



2011 SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION

One of the fourfold purposes of the Order of the Arrow is: “to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others”. It is with this spirit of cheerful service to others that the Order proudly continues the matching service grant program.

For 2011, the Order of the Arrow is making available \$30,000 in matching grant money to lodges for camp property or service center projects in their local council. The Order will provide up to one-half of the money for a service project with a \$5,000 maximum amount granted for any lodge project. Total service project cost is not to exceed \$20,000.

Please give attention to all of the details and instructions contained in this application form.

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 31, 2010
FOR CONSIDERATION**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION AND RETURN TO:

Boy Scouts of America
Order of the Arrow
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Irving, TX 75015-2079



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Lodge Name: Ini-To

Council Name and Number: Flint River Council #095

Council Headquarters City: Griffin, GA

2010 Lodge Membership: Y 140 A 103 **Total Youth in Council:** 7,173

What percentage of membership will work on the project? 50% of members , 75% of all labor

Who else other than lodge members will be involved in the project?

Flint River Council Camp Staff, Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews, and Southeast Off-Road Bicycle Organization (SORBA) Trail Volunteers.

Total estimated hours to be contributed by the lodge for the proposed project: 726 hours

National Quality Lodge in 2009: Yes X No

Is the project consistent with lodge and council goals and objectives? Yes X No

Lodge Contact Person: Keith Larson

Title: Chief of Plans, Pine Mountain Backcountry Trail Committee

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Brief Project Description: The Ini-To Lodge will execute a series of critical recreation infrastructure development tasks including constructing or refurbishing 16 primitive campsites, constructing 3 composting latrines and sumps for waste management, installing bear cables, marking 21 miles of trails, and controlling erosion at the Moss Falls in order to improve visitor access to the Pine Mountain Backcountry Area for sustainable outdoor programs.

Service Project Time Period: January – October 2011

Total Project Cost: (Not to exceed \$20,000): \$3,000

Amount Requested (Not to exceed \$5,000): \$1,500

Explain method of raising funds for service project. Do not place a value on hours contributed.

The Ini-To Lodge Executive Committee has pledged \$1,500 expected revenue from the annual Flint River Council Klondike Derby and other 2011 Lodge events towards this service project.

Service project has been approved by:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Lodge Chief	Date	Lodge Advisor	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Council President	Date	Scout Executive	Date

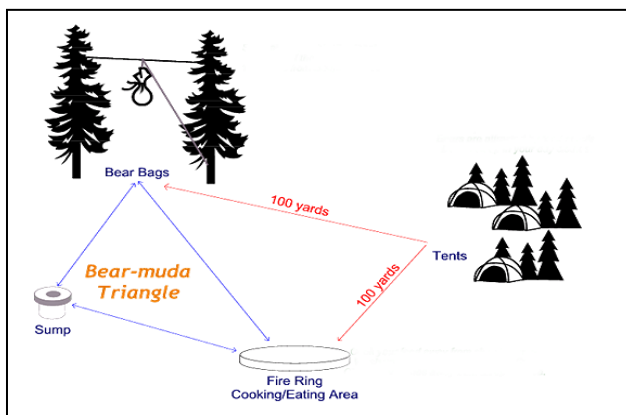
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Provide a short typed description of the service project to be funded, how the project will benefit the council's camp property or service center, and how many people will the project benefit. Please explain how the service project meets the selection criteria on page 2. (Mandatory – Limit description to a total of 3 pages)

This service project will complete the following infrastructure developments improving access to the Pine Mountain Backcountry for sustainable recreation outdoor programs:

- Construct 3 complete Philmont-style campsites, with “Red Roof” composting latrines, waste water sumps, bear cables and fire rings.
- Refurbish 13 primitive campsites by clearing debris and adding bear cables and fire rings.
- Construct steps descending 60 feet to the base of Moss Falls, along with required erosion control measures.
- Paint trail markings and install sign posts supporting safe navigation on 21 miles of trails.
- Post several information kiosks constructed at points of interest.
- Conduct survey to develop and publish new Backcountry trail map to guide visitors.



Does the project enhance Scouting in the council?

The Gerald I. Lawhorn Scouting Base is one of the premier high adventure bases in the Southern Region and provides camping experiences for Scouts from all over the United States. The Pine Mountain Backcountry collocated with the Scouting Base opened in 2007 and consists of 2,400 forested acres with 16 primitive campsites and over 21 miles of hiking and biking trails. The primitive campsites replicate a high adventure backpacking experience for Troops or Crews.

Does the project impact a significant percentage of Scouts in the council?

