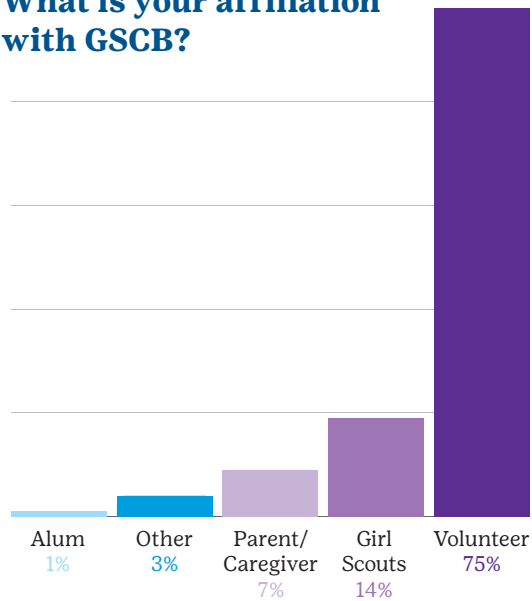


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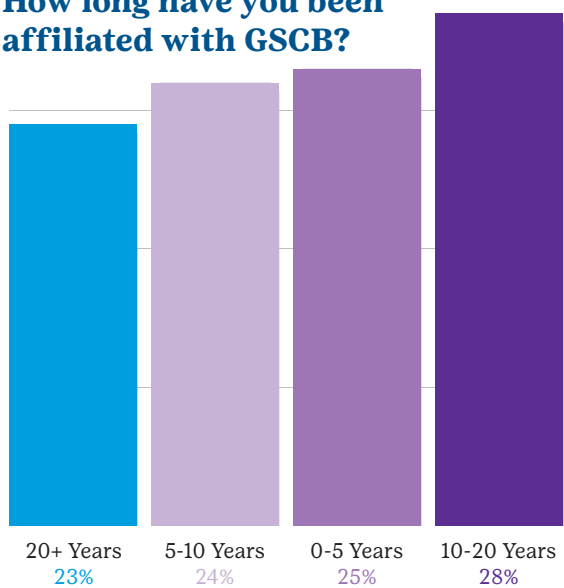
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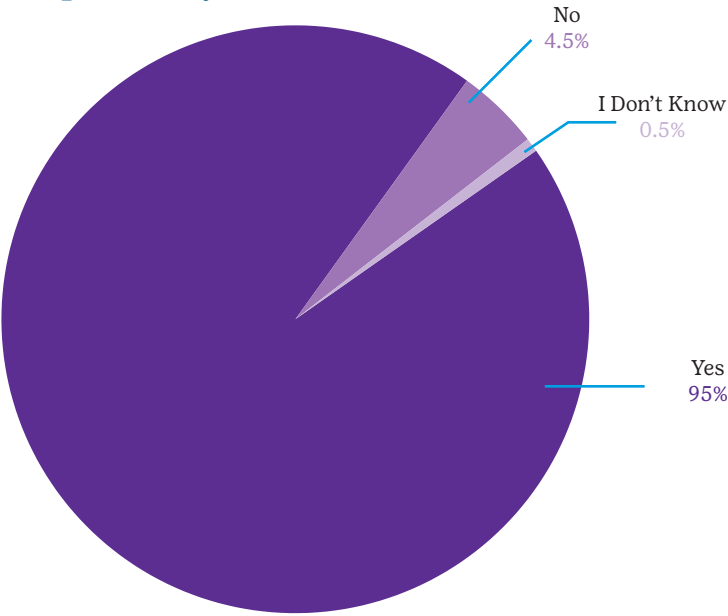
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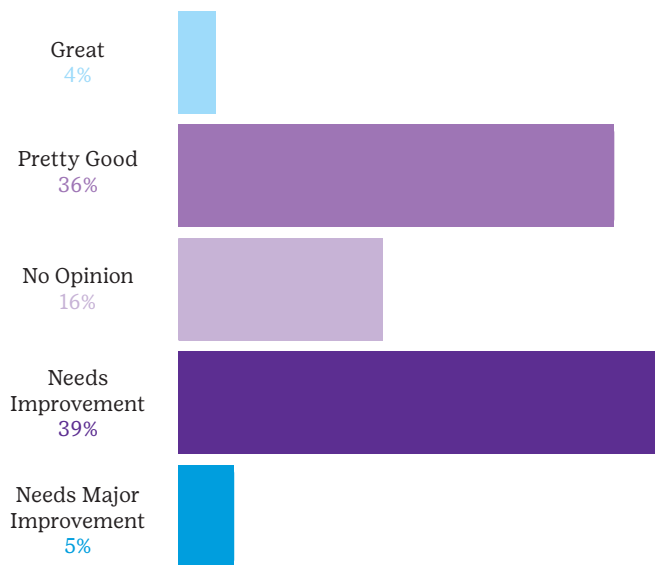


