# COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AND

## GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Girl Scouts of the United States of America (Girl Scouts) and the Department of the Army, acting through the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) enter into this cooperative agreement for the purpose of establishing a framework for cooperation in which Girl Scouts and the Corps will assist each other in areas of mutual concern to the extent permitted by law.

Girl Scouting offers an informal education and recreation program designed to help each girl develop her own values and sense of worth as an individual. It provides opportunities for girls to experiment, to discover, and to share planned activities that meet their interests and enrich their lives. These activities, carried out in small groups with adult leadership, encourage personal development through a wide variety of projects which include environmental conservation, wildlife education, youth leadership, career exploration and community service. Girl Scout councils are chartered by the national organization to develop and administer Girl Scouting.

#### II. REFERENCES AND AUTHORITY

CORPS

GIRL SCOUTS

10 U.S.C. 2545

36 U.S.C. SEC 31-39

#### III. SUBSTANCE

#### A. General Provisions

- 1. Girl Scouts and the Corps, working at appropriate local, regional and national levels, will foster communications with respect to their programs and activities in relation to the conservation, management, protection, and development of the nation's water resources, as well as other Corps programs. This effort will include, where possible, other Federal departments having similar concerns.
- 2. Subject to applicable limitations, the Corps will cooperate in Girl Scout education, training and program activities through the scheduling of available recreation or special use facilities (learning centers, visitor centers, group campgrounds, etc.). In addition, Corps rangers may be made available for the presentation of interpretive programs pertaining to the conservation, management, protection, use, and development of the nation's water resources including, but not limited to, fish, wildlife, navigation, flood control, hydropower, recreation and other programs administered by the Corps.

- 3. Corps natural resource management personnel will be made aware of this agreement and its intent to foster a spirit of cooperation and mutual concern for environmental conservation and resource stewardship.
- 4. The Corps shall be consulted on Girl Scout program requirements or development of informational materials related to activities associated with Corps program.
  - B. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS (Program Areas)

The Corps will cooperate with Girl Scout projects and activities such as, but not limited to:

- 1. National meetings and conferences.
- Local council programs.
- 3. Development of national programs.

On or about January 1 of each year, when appropriate, the Corps shall submit to the Girl Scouts proposed activities and other information that may relate to the following:

- 1. Current list of Corps recreation facilities
- Current list of Corps projects addresses, phone numbers, and managers' names.
- 3. Current list of Corps district addresses and phone numbers

#### IV. PERIOD

- A. The duration of this agreement shall be from the date shown on the signature page until termination by written notice from either party to the other.
- B. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as obligating the Corps or Girl Scouts to expenditures of further obligation or payment of money in excess of appropriations by Congress.
- C. In carrying out the terms of this agreement, there shall be no discrimination against any person because of race, sex, creed, color, disability, or national origin.

#### V. MODIFICATION

The terms of this agreement may be modified at any time by mutual agreement by both parties.

#### VI. OTHER PROVISIONS

Nothing here is intended to conflict with current Corps If the terms of this agreement are inconsistent with directives. existing directives of either of the agencies entering into this agreement, then those portions of this agreement which are determined to be inconsistent shall be invalid. The remaining terms and conditions not affected by inconsistency shall remain in full force and effect. At the first opportunity for review of the agreement or amendments and revisions thereto that cannot be resolved at the operating level, the areas of disagreement shall be reduced to writing by each party and presented to the other party for consideration.

If agreement on interpretation is not reached within 30 days, the parties shall forward the written presentation of the disagreement to respective higher officials for appropriate resolution.

SIGNATURES

Girl Scouts of the United States of America

National Executive Director

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United States Department of the Army

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