



**Lawrence Hidden Valley  
Committee, Inc.  
Annual Report  
Fiscal Year  
07/01/10 - 06/30/11**

The mission of The Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee, Inc. is to use its assets and annual income from the Alfred H. Bromelsick Trust to promote and provide supplemental support to the Girl Scout movement in Douglas County. All registered adult Girl Scouts living in Douglas County are members of the Committee. The business of the corporation is managed by a twelve-member, duly elected Board of Directors. The major asset of the LHVC, Inc. is Hidden Valley Camp, a 40-acre camp located at 3420 Bob Billings Parkway, Lawrence, KS, 66047. The Committee works closely with the Friends of Hidden Valley, Inc. to preserve and enhance the physical property. Among the many outdoor activities available at the camp are hikes, cookouts, campouts, structured stream walks, pond life observation as well as organized Girl Scout events. We have two enclosed structures: a propane heated cabin and a 30-foot diameter yurt. We also have a large storage building off of the main upper parking lot named "Evelyn's Attic" and a smaller storage shed known as the "Dogshed" down by Dogwood Forest.

During this fiscal year, we continued to make improvements to Ar-ca-loo-ka Cabin. New propane was purchased. Cabinets that had been donated the previous year were installed in the cabin and the brick patio was repaired. The propane stove and furnaces were repaired and brought back to good operating order.

Donated cabinetry was also installed in Evelyn's Attic and a shelf was added to the Redbud Shelter. The Tree House was repaired by replacing an older post with a hedge post harvested from the camp.

Three new composting toilets were purchased for the Dogshed and were in the process of installation by the end of the fiscal year. A new bridge was installed to allow easier access to Bishop's Glen. This bridge has handrails, for easier traversal. Two chemical toilets were donated by a relative of Durand Reiber.

The Zipline saw much continued use at Day Camp and other times through individual Girl Scout troops. The Challenge Course committee continued to oversee the maintenance and certification of the Zipline and other Challenge Course elements.

Norman John continues to work with the board to review our insurance needs resulting in a decrease of our yearly premium and an additional rebate from the insurance company that helped offset the purchase of propane for the cabin.

There were many activities this past year at the camp, with a very successful two week session of Day Camp, multiple work days to maintain the camp, hiking reports and many individual Girl Scout troop activities. The Day Camps included two wild bird releases, a red tailed hawk and two kestrels, a butterfly release and a dedication ceremony for the Brick Memorials. This event was attended by many longtime supporters of Hidden Valley and was a great time for all, young and not as young.

Signage was improved to clarify camp spots and locations of parking and other camp related items.

We continue our good relationship with the Friends of Hidden Valley board and the members of Presbyterian Manor. In the upcoming year, the Lawrence Hidden Valley Board is looking forward to working with the Friends of Hidden Valley on a fundraising campaign to replace the chimney of Arkalooka Cabin and co-sponsor the 2012 Spring Fling in conjunction with the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Girl Scouting.

Thanks to the Board Officers and individual Committee Chairs who wrote the included reports and served Hidden Valley so well. Of vital importance to Hidden Valley is our sole employee, Camp Manager, Durand Reiber. Durand's vision, environmental knowledge, and commitment to the camp have enabled Douglas County Girl Scouts to continually value our treasured wilderness and learn and play in a natural environment.

We have also strived to establish a strong working relationship with our council, **Girl Scouts of Northeast Kansas and Northwest Missouri, Inc.**

We welcome and encourage all Douglas County Scouts to use and take an active role at Hidden Valley Camp. The Board meets on the second Monday of most months at 7:00 at Presbyterian Manor. The meetings are open to everyone to share ideas and concerns. Additional information can be obtained on our website: [www.lawrencehiddenvalley.org](http://www.lawrencehiddenvalley.org). Many thanks to Audrey Taylor who serves as webmaster.

