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**For Immediate Release:**

**Supporters of Camp Archbald save camp from sale!**  
*Camp Archbald deemed useable property and no longer in review*

**Susquehanna County, PA** – On Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania (GSHPA) Girl Scout council made the decision to end the review process for Camp Archbald and two of their other owned properties. The council board decided that these properties have reached the benchmarks set forth by the council for the last three years and deemed all the properties useable and will no longer be under review. Camp Archbald has been saved!

Supporters of Camp Archbald (SoCA), was created three years ago when news that no resident camp was going to be offered on the property during summer 2018. Hearing of this news, a group of former campers and alumni gathered together to form the now non-profit SoCA. Their mission: support and conserve Camp Archbald for future Girl Scouting. Currently at over 2,500 members and growing, SoCA has volunteers around the country contributing to the cause. These volunteers have worked thousands of hours to get Camp Archbald in the public eye and raise awareness about the plight of Camp Archbald. Through fundraisers, youth activities, maintenance and open communication, SoCA worked with GSHPA to end the review process and sale of Camp Archbald and will work to return it to a fully functioning Girl Scout camp for use of by Girl Scouts and the community.

Emily Loder, Marketing and Communications Chair for SoCA, released a statement on behalf of the organization. “Volunteers with Supporters of Camp Archbald are thrilled to hear the news about camp. We have been working hard the last three years to bring Camp Archbald into the spotlight and help people understand what an environmental and educational value this camp has on Girl Scouts and the community. We look forward to partnering with GSHPA as we move ahead in restoring the legacy of Camp Archbald.” Nicole Morristell, President of SoCA, was excited to hear about the decision from GSHPA. “While there are still many obstacles to overcome like scheduled maintenance, reasonable rental fees, accessible water and sustainable budgeting, SoCA believes this is a small step forward in the future of outdoor recreation for the girls of NEPA.”

Although Camp Archbald may be saved, that won't stop SoCA from doing what they do best: continuing to look out for the future of Camp Archbald. Camp Archbald celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and what a better birthday present to its volunteers than knowing camp is here to stay for the next 100 years. SoCA will continue to fundraise on behalf of the camp, as well as provide programming for girls in NEPA virtually (for now) and in person when the time is right.

Follow SoCA on social media or visit their website for updates at [supportersofcamparchbald.org](http://supportersofcamparchbald.org).

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