

December 26, 2002

**Ms Karen Hagerty, Planning, Programs, and Project Mgmt Division
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**RE: Proposed lease of Camp Daybreak, Coralville Lake, North Liberty, Ia
Official Public Comment in response to Environmental Assessment**

TOPIC: Previous use of Camp Daybreak

Dear Karen:

The Corps of Engineers continually states that the proposal under consideration for the Daybreak area is the "same" as previous use by the Girl Scouts. This argument seems to be one of your major justifications for the current proposal. In a recent newspaper article, you are quoted as saying that up to 1200 Girl Scouts used the camp in one year.

Karen, I would like to see documentation proving that level of usage. What year was it?

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I have not spoken to anyone associated with the Girl Scouts who believe the use was ever that high. In the early years (60s - 70s) the Girl Scouts operated Camp Cardinal in Iowa City which was the main venue for camping. In the 80's, I was associated with Girl Scouts and the annual one-week day camp at Daybreak, and I assure you there were nowhere near 1200 users then.

To compare the Girl Scout lodge and it's use to the proposed 17, 500 square foot conference center and it's proposed use, and find any similarities, is absurd.

Sincerely,



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