Thank you for your interest in Hidden Valley,

Jeff Bandle

LHVC, Inc. 2010-2011 Chair

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ARCHIVES: Lucy McAllister, Chair; Lynne Bodle, Ellyn Owen, MargaretVerhage**

The Archives Committee has continued its focus on gathering, identifying and sorting key past and current LHVC materials such as minutes, treasurer's reports and other documents, newspaper clippings, flyers for special events, etc. for deposit and storage in appropriate archival sites and for current reference. Materials for photocopying and filing have been purchased to permit duplicating as needed. Archival originals or copies are stored at the Spencer Research Library at the University of Kansas. Original Hidden Valley Committee minutes and other materials formerly stored at Carol Francis' office needed to be moved elsewhere and are at the home of Lucy McAllister. Copies of some materials are intended to be available for reading at the Watkins History Museum in downtown Lawrence. "Reading files", available for use by any members of the committee or of the general Girl Scout community, are to continue to be stored at the home of Lynne Bodle, 1218 Tennessee Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

McAllister has spent considerable time this year in developing a Douglas County Girl Scout Time Line, documenting early local history to recent times. When completed, the time line will facilitate proper placement of a number of documents or newspaper articles which did not include dates. McAllister has been assisted by Kansas University senior, Heidi Welsch, a volunteer with TammyBarta's troop of girls. Welsch is a psychology and women's studies major interested in the role of the Girl Scout movement in developing opportunities for girls and women and how its programs and approaches to training change through the years. The archives provide an unusually rich source of original material for researchers as well as for current troop and council volunteers.

**BROMELSICK COMMITTEE: Tammy Barta, Cindy Riling, Marcia West, members.**

The Hidden Valley Bromelsick Committee represents the Girl Scouts at meetings and planning with 4-H and Boy Scouts for the two events required by the Bromelsick will. The two events are the annual memorial in May for Mr. Bromelsick, and the annual Christmas Party held in December. Each year, the organizations take on certain responsibilities for each event. This past year, Girl Scouts were in charge of the purchase and distribution of treats for the Christmas Party, and Girl Scout Troop 7558 facilitated that as ushers at the program. The program began with comments by youth from each organization telling the audience how the Bromelsick Trust has added to their experience, followed by an old fashioned Christmas carol sing along. The program itself was an energetic and very entertaining program from the African Acrobats which everyone enjoyed. Pastor Nate Rovenstein, Kansas Wesleyan Church, closed the program with a special Christmas message. There were 104 Girl Scouts in attendance at the party. This year's party will be a swimming party on December 2, 2011 at the Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center from 7:30-9:30 PM. Tickets for the free event are available online through the Lawrence Hidden Valley website, <http://www.lawrencehiddenvalley.org>, under Special Events.

The Bromelsick Memorial was held Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 10:00 AM at Oak Hill Cemetery. 4-H was in charge of planning and conducting this service. Everyone was invited to bring flowers from their home gardens. We had a nice turnout of 63 youth and adults at the event this year.

**Manual/Policy and Procedures Committee: Lauren YoshinobuBuskirk**

The manual committee continued their hard work in updating and adding content to the manual for LHVC board members to use as reference.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Kyra Flummerfelt; Chair**

We are continuously looking for active people with a heart for Girl Scouting to serve as members of the board of directors for Hidden Valley, Inc. Each year four people rotate off the board when their three-year term expires. Thank you to those who are serving on the current board, those who are willing to serve a second term and those who are willing to be elected to their first term. Please contact the board if you would like to make a nomination (yourself or another). The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following slate for election: Judy Inverarity, Jordana Arnold, Rebecca Ferm, Kyra Flummerfelt & Jeff Bandle. The board is still looking for one additional individual to fill the open board positions.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Deborah Burns, Chair. Cheri Drake, Treasurer. Jeff Bandle, member.**

FINANCE SUMMARY REPORT			
Fiscal Year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Bromelsick Distribution	\$15130	Bromelsick Party	\$1650
Cell Tower	11900	Public Relations	176
Challenge Course	1000	Scholarship	1190
Camp Use Fees	27	Secretary	23
Interest	105	Site	9227
Miscellaneous	4	Donated Site Expenses	1769
Investments	762	Site Manager	10617
Donations	1995	Treasurer	545
Donations FHV	6378	Utilities	226
Donations (Equip, Materials & Labor	3821	Insurance	4611
		Challenge Course	1409
		Policy & Procedures	155
		Archives	695
		Miscellaneous	50
Balance	\$41122	Balance	\$32343

All questions or comments should be directed to Judy Inverarity, Bookkeeper 843-9463 or Cheri Drake, Treasurer 423-2839.

An Independent audit was performed by K Tax & Financial Services, for years ending June 2008, 2009, 2010.

