

NOTES ON WOODHAVEN:

“During 1945 the need for a permanent camp for all types of camping resulted in the appointment of a committee to investigate the property which eventually became Woodhaven. On August 17, 1945, it was decided to acquire this property and Mr. David Bohannon purchased it in order to hold it until adequate financial arrangements could be made. In October, 1946, a loan of \$18,000 was obtained and Woodhaven became the property of the Sequoia District Girl Scout Council. A capital drive for funds in 1947 resulted in approximately \$7,000. \$4,000 was paid on the loan, and the remainder was used for necessary improvements.

During this time, many volunteers, both men and women, gave of their time to developing Woodhaven. Principally among them were Mr. and Mrs. David D. Bohannon, who loaned men from Mr. Bohannon’s organization for necessary repairs and construction work. The first established camp program opened in July 1947 with 140 girls attending over a period of six weeks. Proceeds from the 1948 cookie sale were added to the Woodhaven Capital Fund. That same year a swimming pool was built, gift of the Bohannon’s.”

- Source history of Sequoia Council prepared by the Sequoia Council Staff in 1963

1955 – The mortgage was paid off and burning of the mortgage ceremony was held honoring Mr. and Mrs. Bohannon, Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Kalenbourn (the first Commissioner of Sequoia Council) and Mr. and Mrs. George Metlar.

1957 – The dining hall was completed

Woodhaven was also used for Day Camps during the 1950’s, especially after Sandierra in the high sierras was acquired.

1961 – Mr. Bohannon donated \$500 for fireplace repair at Woodhaven

FROM SANFRANCISCO BAY GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL MINUTES:

Camp Woodhaven – San Mateo-Redwood City

Approve purchase of (Sequoia Council)	1946
Mortgage paid off with help of Bohannon’s	1955
Authorize sum for bridge at Woodhaven	Apr 8, 1964
Placed on Market	June 10, 1970
Accept offer of \$85,000 cash	1973

FROM 1963 DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING PROPERTIES – CAMP BROCHURES FOR NEWLEY FORMED
SAN FRANCISCO BAY GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL:

CAMP WOODHAVEN

Permission was given to the Sequoia Council by the Bohannon Family to operate an established camp at Woodhaven on La Honda Road 15 miles west of Redwood City. The property was originally the summer place of the Liebes Family of San Francisco. This 28-acre rustic retreat in the redwood forests of Santa Cruz Mts. provides nature, crafts, swimming and hiking. Here new campers may feel secure while gaining experience.

(Sequoia Council – 1946; GS San Francisco Bay Sold 1973)

NOTE: As of 2007 the swimming pool donated by the Bohannon's still had the Girl Scout logo on the bottom of the pool

NOTE: Sequoia Council: **IN 1930 SEQUOIA DISTRICT FORMED BY CONSOLIDATING THE COMMITTEES FROM REDWOOD CITY, MENLO PARK, WOODSIDE, AND SAN CARLOS. AT THE TIME THE COUNCIL WAS FORMED THERE WERE 4 TROOPS AND 2 BROWNIE PACKS.**