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POCONO HERITAGE LAND TRUST

Trexler legacy under threat

PHLT seeks to save Scout camp from development

By Carol Hillestad
For Pocono Heritage Land Trust**H**arry Trexler was a man of many interests.

Starting in the late 1800s, he founded or ran huge operations in and around Allentown: a nationally-known lumber company, one of the largest cement producers in the world, enormous farms and orchards. He was even a founder of Pennsylvania Power and Light.

Harry Trexler was an industry giant, extremely wealthy ... and at the same time, a dedicated, conservation-minded man.

He was the father of Allentown's public park system, owner of a trout hatchery, creator of the Trexler Game Preserve, and an avid outdoorsman who devoted huge sums to conserve land for the public to use and enjoy.

Continued on reverse**YOU SHOULD KNOW**

If Camp Trexler land were converted to housing, dozens of homes could be built there under current zoning. In addition to traffic, road damage, sewage, and water issues, each school-age child would add \$2,200 to the school district's costs. Property taxes on the new construction would fall far short of that; shortfalls would be made up by other taxpayers.

If Camp Trexler land were converted to industrial use, such as a transfer station, heavy equipment like trash haulers would burden traffic and roads, create noise and air pollution, and damage quality of life for everyone.

For more than 30 years, Pocono Heritage Land trust has helped landowners protect their property for the future. The land trust itself also holds more than 4,000 acres, protected in perpetuity. Camp Trexler adjoins land that the land trust has already conserved. Join us. Help protect this rare and beautiful place! For information: phlt.org.

The spirit of Camp Trexler lives in the woods and water ... and in the memories of generations of Scouts. (Photo by Robert Lubenetski, 13, a Boy Scout with Troop 431, Robbie earned his photography merit badge this summer and is a counselor-in-training at Camp Trexler.)

YOUR VOICE COUNTS!
Tell the Boy Scouts Minsi Trails Council:
Keep your promise!
Work with Pocono Heritage Land Trust to protect Camp Trexler for good.
Email richardchrist@scouting.org or call 610-264-8551.

**FROM THE BOY SCOUTS OUTDOOR CODE***As an American, I will do my best to ... be conservation-minded.*

From Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout, all Scouts vow to protect the natural environment. That includes saving Camp Trexler from development.



Bangor Area School District 2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration

**Do you know a child who will be 5 on or before August 28, 2023?
If so, register for kindergarten and follow these three steps:**

1**Gather Your Documents**

1. Parent/Guardian Photo Identification
2. Proof of child's birth date
3. Two Proofs of Residency

One proof from List A:

- Mortgage agreement
- Lease agreement
- Rent payment receipts (with address)
- Property tax payment receipts
- Moving permit

One proof from List B:

- Utility bill with current address (dated within the last 3 months)
- Paycheck stub with employer and employee's address
- Current voter registration with Bangor residency address
- PA Driver's license with Bangor residency address
- PA vehicle registration with Bangor residency address

4. Immunization Record
5. Physical Exam Record
6. Dental Exam Record

2**Register**

Visit www.bangorslaters.com
OR

Register Online Here

If you do not have access to a computer or cell phone, please call District registration at 610-588-2163 to schedule a time to complete it at the District office.

To complete registration all documents must be:

Uploaded online
OR
Submitted to the registration secretary.

Once online registration is complete and approved by the registration secretary, Five Points Elementary School will contact you to schedule a kindergarten screening appointment.

3**Attend Screening Appointment**

Kindergarten screening appointments for the 2023-2024 school year are in June.

All screenings are by appointment only, and are only scheduled when the online registration process is complete and approved by the registration secretary. Completed packets must be received and approved no later than May 19, 2023 to guarantee a June screening appointment.

When attending the appointment be sure to bring...

- Your child(ren).
- Photo identification to verify parent/guardian identity.
- Any other updated documents.

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Save Camp Trexler*Continuing from front*

He bought and preserved the land that would become Hickory Run State Park, one of the jewels of our state park system, welcoming 300,000 visitors a year.

In 1928, he — helped by neighboring families — donated 755 acres of springs, wetlands, wildlife and woodlands in Polk Township to be a wilderness camp, run by the Boy Scouts, for the benefit of future generations.

Camp Trexler still exists, one of the last stretches of pristine woodland in the township. But its founders' vision is under threat.

After 94 years, the place where thousands of Scouts made lifetime memories — hiking, fishing, learning to "be prepared," to tell the truth and keep promises — may be going up for sale.



Bubbling springs, woods and wetlands, and miles of trails at Camp Trexler have instilled in children of all ages a life-long love of the natural world. This legacy of local families and Harry Trexler, who donated the land, is at risk. (Carol Hillestad photo)

Trexler and neighboring farmers intended.

There is another option.

Pocono Heritage Land Trust is working to acquire this property, conserve it permanently, and keep it open to the public.

No McMansions. No industry. Just the priceless land itself, a legacy of natural beauty for generations to come, as the donors envisioned.

Minsi Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America makes the decisions about this land. It is up to the board members to choose the path to the future.

Will they be true to the principles of Scouting and keep faith with the givers of this special place? Will they honor all those whose lifelong memories of camping here consecrate this land? Will the promise of Camp Trexler be kept?

Or not?

PLEASE DONATE to preserve important lands and natural resources in the Poconos, for generations to come.

\$25 provides supplies for one trash cleanup day, or one planting of wildflower seeds for meadow habitat restoration. **\$50** buys tools for managing invasive plants on volunteer days. **\$150** prints 500 trail brochures to guide visitors to preserves. **\$500** installs a trash bin or crossing bridge to improve trail access. **\$1,500** covers the cost of an appraisal, the first step in acquiring new land for preservation. **\$3,000** funds construction of a sign kiosk on a new preserve. **\$5,000** enables development of a new nature trail network, including trail marking, clearing, signage and maps.

Donate online at phlt.org/donate.html

or clip this form and send it with your check made out to Pocono Heritage Land Trust to:

PHLT, 1539 Cherry Lane Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301



Bangor Area School District Kindergarten Registration Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 2, 2023

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WELCOME CLASS OF 2036!

The Bangor Area School District (BASD) is excited to welcome the Class of 2036! The kindergarten team at Five Points Elementary School is looking forward to working with our new kindergarten class for the 2023-2024 School Year. A child is eligible for kindergarten if he/she

- is at least the age of five (5) years by August 28, 2023.
- resides within the boundaries of BASD.
- successfully completes the district's kindergarten screening process.

Kindergarten registration is online. Online kindergarten registration is available for parents and/or guardians through the district website (www.bangorslaters.com). Once packets are received and confirmed complete, BASD will contact parents/guardians to schedule a kindergarten screening appointment in June of 2023. Completed packets must be received no later than May 19, 2023, to guarantee a screening appointment in June. A completed registration includes:

- Parent/Guardian Photo Identification
- Proof of child's birth date (must be at least five (5) years by August 28, 2023)
- Two (2) proofs of residency
- Immunizations
- Physical Exam Record
- Dental Exam Record

To schedule a screening appointment, the completed online registration and mandatory documents must be submitted and approved by the registration secretary. Kindergarten screenings for the 2023-2024 School Year will occur in June of 2023. All screenings are by appointment only. An adult must accompany the child for their screening appointment. Our kindergarten staff is eager to meet and work with your child!

For more information, please contact:

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