

## Background and Plan

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of the Boy Scouts of America was approached by representatives of Woodloch Pines Resort in Pike County Pennsylvania in the fall of 2009 concerning the donation of a log cabin that is on a property they purchased. Extensive research has established that the cabin was constructed by Daniel Carter Beard, a founding father of the Boy Scouts of America. We have confirmed that this cabin was constructed at Dan Beard's camp in 1926 and was used as the camp headquarters and meeting area.

We are now in process of moving the cabin to Goose Pond Scout Reservation where it will be used as a multi-functional space.

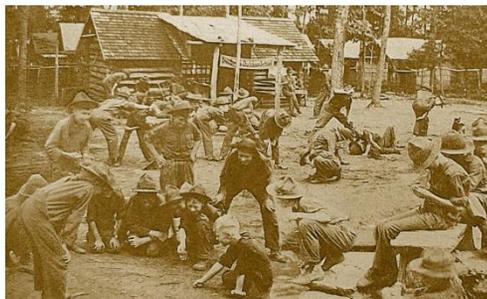
The cabin will be located on a site between the Capouse campsite and the COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) course, on the lake side of the camp road. In summer the cabin will be used as the headquarters of the "Pathways" Program, which is designed for boys who have just entered the Boy Scout phase of Scouting. It's an integrated program that teaches many of the outdoor skills required for the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks. It will also host troop winter camping, Leadership Development Training Programs and events, meetings, and other special events such as Eagle Scout Ceremonies and Boards of Review. The cabin will include a small museum and interpretative area pertaining to Daniel Carter Beard and the History of the Cabin.

We believe that these uses are compatible with the cabin's original use at Dan Beard's Outdoor School for Boys when it served as his camp headquarters building. It will serve the Boy Scout program at Goose Pond Scout Reservation well.



## The Camp Headquarters Cabin and Dan Beards Outdoor School

Lackawaxen Township, Pike County, PA



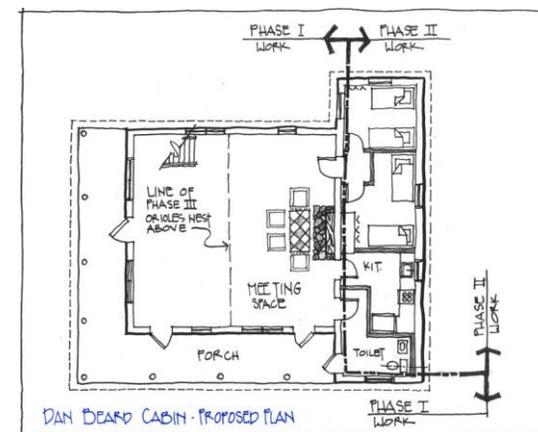
In 1887, Daniel Carter Beard and his brother James first purchased property on Lake Teedyuskung in Lackawaxen Twp, Pike County, PA. The property was eventually deeded in full to Dan Beard. He built a log cabin in 1887 known as "Wildlands" as a summer home. In 1916 The Dan Beard Outdoor School for Boys was incorporated and the summer camp program began to take shape.

Preserving this cabin, this piece of history, has significant meaning not only to the early beginnings of the Boy Scouts of America, but to Daniel Carter Beard and his association with the Northeastern Pennsylvania region. His original summer home, Wildlands, burned down in 1961. The other buildings of the Dan Beard Outdoor School for Boys no longer exist or have been moved. That makes this "Kiva" style log cabin the last remaining part of Beard's Outdoor School. Relocating and keeping the cabin in the NEPA region is important to preserving not only this history but it is also a tribute to a beloved founder of the BSA, Dan Beard himself.



Construction stages and costs have been identified as follows:

Stage 1 – Store the roofing materials donated by Woodloch	\$0
Stage 2 – Disassemble, move and store the cabin	19,400
Stage 3 – Site prep at Goose Pond Scout Reservation	6,000
Stage 4 – Construct Foundation	14,600
Stage 5 – Cabin construction Phase 1 (main cabin and porch)	103,550
Stage 6 – Cabin Construction Phase 2 (lean-to extension)	47,900
Stage 7 – Cabin Construction Phase 3 (Oriole's nest)	15,800



Our initial effort shall be to reconstruct the main cabin and porch at Goose Pond. Future plans include reconstructing the lean-to extension and the Oriole's nest. Plans of the cabin reconstruction will proceed in three phases of construction.

These three phases are noted as follows:

**Phase 1 – construction of the main cabin and porch.** The cabin will be constructed on a spread footing foundation and crawl space. Foundation piers will provide support for the porch. It also includes the foundation walls for Phase 2 and the one wall of the extension due to log jointing requirements.

**Phase 2 – construction of the lean-to extension.** This space will provide four rooms. Two will provide separate winter sleeping areas for adults and be used as office and program areas for summer camp. A third room will provide kitchen space and include a sink when water and sewer utility service is provided to this area of camp. The fourth area will initially be used as storage, but eventually be converted to a bathroom when water and sewer service is provided. The extension is constructed on a concrete foundation with a full basement storage space underneath for storage of winter camping equipment (e.g. cots) and also storage of summer camp program supplies. The basement will have doors on the lake side of the structure for full access.

**Phase 3 – Oriole's Nest.** The loft area known as the Oriole's nest was detailed in an article contained in the January 1930 edition of "Boy's Life" magazine. This phase of construction is the smallest but may pose the most challenges. The construction methods and materials used at the time of the initial construction are not adequate by today's standards. A new beam and support design is being employed. The stairway to the Oriole's nest also needs to be redesigned to meet today's building code.

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Pictures L to R: "Orioles Nest", Cabin base w/ McPheters crew, "Uncle" Dan – Scout Memories, cabin fireplace, "Chief" Dan Beard w/one of many totem poles, the cabin as built in 1926.

Dan Beard was born June 21, 1850, in Ohio, and moved to Covington, Kentucky as a young boy. Growing up in Kentucky, Daniel Beard was strongly influenced by legendary frontiersman Daniel Boone and the folklore surrounding him.

Beard attended a private academy in Kentucky and became a Civil Engineer and Surveyor. He shifted his artistic talents from maps to illustration, attending art school in New York City. Born into a talented family of artists he and his siblings went into business as illustrators and writers. Always an outdoorsman, his work in the city led him to utilize his resources in what he would later become most famous for, youth reform and the Boy Scouts of America. In 1905, he furthered his cause in youth reform by creating the "Sons of Daniel Boone", which by 1908, became "Boy Pioneers of America". In 1910, "The Boy Pioneers" was merged into the newly formed youth group, the Boy Scouts of America. June 11, 1941, Dan Beard passed away at his Flushing, New York home known as "Brooklands", just before his 91st birthday.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, BSA would like to thank all those individuals, companies and organizations for their contributions, grants and gifts in kind to date and also those who are now considering supporting the effort to save Dan Beards Cabin for the next 100 years of Boy Scouting.



# The Dan Beard Cabin Project



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