Several thousand Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Ventures and their families hike each year from Camp Thunder on a four mile round trip trek to visit Moss Falls; the most scenic and valuable ecosystem within the Pine Mountain Backcountry area. The springs that generate into a series of three water falls support a rich variety of animals and plants including mountain laurel thickets. The vale also shelters many trees of significant size and age that form a unique forested glen.

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The Camp Thunder Summer and Winter Resident Camps offer several programs that use the Pine Mountain Backcountry. First year Scouts take their five mile hike into the Backcountry. A new Geocache course draws GPS users into the forest. Participants in the “Mountain Man Pioneering Experience” for older Scouts hike to the Backcountry program area and remain there for four days to learn how to set a trap line, make primitive cordage, track and stalk animals, shoot a muzzle loader, throw tomahawks, cook pioneer style with Dutch-ovens, fish, and build a wilderness cabin. The Flint River Adventure Center also conducts high adventure outings for crews. Local crews train in the Backcountry for their upcoming treks at Philmont, the Northern Tier, and other high adventure venues.

What is the “NEED” for the project?

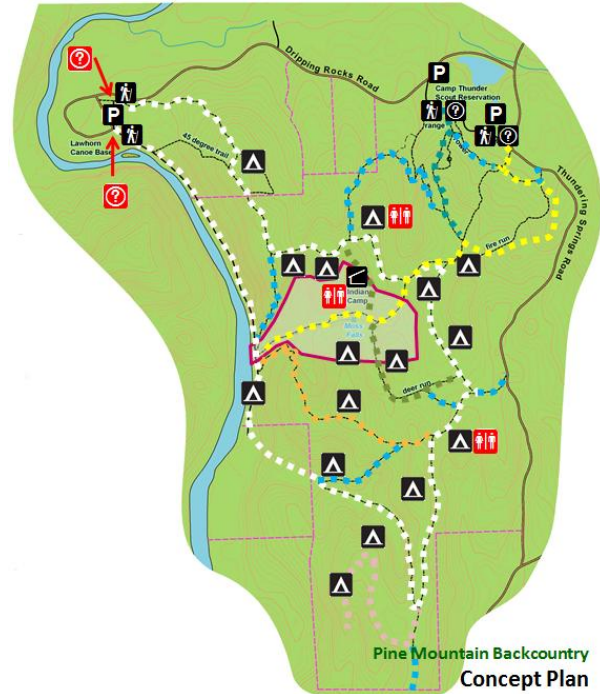
- The absence of any latrines has increased the risk of surface and water pollution from accumulated human waste as backcountry visits increase.
- Visitor footsteps have carved scars in the steep unprotected banks leading to the base of the Moss Falls, which erosion has expanded into ugly gullies, further exposing tree roots and increasing silt runoff into the stream.
- The full 21 miles of trails are largely unused because they are not marked and there is no current map published.



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- Backcountry visitor access and primitive campsite development will assist groups to operate within “Leave No Trace” practices to ensure health & safety and protect the environment. Projects will include solutions for human and food waste management and designing bear-safe durable campsites.
- Remodeled primitive campsites will also assist crews preparing for an extended Philmont or similar Appalachian Trail high adventure trek.
- Improved access with accurate maps will spring board expanded backcountry use and development of new outdoor programs such as geocaching and thematic hikes for all program levels.



Is the project consistent with your lodge and council goals and objectives?

- The Ini-To Lodge of the Order of the Arrow established for 2010 a long range goal of providing continuing service to the Flint River Council and the Council Camps. The Lodge committed to lead volunteers to build hiking trails on the Pine Mountain Backcountry property.
- This service project directly supports the Camping Committee and Property Committee 2011 goals of developing the Natural Resource Plan and complete Trail and River Maps for use in marketing the camp property to groups.

Is the project innovative in scope or design?

The Ini-To Lodge formed the Pine Mountain Backcountry Committee in 2010 to propose and service a comprehensive strategic Sustainable Recreation Concept Plan for the Flint River Council Camping Committee. This service project plan for 2011 implements recommendations from this Concept Plan, incorporating both “Leave No Trace” principles and a “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) assessment. ROS is a recreation management tool developed by the United States Forest Service in the late 1970’s to manage and administer natural settings for specific visitor experiences.

Can the project be completed by October 31, 2011?

The Ini-To Lodge can complete this project within the 10 month period. The Lodge has both the Spring and Fall Ordeal Weekends and the Spring and Fall Fellowships scheduled to work on these projects. Additional volunteer work days will be coordinated with individuals and other groups to accomplish specific tasks.

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