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## **CAMP ARCHBALD LISTED ON 2019 PENNSYLVANIA AT RISK LIST**

Historic Girl Scout Camp Now Under Review; May Be Sold

Kingsley, Susquehanna County, PA – The Girl Scouts were founded in 1912 with the idea that experience in the great outdoors would help girls build confidence, courage and character. **Camp Archbald**, which claims to be the second oldest continuously operating Girl Scout camp in the United States, has been open since 1920. The camp is under review for potential sale.

Located on a secluded and pristine kettle lake ringed by dense, sloping hardwood hemlock forest, the camp offers 168 acres include woods, meadows, waterfront, a houseboat, cabins and other historic buildings. Original structures, one built of stone from a quarry located on camp property, have withstood the test of time and are still in use today.

Camp Archbald was placed under review last year for potential closure by regional council Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania. The camp is still operating year-round, open only to Girl Scout events and groups. It just completed year one of a three-year review period to determine whether to continue the camp or put it up for sale.

“At a time when parents worry about too much screen time, and medical experts recommend being outdoors to help reduce anxiety and depression, camping getaways are an old idea worth saving,” said Julia Chain, Program Director at Preservation Pennsylvania. “We look forward to working with the local supporters and the regional council to try to determine a mutually-positive way forward.”

### **2019 Pennsylvania At Risk**

Preservation Pennsylvania has listed the following places to the 2019 Pennsylvania At Risk and will offer free preservation assistance through the year.

#### **Farmhouse at Carlisle Indian School** (Cumberland County)

A coalition of Tribal representatives and local organizations seek to preserve a farmhouse that was part of the Carlisle Indian School. They hope to transform it into a place of healing and education.

**Woodburne Mansion** (Delaware County)

This empty mansion designed by architect Horace Trumbauer for a noted family offers vast potential. It's surrounded by a historic natural landscape that's poised to become a valuable recreational resource that would benefit the residents of several nearby townships.

**Colebrook Grist Mill** (Lebanon County)

Local advocates hope to save, restore and find a new use for the long-vacant landmark.

**Morton and Lenore Weiss House** (Montgomery County)

A mid-century residence designed by one of the world's greatest 20th century architects is threatened with demolition by neglect and development.

**Camp Archbald** (Susquehanna County)

Local Girl Scout councils across the country, with approval from national leadership, have put up for sale more than 200 camps in 30 states. Camp Archbald, one of the oldest camps in the country, under review for potential sale.

**About Pennsylvania At Risk**

Since 1992, Preservation Pennsylvania has published the *Pennsylvania At Risk* list to draw statewide attention to the plight of Pennsylvania's historic resources; promote and support local action to protect historic properties; and encourage funding and legislation that supports preservation activities.

Helping people to protect and preserve Pennsylvania's endangered historic properties is a top priority for Preservation Pennsylvania. The organization is committed to engaging with people interested in working to preserve and rehabilitate these significant historic places.

This year's list was chosen from nominations submitted by groups and individuals. Submissions are evaluated by several criteria, including historic significance, the extent of the threat and the community's commitment to preserving the resource.

**Founded in 1982, Preservation Pennsylvania is the commonwealth's only statewide, private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant resources.** For more information, visit the website at [www.preservationpa.org](http://www.preservationpa.org) or contact Preservation Pennsylvania at 717-234-2310.

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