

The Litchfield Park Scout Lodge

Established 1954

1954



- Built by Mr. Litchfield as his responsibility to provide a meeting place for Boy Scout Troop 90 chartered in 1929.
- Dedication January 30, 1954.
- Mr. Litchfield attended the dedication.
- The scouts demonstrated their skills.
- Dan Manley received his Eagle from Mr. Litchfield.

1954



2007

- The Litchfield Park Scout Lodge Preservation, INC non-profit was
- The purpose was to preserve the Scout Lodge and the goal was to maintain the historic look of the building and maintain a safe environment
- The establishing members: Meredith Stucky, Debra Undhjem, Jesse Leon, Tim Smith, Mike Miley, Scott Seely, Rob Lingel.
- Immediate needs: termites, windows, rafters, electrical codes, door bathroom, parking lot, patio.

Ownership

The lodge was always included with the land purchase.

- 1954: Built and owned by Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company who owned the land.
- 1987: SunCor Co. bought the Wigwam, Scout Park, and the Scout Lodge including the land.
- 1990: Kabuto bought SunCor's holdings.
- 2012 the City of Litchfield Park bought Scout Park and the land up to City Hall including the Scout Lodge.

Scout Troops

- Boy Scout Troop 90: chartered 1929 for the Goodyear Farm families. They have 150 Eagle Scouts, 59 average members. They meet on Monday evenings.
- Boy Scout Troop 99: chartered 1943 by Goodyear Aircraft Corporation. They have 126 Eagle Scouts, 20 average members. They had their own lodge until 1997 when they moved to Litchfield Park. They meet on Sunday evenings.
- Pack 990: chartered in 2004, 25 scouts
- Girl Scouts: over 300 scouts

Litchfield Park has been considered the highest density of scouting in the

April 2026 Calendar

2026

Litchfield Park Scout Lodge

Board of Directors:

Meredeth Stucky, President

Doug Kerfoot, Vice-President

Andrew Coffey, Secretary

Tanja Tanner, Treasurer

Tim Smith, Past President

Mike Hirth

Zack Land

Action Committee:

Gary Feters

Angela McClure

Joni Sheesley

Kristine Chapman

Rodney Herman

Scout Lodge Relocation vs. Build New

Discussions began early 2025, the plan was to move the lodge.

- The plan was to saw the building off at the foundation and move it across to Scout Park.
- Three building movers all predicted that it would fall apart.
- The cost of moving would be \$300,000
- The cost of hook up and bringing the building up to code would be included.
- If the City moved the lodge, it would be City property, no longer a Scout Lodge.

vs. Building a new lodge in Park.

- A preliminary design has priced \$1,200,000.00
- Up to code with more square foot storage areas.
- Improved, separate bathrooms.
- Trailer garages
- Gifting Clause: to offset the \$1.0 on the land, it requires us to build bathrooms for Scout Park, about \$150,000.
- This building will be owned by the non-profit and managed by the Directors.

Building New

The decision was made to build a modern, 3,885 sqft Scout Lodge in Sco as a permanent, state-of-the-art facility for our ever-growing number of sc

- All troops signed an agreement to use the new Scout Lodge.
- Formed the Litchfield Park Scout Lodge Action Committee

Purpose: Support the Board of Directors with Design Management and Capital Campaign.

Members:

Gary Feters: Project Manager

Angela McClure: co-chair marketing and fundraising

Joni Sheesley: co-chair marketing and fundraising

Rodney Herman, design

New Lodge Design

The plan includes using the original roof tiles and the fireplace bricks



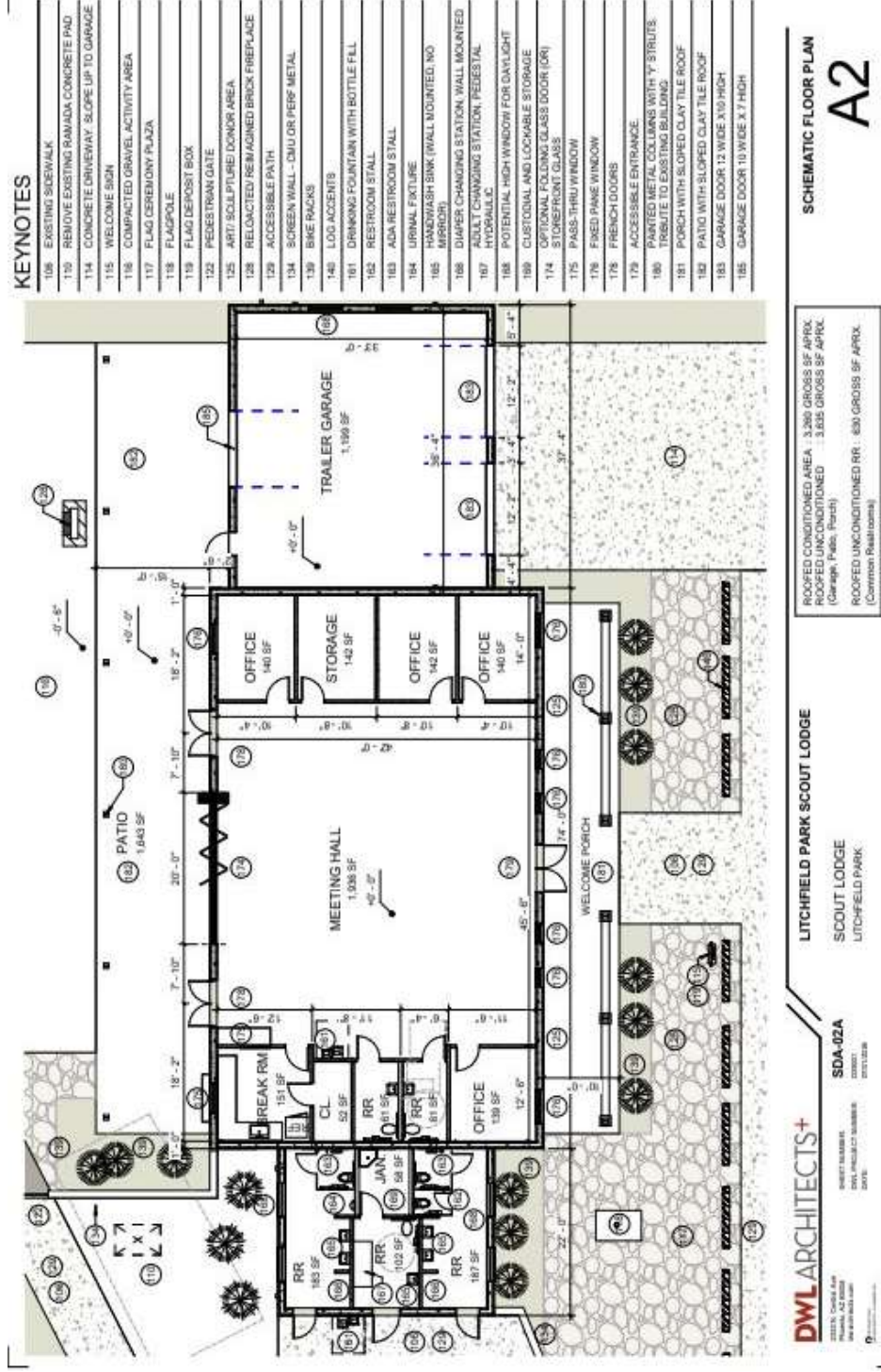
Location

The new lodge will be in the southeast corner of Scout Park.



Floor plan

This is the basic floor plan. It includes the outside bathrooms and garage



MOU signed with the City, January 16 2026

City of Litchfield Park

- City brings utility stubs to 5 feet
- Add a fire hydrant
- Waiver of permitting & planning fees
- Land \$1.00 year ground lease
- Builds a decomposed granite parking lot
- Maintains bathrooms/pays water bills

Scout Lodge Board of Directors

- Obtain survey and legal description
- Submittal of site and design plan
- Builds outside bathrooms for the
- Pay electricity and internet bills
- Fence off the Lodge from the Park
- Maintain landscaping

Timeline

- MOU signed January 16, 2026
- 12 months to gather funding, January 2026 – January 2027
 - Capital Campaign Phase 1, the ASK, began July 2026
 - Phase 2: will begin when 70% of the \$1.3m are raised
- Development/lease agreement to be signed and approved 8 months into the funding period, August 2026
- 12 months for construction beginning January 2027

One Time Capital Campaign

- Phase 1: the ASK

Major fundraising of in-kind and monetary donations to reach 70% build.

Personal meetings with donors and companies that can help with goods and services. Soliciting grants from companies and organizations.

- Phase 2: a community kick-off for public support.

Social media, newspaper articles, Townhall meeting at the site, fund events.

How can you help?

There are three ways:

- Donate in-kind services or products: If you are a company, you may be willing to donate all or part of a product and installation. This will greatly reduce our costs.
- Use your network: You might know a company that would be willing to support our build and you are able to give us an introduction.
- Pledge Financial Support: Your monetary donation will cover the cost of those building needs that will not have a company willing to help.