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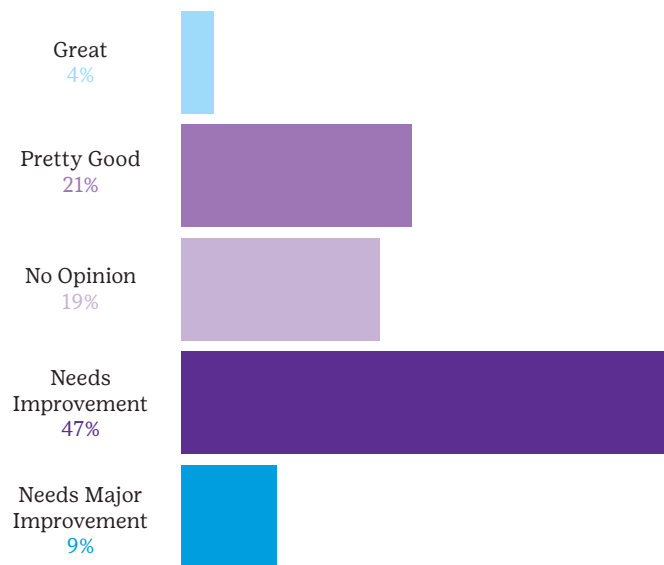


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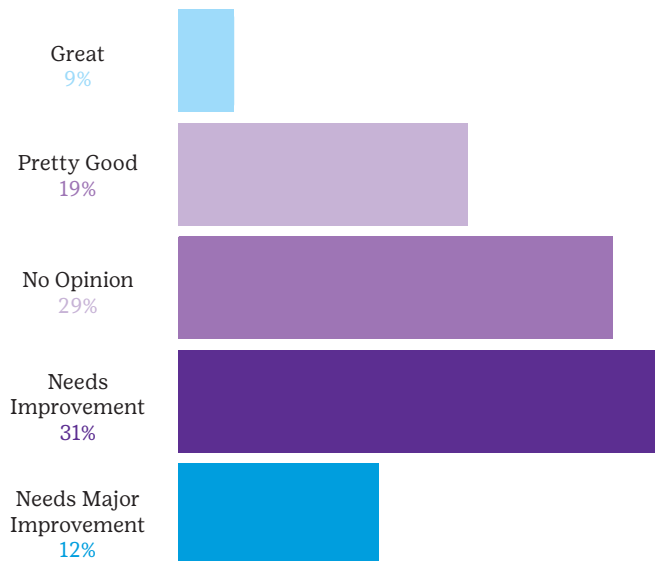
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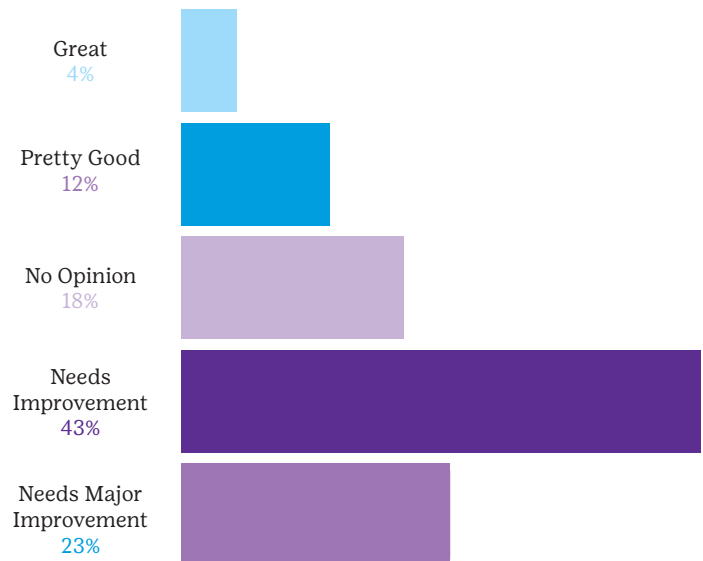
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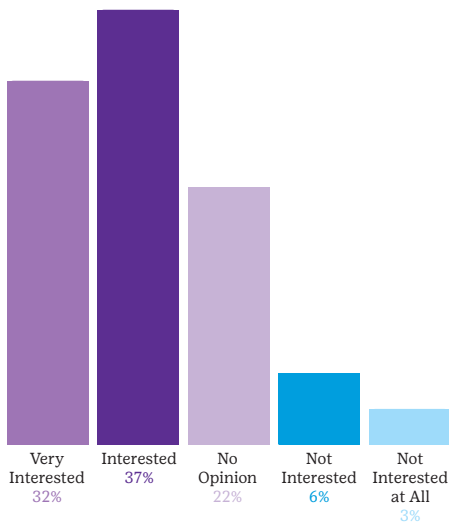


