

## CAMP KANZA

Camp Kanza is located about 1 ½ miles south of Atchison, KS just east of old 73 highway. It consists of 28.6 acres of beautiful virgin forest land which was leased to the Boy Scouts of America by Mr. & Mrs. Ladd Seaberg of Atchison. The camp officially opened on October 24<sup>th</sup> 1981. An Open House for the camp was held on October 24<sup>th</sup> 1981 to formally dedicate Camp Kanza and recognize the many contributors leading to the successful establishment of the camp. It provides both short-term and overnight camping experiences for scouts and leaders to help develop outdoor scouting skills in a natural environmental setting.

Most of the camp development was done by area scout leaders and scouts, as well as parents and other adult volunteers throughout the community. Various area businesses donated materials, equipment, and service hours to the maintenance and upkeep of the camp. During 1981-1984 \$23,600 was raised to complete various projects in the camp. Several funding projects were initiated in order to establish Camp Kanza to include: fencing around the camp, a gate to the camp, a parking area, and a 20'x40' shelter house used for storage and providing shelter during bad weather. In addition, a fireplace at one end of the shelterhouse provided a year-round meeting place for scouts and leaders in addition to latrine facilities. .

Major contributors toward these projects were Mr. Ladd Seaberg, Rockwell International, The Midwest-McCormick Charitable Trust, Dr. Eugene J. Bribach, Col Courtney Turner, Brox for Rocks, Lincoln Family Foundation, and the Pillsbury Foundation.

During the second phase of development, the camp committee made plans for building a pond to be used for canoeing, fishing, and swimming. Amino Brothers of Kansas City build the pond at cost for approximately \$10, 500. Other projects included a nature trail throughout areas of the camp.

Camp Kanza has hosted numerous campouts, Camporees, and Klondike Derbies. The camp serves the Kanza district and outlying districts with a vital camping and outdoor activities location for all area Scouters.