**PR Committee: Jeff Bandle, Chair, Audrey Taylor, Member**

The past year saw a tremendous amount of PR work done by Valerie Pierce before she left Lawrence in pursuit of a job opportunity. A Hidden Valley newsletter and brochure was produced and a Hidden Valley Facebook page was created as a means of getting the message of Hidden Valley out to the greater Lawrence community.

The Lawrence Hidden Valley board appreciates all of Valerie's efforts and wishes her well in her new endeavors.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Hidden Valley Scholarship Committee Report:**

**Lynne Bodle, chair (replacing Valerie Pierce after she moved)**

**Other committee members: Lucy Remple McAllister, Margaret Verhage with Marcia West as liaison from the Friends of Hidden Valley Scholarship Committee**

There were two scholarships awarded for the Hidden Valley Merit Scholarship this past Spring, Meredith Burke and Kelsey Taylor, both from Lawrence High School. Each girl was awarded \$500 after initial review of the applications and personal interviews with each girl by the committee.

One troop was awarded \$25 startup money, and Ellyn Owen was granted money to purchase the books she needed to do her job as trainer for our area.

The committee still needs to revise the criteria for special circumstances such as training needs and will endeavor to do so in the next few weeks.

Respectfully submitted

**CHALLENGE COURSE COMMITTEE:**

**Chair: Mary Beth Petr, Committee members: Cris Bandle, Jill Baringer, Lauren Buskirk, Ben Dillon, Kyra Flummerfelt, Paula Freed, Rebecca Gant, Cindy Johnson, Cindi McCracken, Elizabeth Mechem, and Katie Sadler.**

This is a standing committee on the Hidden Valley board to supervise the use of the equipment and the challenge course at Hidden Valley. The Challenge Course committee consists of the trained zip-line facilitators and meets to discuss trainings, equipment and procedures. There were no new facilitators trained in 2011. In April, the seasoned facilitators were given a refresher course by Challenge Options. As facilitators are available, individual troops may reserve and participate in the course.

Day Camp is just one of the opportunities available to experience the course. Reservations can be made on the website.

Contact the chair if you would like to be trained as a zip-line facilitator.

**SITE COMMITTEE:**

**Chair: Mary Beth Petr, Manager: Durand Reiber, Reservations and Equipment: Kyra Flummerfelt, Tent Reservations: Leesa Terry, Sandy Beverley, Christine Graves, Gwen Macpherson, Cindy Riling, and Margaret Townsend**

The Site Committee met in August and February setting goals and working on policy. They want to thank the Friends' for their hours of on site service and funding for camp projects and Durand Reiber for her continued commitment to making HV a splendid camp. Durand prepared for Friends' of HV workdays and supervised volunteers from KU business school, Hawk Week volunteers, two times with Roger Hill Youth Volunteer Corp (AmeriCorp), KU law students, FSHS Juniors (Green Help Day), volunteers from Sancta Maria School in Eudora, and individuals needing community service. The Site Manager deals with the day-to-day needs of the camp, which includes, but is not limited to the following:

Regular inspections, upkeep, cleanup and minor repair of buildings, structures, roads and grounds; woods and prairie maintenance; and trail and unit site maintenance, including fire rings and stocking of woodpiles;

Meeting with community volunteers and Girl Scouts to explain and supervise projects.

Oversight of contractors for mowing, tree cutting, road grading, roofers, bridge builders, and others as needed.

Communications with GS troops for service projects and the Friends' volunteer group for workday (four per year) preparations.

Coordination with GS Directors in preparation for large events: Day Camp, Brownie Play Day; Junior Jamboree, etc.