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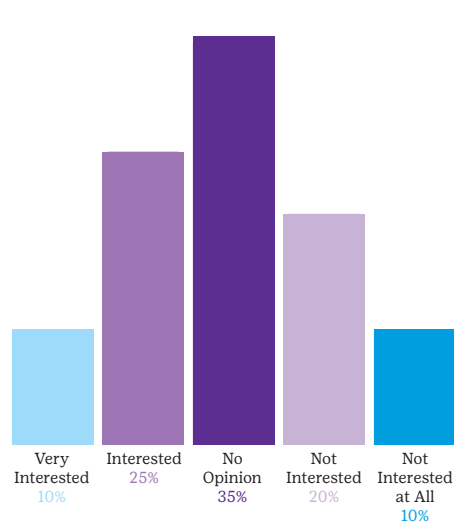


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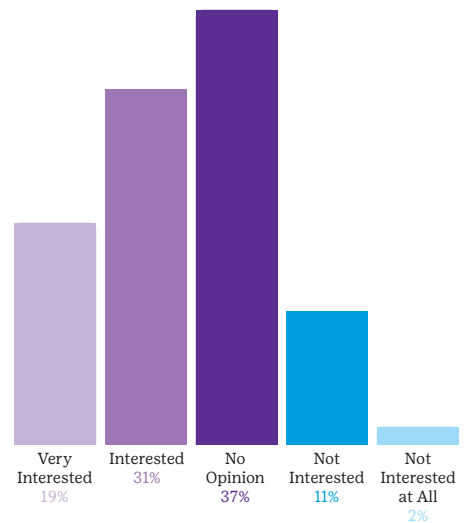
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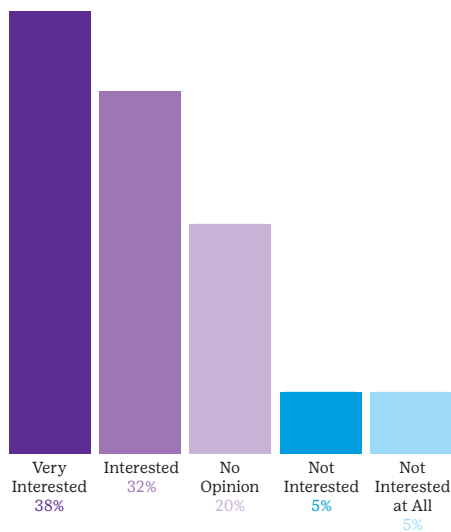
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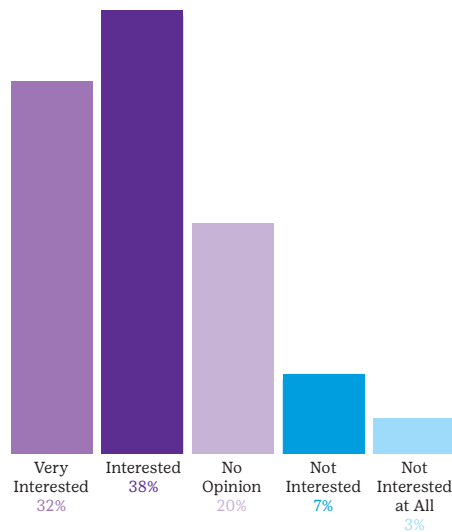
