

## Potential Scout Projects in Benson Park

- Identify tree and plant species with markers inside the park.
- Build and install Park benches and picnic tables
- Organize a clean-up including its management, determination of areas to be worked on.
- Build bird houses. Duck nesting houses and/or bat boxes
- Project on "leave no trace" principles and how to incorporate them in the park
- Interpretive nature signs
- Identify and label locations within the old animal park
- Design a self-guided nature trail brochure
- Establish a GPS map with significant sites within the park
- Non-native plant removal and replace with native trees and shrubs
- Design, plan and cultivate perennial gardens within the park.
- Clean-up of the creek along the sewer easement
- Boat ramp or dock on Swan Pond
- Refurbish and refinish the Gorilla Cage
- ~~Refurbish and landscape the remote car raceway including rebuilding of the benches\*~~
- Investigate, recreate and install the totem pole from the old park
- Repair and rebuild the windows in the cupola of the Elephant Barn
- Possible work in the Office in removing graffiti
- Construct one or more foot bridges or bog bridges in select wet areas including wildlife blinds in the back wetlands
- Map select areas inside the part of invasive plants (provides a baseline to monitor their progression)
- ~~Restore Ticket Booth\*~~

\*Items with strikeouts are currently taken

*These ideas were solicited from members of the Benson Park Committee. Further discussion of ideas is welcome and the committee may or may not accept all of the above ideas. Approval of ideas is a two step process with the Benson Park Committee. A preliminary proposal should be presented to the committee. Upon receipt of preliminary approval, the scout would then develop a formal plan acceptable to the Boy Scouts and then obtain final approval from the Benson Park Committee. We can also arrange to have a tour of the park to see these projects.*