

Fee Reduction - Staff Report

Date:
To: Douglas County Board of County Commissioners
Through: Dan Avery, Deputy County Manager
From: Steve Shoultz, CPRE, Director of Parks and Recreation *SS*
CC: Amy Knopp, MSOL, Rueter-Hess Recreation Manager
Subject: **Use Fee Modification Request from \$875 to \$500 for their 5-day camp at Rueter-Hess Reservoir July 13 to 17, 2026**

Board of County Commissioners Hearing:

May 12, 2026 @ 1:30 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Girl Scouts of Colorado requests a modification of the use fee at Rueter-Hess from \$875 to \$500 for a 5-day camp during July 13 to 17, 2026, offering them savings of \$375. The camp focuses on boating education for girls. Certified boating instructors will teach canoeing, kayaking, sailing, paddle boarding, and windsurfing skills.

II. BACKGROUND

The Girl Scouts of Colorado have been providing this camp since 2020, making 2026 their seventh year. During the five-day camp, the instructors teach non-motorized boating and water safety skills. On average, the camp has 30 participants and instructors.

III. REQUEST

The Girl Scouts of Colorado are requesting a fee modification from \$875 to \$500 for a 5-day camp at Rueter-Hess Reservoir July 13 to 17, 2026. This fee modification will save the Girl Scouts \$375.

IV. STAFF ASSESSMENT

The Board of County Commissioners has the sole authority to waive or reduce all park use fees and may choose to waive or reduce the event fee for the Girl Scouts of Colorado.

ATTACHMENTS

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April 1, 2026

To: The Board of County Commissioners
Douglas County Department of Parks and Recreation
9651 South Quebec Street
Littleton, CO 80130

From: Louise Bashaw, Camp Director
H2O Sports Sampler LLC
7504 East Sunset Trail
Parker, CO 80134

Please consider a fee modification for our Girl Scout H2O Sport Sampler Day Camp at Rueter-Hess Reservoir. We are a nonprofit organization depending on the reservation fees of our campers and operate on a limited budget. The past 5 years you have allowed us a daily fee of \$100 per day rather than the \$175 fee per day of a camp of our size.

We are a popular boating camp that teaches canoe, kayak, sailing, stand up paddleboard, and wind surfing. The typical attendance is between 20 to 25 campers with around 10 adult volunteer instructors and safety monitors. Our volunteers work at our camp for the 5 days taking time off from their jobs to insure a valuable experience for the Girl Scout campers.

Please consider modifying our daily fee to \$100 in support of our camp.

Sincerely,
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