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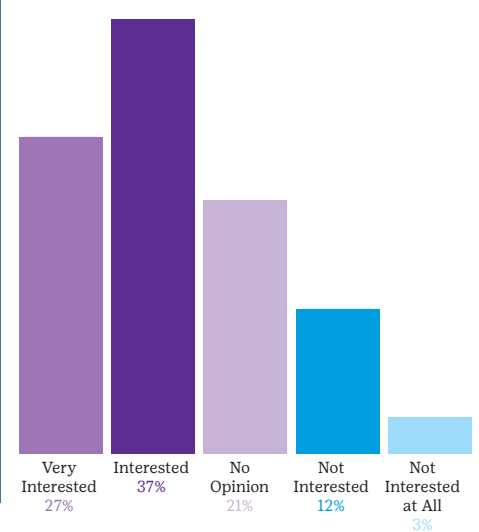
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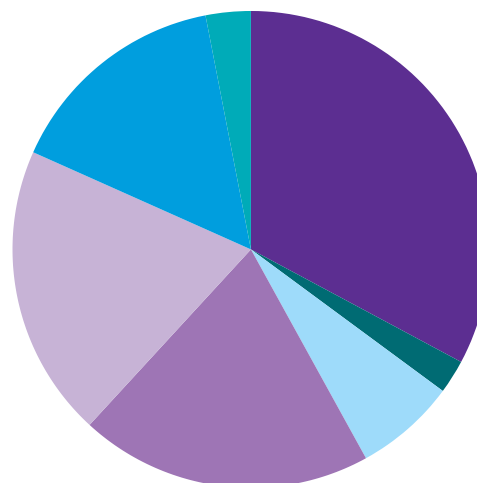
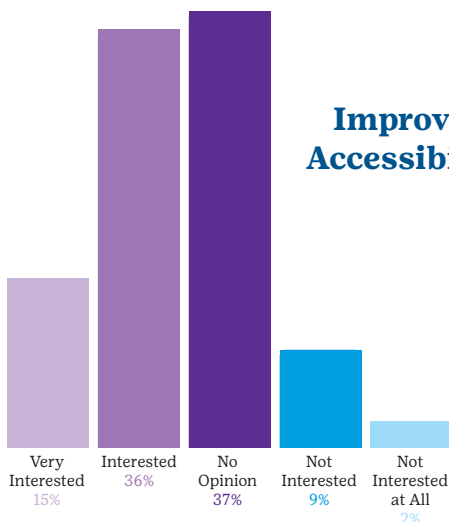
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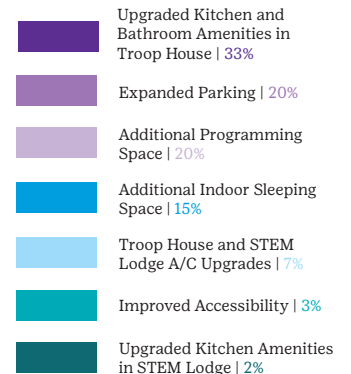
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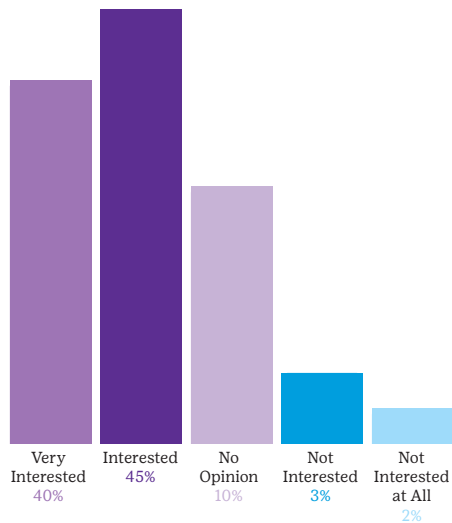


