

# GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS



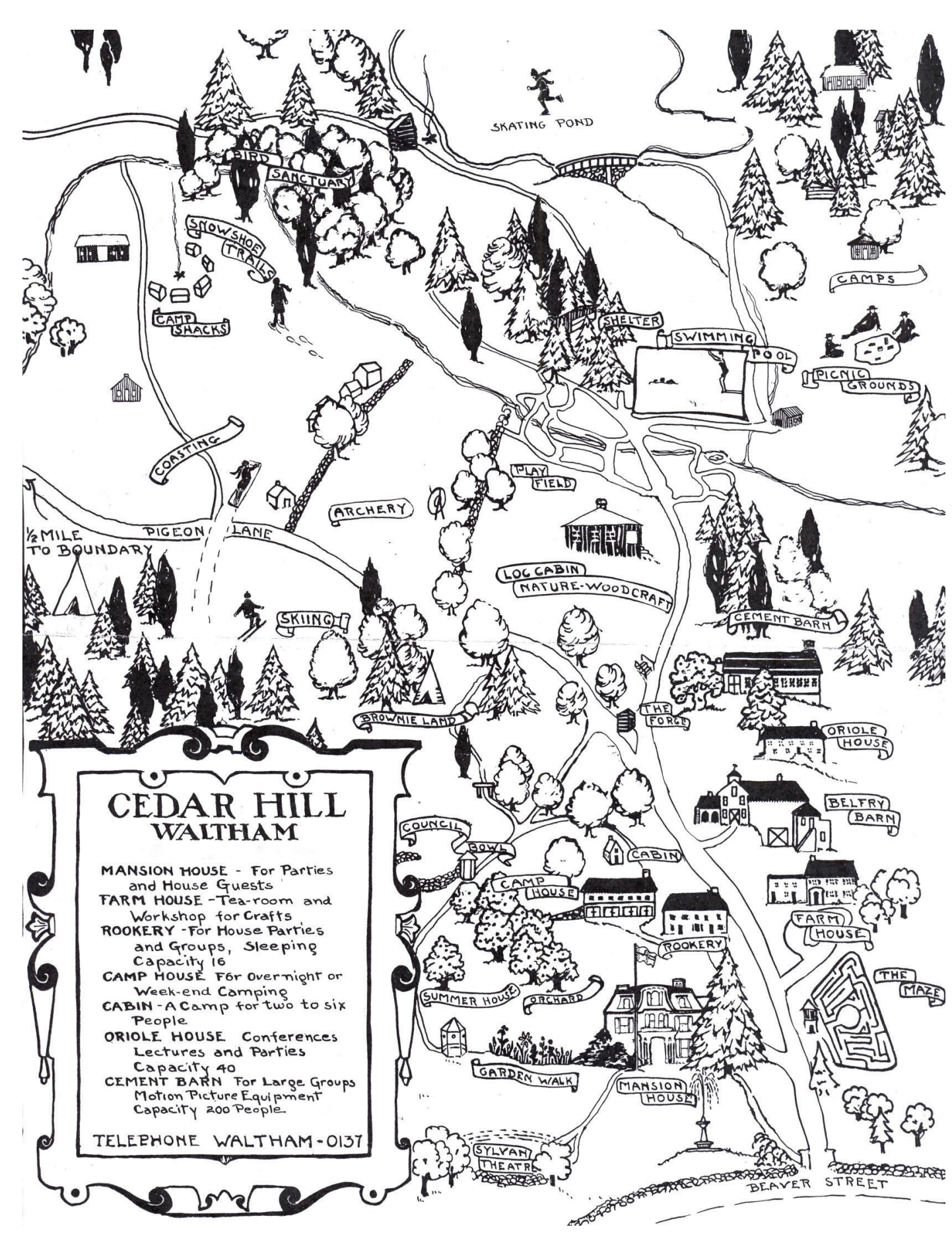
## Camp Cedar Hill 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### 100 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTING AT CAMP CEDAR HILL BEGAN WITH TWO VISIONARIES



**Cornelia Lyman Warren**, born in 1857, was a farmer and business-woman who inherited her family's 200-acre estate in Waltham called Cedar Hill. Towards the end of her life she made plans for the property to be donated for the public good.

**Helen Osborne Storrow**, born in 1864, was a prominent American philanthropist. She was one of the first leaders of Massachusetts Girl Scouts and had the vision and resources to make a Girl Scout camp at Cedar Hill.



Massachusetts Girl Scouts opens Camp Cedar Hill in 1923 thanks to the vision and generosity of Cornelia Warren and Helen Storrow.

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Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low visits Camp Cedar Hill and meets with Helen Storrow in 1925.



Girl Scouts enjoy getting "lost and found" in the pathways at the Cedar Hill Maze created by Cornelia Warren in the late 1890s.



International Girl Guide and Girl Scout delegates from thirty countries gathered at the Council Bowl in 1926 on their way to a gathering in New York.



Girl Scouts build cabins across the property (pictured circa 1928). Fourteen sites are laid out as town camps to be used for troop overnights and other recreation.

The innovative Cedar Hill Mobile Unit Caravan is launched in 1945 with funds from Helen Storrow's estate to bring girl-led camping training around the state.



The Storrow House office building is built in 1956 when Massachusetts Girl Scouts headquarters moves from Boston to Waltham.



The rolling landscape remains popular for winter recreation including skiing and sledding, demonstrated by these Girl Scouts in the 1970s.



In 1986 a major Capital Campaign raises funds to update cabins and campsites and the Rookery building.

Volunteers help build an accessible Nature Trail in 1996 so Girl Scouts of all abilities may enjoy the outdoor wonders.



Originally Cornelia Warren's Dairy Barn, the Great Hall meeting space is updated in 2015 with the help of WCVB TV show *Extreme Makeover*.



To further challenge summer day campers and visitors, a climbing tower and zipline with a bird's eye view of Boston is installed in 2016.



The Girl Scout Museum at Cedar Hill opened in 1983 in Cornelia Warren's former bowling alley building (top), moves to a brand new building in 1989, and expands to its present, accessible building in 2017.

Waltham Community Preservation Funds make it possible to rebuild and refurbish the Council Bowl and Fountain in 2019 for the enjoyment of future generations.



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