

Camp DeWitt Program Center Fire FAQ's

What camp was involved in the fire?

The fire occurred at Camp Agnes DeWitt, a 152 acre day camp located in the Sourland Mountains in Hillsborough Township, owned by the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey.

Did the fire affect any buildings?

The fire was contained to the Program Center at the camp and the building was totally destroyed.

Were there any girls, volunteers, or staff on the property when the fire occurred?

There were no programs in session nor were there any girls or volunteers at the camp site. Staff discovered the fire and immediately implemented the necessary emergency procedures.

Was anyone hurt?

There were no reported injuries.

How did the fire start?

As is the case with any structural fire, there is an investigation being conducted by the appropriate authorities.

When did the fire start?

Early Wednesday evening, March 3rd, the Neshanic Fire Department received an initial page reporting a brush fire on the Camp DeWitt property. The Fire Department arrived and immediately determined the Program Center on the property was consumed by the fire and could not be saved.

Once it was determined that the fire involved a structure, the Neshanic Fire Department activated a complete district response which included the Somerset County Office of Emergency Management, and the Neshanic, Flagtown, Hillsborough Company 1, Hillsborough Company 2, and Wood Road Fire Departments.

Will there still be camp this summer?

Yes. The 2010 Summer Day Camp season will be held.

Will the non-camp programs that are scheduled at Camp DeWitt still run?

Yes. The camp staff will be making arrangements to accommodate programs.

Is the camp safe?

The Council is committed to ensuring the health, safety and overall well-being of all of our campers. We follow the program standards for health, safety and security guidelines of Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey, Girl Scouts of the USA, the New Jersey Youth Camp standards, the local health department, and local township fire codes.

Will the Program Center be rebuilt?

The Council will evaluate its next steps based upon the needs of the girls prior to making any final determinations.

How can we help?

At this time, unrestricted monetary donations from our supporters would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be sent to Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey, 1171 Route 28, North Branch, New Jersey 08876 or you can donate online at www.gshnj.org and click on the "Please Give" icon.