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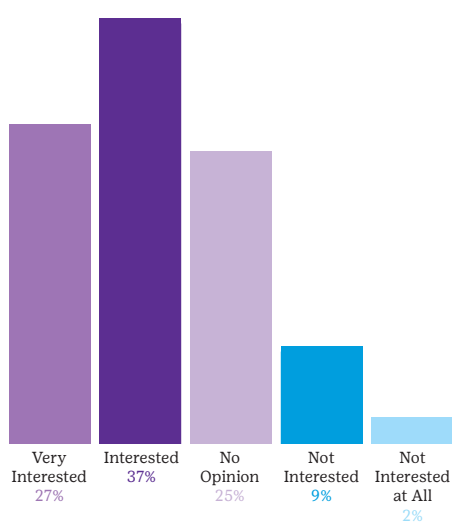


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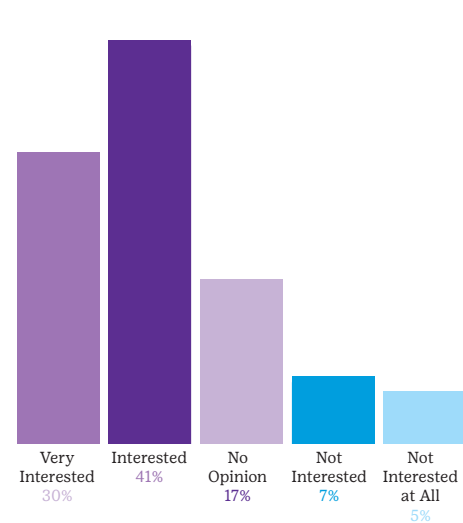
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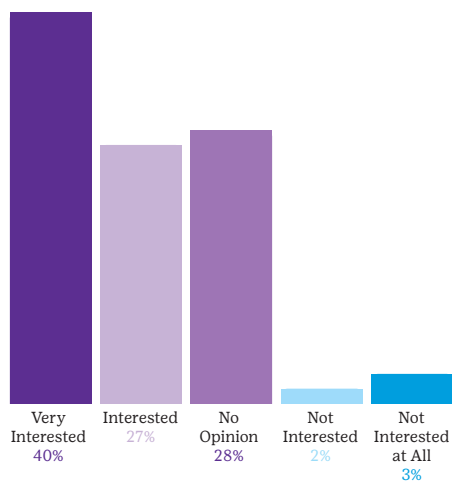
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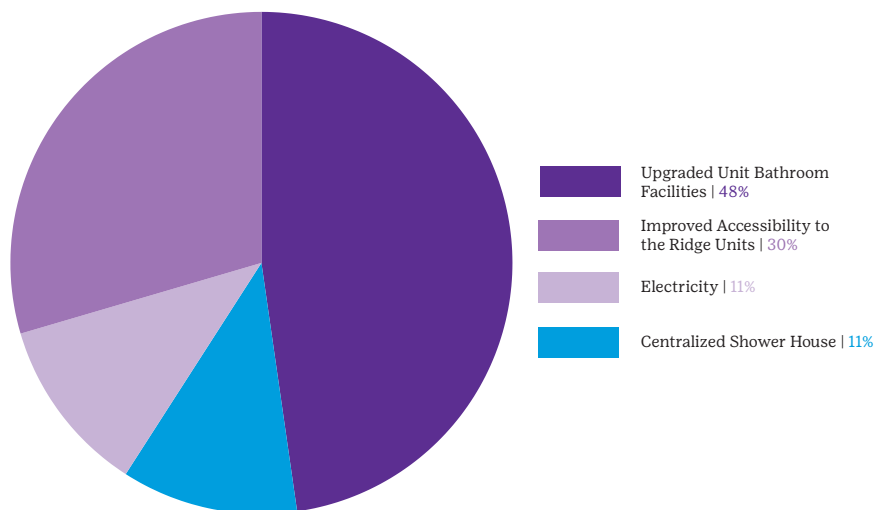
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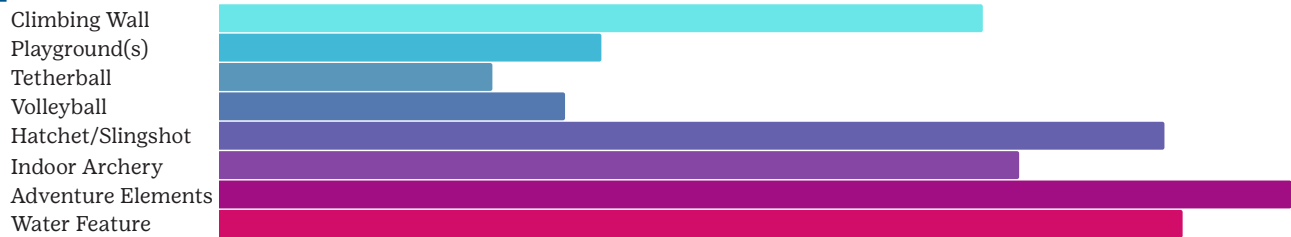


