



CAMP WHISPERING CEDARS ARCHERY CENTER PROJECT

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An Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction of the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas (GSNETX) Camp Whispering Cedars (Camp) Archery Center is being prepared in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) guidelines, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The TPWD will be posting the draft EA on their website for review by the public.

The GSNETX Camp began operating as a Girl Scout camp facility in the 1920s. The facility currently offers cabin and lodge camping opportunities, hiking, swimming, and activities for skill and leadership development. GSNETX proposes to construct, operate, and maintain an outdoor archery facility to provide hunter education instruction, train the public in the safe and responsible use of bows and archery, and provide a safe archery experience. Further, GSNETX members as well as youth from the surrounding communities and the general public will have the opportunity to learn about and develop archery skills.

The proposed archery center would provide an outdoor archery experience to 3,000 girls and youth in grades K-12 and other members of the general public within the first twelve months of full operation of the archery facility. The facility will serve as a location for learning about hunter safety education associated with using archery equipment to at least 500 people annually and in the first full twelve months of operation. The facility would provide affordable archery opportunities to 1,000 community youth annually from low socio-economic populations and Title 1 schools annually and in the first full twelve months of operation.

GSNETX has applied for a grant for the proposed project under the USFWS Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program. The grant is being administered by the TPWD. The project construction is planned to occur in 2017 immediately following completion of the EA process.

Questions regarding administration of the grant should be directed to the TPWD at (512) 389-8401 or via email at education@tpwd.texas.gov. Questions and comments regarding the GSNETX Archery Center project and the EA should be directed to Ms. Debra Roling at (972) 349-2462 or via email at droling@gsnetx.org.