### **Highlights and Projects:**

- Two portable toilets donated by the Moore family (later painted camouflage).
- Guidelines for non-scout use were established.
- Lawrence City Commissioners specifically approved Hidden Valley Camp's portable toilet use in Ordinance No. 8560.
- Bishop's Glen Bridge was replaced (Friends' funds)
- Donated cabinets and countertops from Commerce Bank (Tracy House) were professionally installed in the cabin; cabinets and shelves in Evelyn's Attic and the Corian shelf at Redbud were installed by volunteers who found us through the Roger Hill website.
- Native wood restoration continued with November Work Day, Margaret Verhage's persistent efforts, and community groups.
- Policy and procedure materials for camp use, reservations and equipment were updated.
- Lots of snow removed.
- New signage was installed around camp and parking lots.
- Dedication of the new Memorial Brick Pathway in the Butterfly Garden during Day Camp.
- Three new solar-powered composting toilets installed in The Dogshed (see below) with funding assistance from Friends.
- Six individual G.S. troops performed service projects: pulled sumac at Flag Pole Hill; planted native grasses and wildflowers; burned brush; mulched; litter pickup.
- Two troops choose Hidden Valley for their award projects:
  - #7722 (Tracy House) Silver Award project: adopted the cabin & showed troops how to use it, donated cookware and utensils; adopted Redbud unit site with maintenance and special projects, and sewed canvas bags for the rain-flies.
  - #3329 (Lisa Parnell & Jeanette Walther): Bronze Award project: assisted with final phase of composting toilet installation: designed and installed shower curtain doors and tarp walls; worked on the leachate system.

### **Goals and projects for 2011-2012 and beyond:**

- Wetland maintenance plans to install a Line Water control.
- Planting of cedar trees along Bob Billings Parkway to decrease sound and view of camp (great idea for cookie money service projects for troops!)
- Continue with native wood restoration.
- Continue with native grass planting in our open spaces to decrease mowing needs.
- Chimney in cabin replaced.

Camp usage during the past year:

<b>Description</b>	<b># of Person Days</b>
<i>Day Use (hikes, meetings, cookouts and ceremonies)</i>	
Girl Scouts	1981
Boy Scouts	379
<i>Overnight Camping</i>	
Girl Scouts	333
Boy Scouts	100
<i>Meetings</i>	
Hidden Valley Board and Friends of Hidden Valley	25
<i>Large Group Events</i>	
Day Camp week1/week2	2164
Rocks Rock Badge Workshop	50
Youth Volunteer Corp	100
Community Service	118
<i>Community use</i>	
Individual Volunteers	3
<i>Friends of Hidden Valley work days</i>	
4 workdays	395
The weekly Hiking Patrol	40
<b>Total Use Numbers for 2010 – 2011</b>	<b>5688</b>

Note: The above figures do not include the number of Presbyterian Manor residents who hike the campsite, nor the number of maintenance and construction workers—both volunteer and paid—who have been on the site during this year. The report also does not include subcommittee meetings of the Friends of Hidden Valley and Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee.

#### **LAWRENCE HIDDEN VALLEY COMMITTEE MEMBERS, 2011:**

This annual report is respectfully submitted by:

Traci Fullerton

Secretary

Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee

#### **Friends of Hidden Valley, Inc.:**

**Friends of Hidden Valley  
Abbreviated Annual Report  
July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011**

*The mission of the Friends of Hidden Valley is to provide support to the Lawrence Hidden Valley Committee, Inc. (LHVC), in programs, development, maintenance and goals that promote and benefit the Hidden Valley Camp.*

*(adopted July 14, 1999)*

The highlight of this past year for the Friends of Hidden Valley has been the multitude of volunteer hours spent at Hidden Valley, making this green space a true hidden treasure for Girls Scouts and all others who spend time here. Volunteer hours and monetary donations are essential to continue with our mission to support Hidden Valley. The monetary donations received were used to purchase and install three composting

toilets in the Dogwood Forest area (\$4000) and a new bridge to Bishop's Glen (\$1395.) In addition, members' donations were used to purchase new plants, provide materials for workdays, keep our members informed with a newsletter, and award scholarships and troop rewards to Girl Scout troops.

In October, Friends elected officers for the 2010/11-year: Cindy Riling, Chair; Jill Baringer, Treasurer; and Leesa Terry, Secretary.

The Memorial Brick Pathway was dedicated on June 16, 2011 during Day Camp with a smaller follow-up ceremony the 2nd week of Day Camp. Nineteen past volunteers were honored with an engraved brick within the garden. The purpose is to connect us to our past; a place to learn about our history and the legacy of our volunteers at Hidden Valley Camp. Each inscribed brick serves as a link from the past to the present, and to the future, as we continue to add bricks engraved with the names of our most significant contributors and volunteers. The inaugural honorees are -- Dora Bice, Bob Billings, Ed Bishop, Marguerite Bishop, Carolyn Blaas, Ruth Fauhl, Terrell Mallot Graham, Delores Haas, Mary Hall, Emily Latimer, Marguerite Lockwood, Carolee Martin, Celia Miller, Galen Miller, Linda Penny, Jack Rader, Henry D Remple, Mariana Remple, and Anna Stouffer. The dedication ceremony is described by the Memorial, Awards and Scholarship report.