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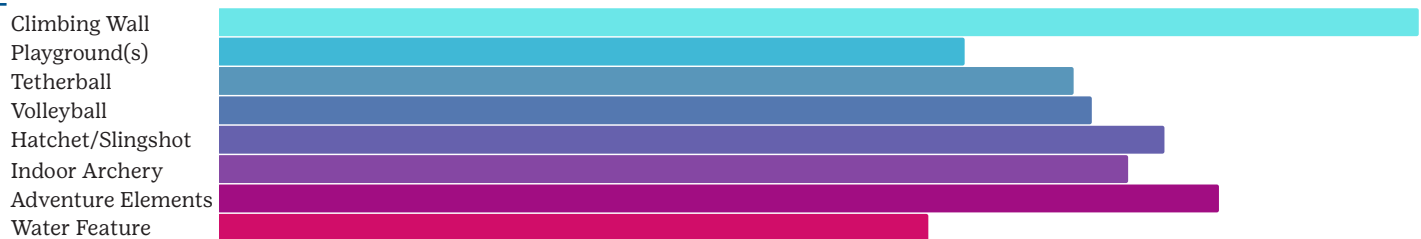


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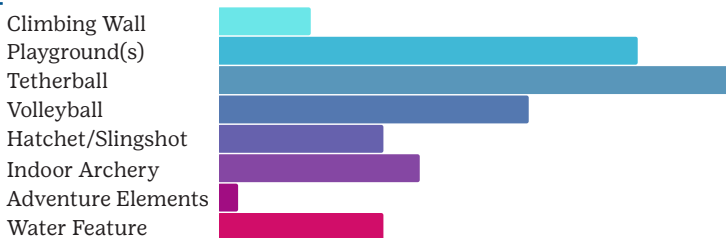
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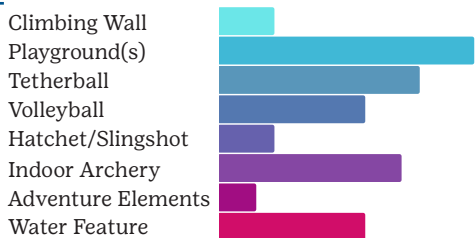
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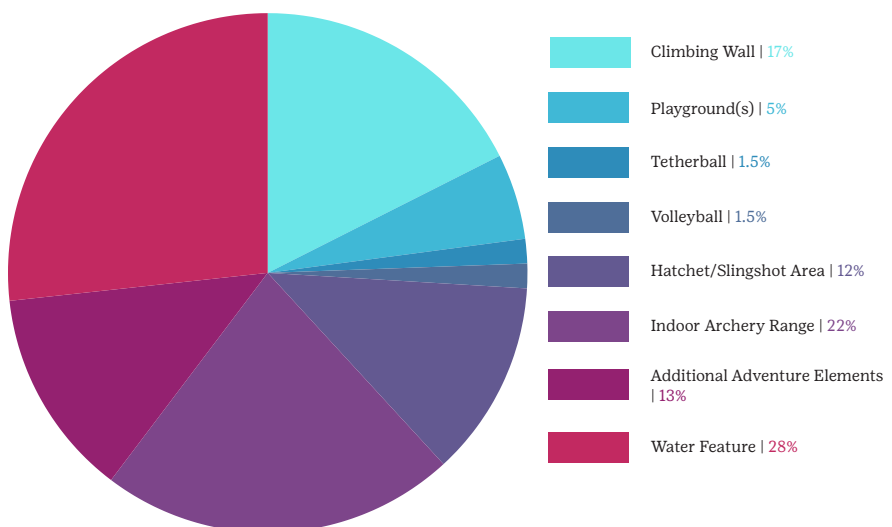
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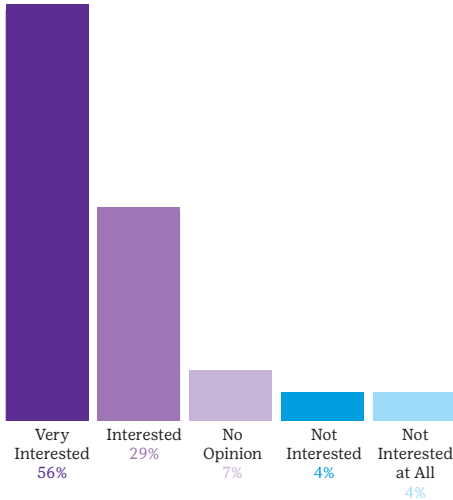


