Explorer Conferences
3. National Conservation Committee
4. Current status of Corps Lakes
5. Current list of Corps Recreation Facilities

IV. PERIOD

- A. The duration of this agreement shall be from the date shown on the signature page until terminated by written notice from either party to the other.
- B. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as obligating the Corps or Boy Scouts to expenditures or future obligation or payment of money, in excess of appropriations by Congress.
- C. In carrying out the terms of this agreement, there shall be no discrimination against any person because of race, creed, color, or national origin.

V. MODIFICATION

The terms of this agreement may be modified at any time by mutual agreement.

VI. OTHER PROVISIONS

Nothing herein is intended to conflict with current Corps directives. If the terms of this agreement are inconsistent with existing directives of either of the agencies entering into this agreement, then those portions of this agreement which are determined to be inconsistent shall be invalid; but the remaining terms and conditions of this agreement not affected by inconsistency shall remain in full force and effect. At the first opportunity for review of the agreement, such changes as are deemed necessary will be accomplished by either an amendment to this agreement or by entering into a new agreement, whichever is deemed expedient to the interest of both parties.

Should disagreement arise as to the interpretation of the provisions of this agreement, or amendments and/or revisions thereto, that cannot be resolved at the operating level, the area(s) of disagreement shall be reduced to writing by each party and presented to the other party for consideration. If agreement on interpretation is not reached within 30 days, the parties shall forward the written presentation of the disagreement to respective higher officials for appropriate resolution.

SIGNATURE OF EACH PARTY

Boy Scouts of America

United States Department of  
the Army

Ben H. Love

Robert K. Dawson

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