The Friends of Hidden Valley will be joining in the national celebration of Girl Scouts' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Spring Fling in April. We have begun a campaign to celebrate this anniversary and raise funds for Hidden Valley by repurposing the patios on the north and south of Arcalooka into opportunities to honor friends, family, special Girl Scout leaders and anyone else with an engraved brick. Funds raised from this project, known as "Bricks for Brick," will be used for a new chimney on Arcalooka.

A financial statement of the year's expenses is available upon request.

### Membership Report 2010-11

Friends gained six new memberships this year. Friends added one new life-membership this year. The total Friends membership as of August 2011 is 131. Membership contributions for this fiscal year total \$8,183.48.

Membership Level	Number of Members	
Rocky Road Volunteer		1
Redbud Guardian \$5 - \$24		22
Deer Run Trail Defender \$25-\$74		70
Mary's Meadow \$75 - \$100		22
Dogwood Forest Adventurer \$101-\$500		
Arkalooka Advocate - \$501 -\$999		
Bishop's Glen Benefactor:Life membership \$1,000		
Other Donations	Number of Donors	Amount
DCCF	10	\$805.00
Mariana Remple Scholarship	9	\$420.00
Other	2	\$420.00

### Memorials, Awards and Scholarships

This year there were three Friends of Hidden Valley Troop Awards given at the Douglas County Service Unit 716 meeting on April 18, 2011,. The Friends of Hidden Valley Troop Awards are based on the following information:

One of The Friends of Hidden Valley's main goals is to seek and encourage volunteerism at Hidden Valley camp from both its members and the Girl Scout community, and to help ensure the passage of this unique wildlife area to future generations. Having girls involved in the maintenance and development of Hidden Valley will help them learn commitment, responsibility, and stewardship of their land, for now and in the future.

To assist in this goal, the Friends have developed a Rewards program for those troops that exhibit outstanding efforts in stewardship of Hidden Valley Camp. Each year, **onetroop from each level** (Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador) will be rewarded with a \$50 check to be used however they wish. **Friends of Hidden Valley Troop Awards for 2011**

**Troop 7675- Kyra Flummerfelt, Troop 7743- Rebecca Gant, Troop 7722- Tracy House**

### **Volunteers and Events Committee**

The purpose of the Volunteer Committee is to organize volunteer efforts at the camp. In addition to our membership and the Girl Scouts, we also invited Boy Scouts, KU students, and the general public to our workdays. Working closely with the Public Relations Committee, notices were distributed through a variety of venues, bringing many new faces and record turnouts for three of our four annual workdays! An anonymous \$400 Home Depot Gift Card helped us supply volunteers with sharp, new tools.

**September 12, 2010:** A record of 90 volunteers turned out for the annual sprucing up of the cabin, butterfly garden and nearby unit sites. **November 7, 2010:** Great weather and great turnout made for a terrific fall workday. Another record high, with 165 volunteers beating out the old high of 139 in 2008, ensured the completion of many projects around Mary's Meadow and Dogwood Forest. **April 9, 2011:** Record-breaking temperatures ruled this spring workday; still 114 volunteers braved the unusual heat for this important event of preparing the camp for another year of outdoor fun. **June 4, 2011:** Our annual trail maintenance workday fell on "National Trails Day" this year, and once again, we broke our record with 26 volunteers, nearly doubling our average turnout.

Friends' members have also assisted the camp manager in directing community volunteer groups, as Hidden Valley has increasingly become a requested service event site. One such group was the Roger Hill Volunteer Youth Corp, whose members worked four days straight helping prepare the camp for Day Camp.

Under the coordination of Sandy Beverly, the Hiking Patrol has continued to provide valuable weekly monitoring of the camp through their hikes. Approximately 14 dedicated hikers patrolled the camp about 40 times throughout the year. Our numbers are slightly down, so our goal for 2012 is to engage more volunteers in this truly important task. Please consider joining the patrol for a fun, healthy and fulfilling activity, and just a little bit of your time.

All total, Friends-sponsored workdays and Hiking Patrol supplied about 410 volunteers to the camp this year, representing well over 1,100 hours of service! A truly amazing year.



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