



## Camp Oklawaha Q&A

**1. Is the Gulf Stream Council selling Camp Oklawaha?**

No. The Gulf Stream Council (“GSC”) Executive Board made the very difficult decision to pledge Camp Oklawaha to meet GSC’s obligation of a \$1.1 million contribution to the global settlement of abuse survivor claims. This pledge is currently non-binding, which means that GSC could contribute cash in lieu of the Camp if sufficient funds become available. The GSC Board has started a fundraising campaign that is called “Save Oklawaha.” A successful campaign will allow GSC to make a cash contribution rather than a property contribution.

**2. How did the Board come to this decision?**

The Executive Board evaluated numerous options, including taking on additional debt instead of pledging the Camp, or selling other assets. Pledging Camp Oklawaha keeps multiple options available. No final decision has been made. GSC and the Board want to continue to offer camping opportunities at Camp Oklawaha if there is a feasible and economical option to keep Camp Oklawaha while still meeting GSC’s contribution towards the global settlement.

**3. Isn’t Camp Oklawaha deed restricted?**

Five acres of the 60-acre camp are restricted. GSC pledged the non-restricted portion of Camp Oklawaha.

**4. Why doesn’t GSC just sell the council office?**

After months of discussion and analysis, it was determined that selling the office building is not the best option at this time. The GSC office building is encumbered with an existing mortgage, the equity would not satisfy the entirety of GSC’s obligation to the global settlement, the building serves as collateral for GSC’s line of credit, and GSC would have to pay for other space to house the personnel currently working at the council office building.

**5. When does the campaign to raise the funds begin?**

The campaign starts on November 1, 2021.

**6. Where can we send donations to support Camp Oklawaha?**

Contributions can be made through the GSC website: [www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/saveok](http://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/saveok) or by contacting the GSC office at (561) 694-8585. Any contributions made will be held in a separate account, pending finalization of the campaign, as well as the bankruptcy litigation.

**7. What can Scouters and Scouting families do to help?**

Scouters, families and friends can visit the GSC website to make a financial contribution. In addition, if they are aware of other individuals, companies, foundations, or non-profits (charities, religious institutions, etc.) that could be approached by the Save Oklawaha campaign staff, they should contact Scout Executive Terrence Hamilton at (561) 694-8585 to let us know to whom to reach out.

**8. What happens if the campaign does not raise \$1.1M?**

If the funds are not raised by the deadline, the Executive Board will convene to discuss other options, which would include making a binding decision to transfer Camp Oklawaha to the global settlement. Donors will receive a full refund if the camp is transferred to fund the Trust.

**9. When is the GSC contribution due?**

The total amount is due on or before January 24, 2022.

**10. When should I make my contribution to the Save Oklawaha campaign?**

As soon as possible. The sooner GSC receives the contributions, the better. Every donation will help secure more donations. Large donors tend to donate more when a campaign is demonstrating success.

**11. Are all of the local councils contributing?**

All 252 local councils are participating in the global settlement trust contribution.

**12. How was the \$1.1 million figure arrived at? What factors were used to come up with that number? Who came up with that number?**

Over the course of many months, a volunteer Ad Hoc committee of local councils, formed in connection with the National BSA bankruptcy process, developed a formula that allows for equitable compensation to victims while permitting local councils the ability to continue providing quality programs to their communities. The three primary factors considered in the formula were: 1) the number of claims made against each council; 2) the applicable statutes of limitation for the state in which each council is located; and 3) the financial condition of the council.

**13. What does GSC get in return for contributing \$1.1 million?**

The local councils will receive the benefit of an injunction entered by the court which will protect them from litigation relating to any claims or allegations of past abuse by enabling those individuals to seek contribution from the global settlement trust fund.

**14. What would happen if GSC did not agree to contribute the \$1.1 million?**

If GSC, or any one of the other 251 local councils, had not agreed to contribute its share of the global settlement, there was the real possibility that a global settlement could not be reached in the bankruptcy, which could result in the National BSA bankruptcy changing from a reorganization to a liquidation, potentially resulting in the end of Scouting in the U.S. Even if National BSA was reorganized in the bankruptcy, GSC would not be protected from litigation by abuse survivors with claims against GSC.

**15. How many lawsuits have been filed against GSC?**

At this time, no lawsuits have been filed against GSC. There is currently a stay of any litigation in the U.S. by abuse survivors against National BSA or any local councils. If a global settlement is not reached and GSC does not receive litigation protection, abuse survivors could subsequently file lawsuits against GSC. Even one abuse victim is too many and the Board considered the fact that if even one abuse victim were to succeed in a claim against GSC, the financial burden on GSC would likely exceed the \$1.1 million settlement contribution.

**16. I thought only National BSA filed for bankruptcy. Did GSC also file bankruptcy?**

GSC has not filed for bankruptcy, but the settlement structure sent to the creditors for approval would entitle GSC along with the other local councils to receive protection from litigation for past claims of abuse in return for participating in the global settlement.

**17. Why didn't GSC tell everybody about the settlement negotiations and agreement before authorizing GSC to sign the non-binding letter of intent?**

All present and past Executive Board discussions are subject to a joint defense and confidentiality agreement.