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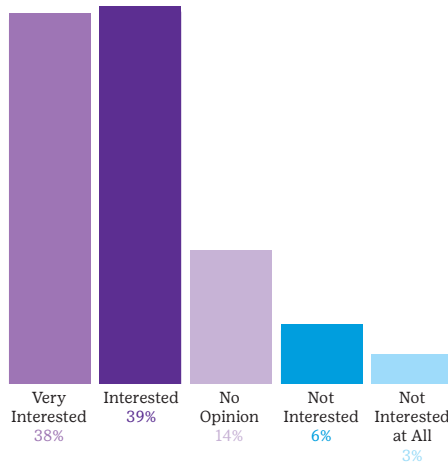


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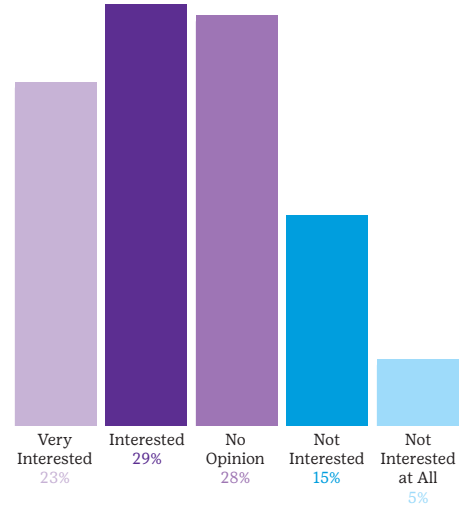
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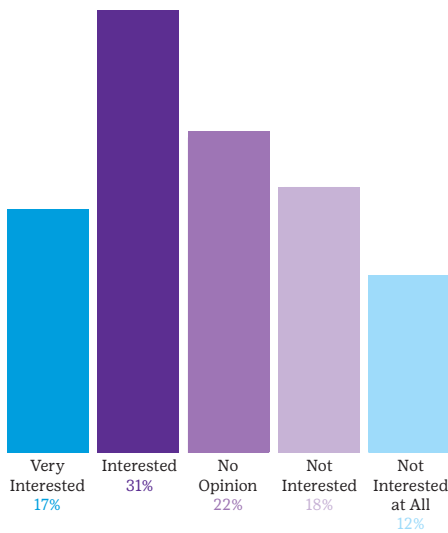
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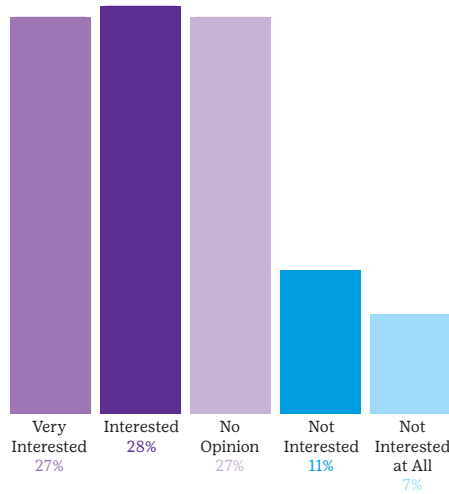
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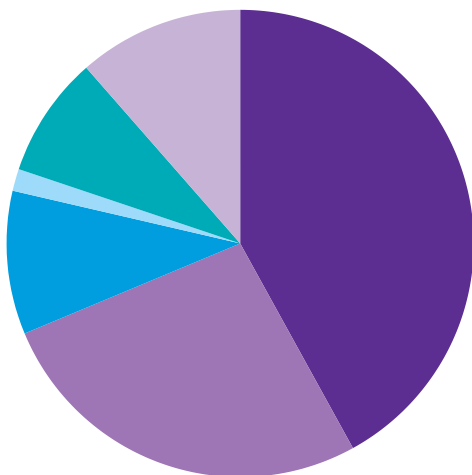
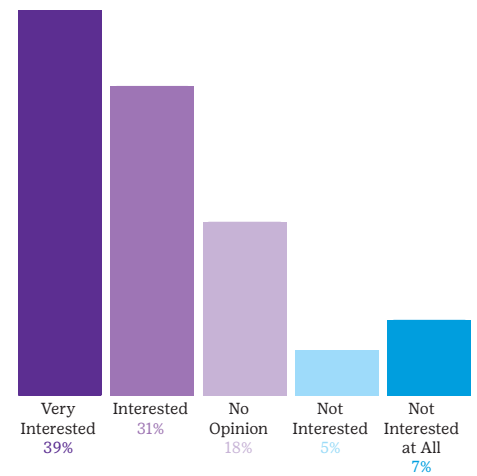
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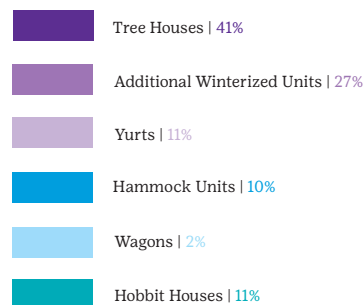
Hobbit Houses



Yurts



If you had to pick one...



Additional Comments

From Girl Scouts

I understand that proper maintenance should be considered before upgrades are thought about. And I feel the money would be best spent at camp Todd for the same reasons.

Fix the back deck! A bird observation area. More nature signs...what trees are, different wildlife in the area.

Winter camps and how to learn the elements in the child would be really cool.

If you put a climbing wall make it very tall. Would love a pool.

Fix/have a scout fix the old low ropes course on the ridge. It's genuinely dangerous. Get rid of the wasps on the music in the woods. Ensure the GSCB website is up to date with what is currently at and is useable at Country Center. Not everything is correct. Organize and create programming for the science materials in the STEM lodge. I know there's materials for DNA electrophoresis, but we're not allowed to touch it and it's a mess. The general scouts will have no clue what things are for the way it's currently organized. Fix up the stairs/bridges. Some are rotting/falling apart.

Flushable toilets for use by the meadow and frog hollow.

Thanks for taking the steps to make improvements :) Especially the kitchen and showers.

From Alum

If u put Yurts in I think u need someone to watch them so they don't get destroyed by outsiders causing mischief. Fill in the low areas so when it rains your not walking thru a swamp.

From Parents/Caregivers

Honestly I feel like any money allotted for renovations should go to Camp Todd. My girls absolutely love going there but every trip we can tell that it's a little more rundown. This past weekend we attended a service unit trip and the ceiling was falling in the main building. We also had several issues with plumbing. Camp Country Center is nice for what it is but Camp Todd is really special. I'd hate for us to lose it.

From Volunteers

Need to make ridge safer for cars and easier to get to. maybe add a building for achives items. and some small office space for workers.

No ideas but very grateful for the work you're doing!

Tree houses are great for younger scouts. Yurts or another winterized camping option will expand the season for camping.

Fix existing amenities so that they can be used safely like the indoor fire places and the outdoor stove at Chimney Rock. Upgrade the utility shed so dangerous equipment can be stored and existing foot paths can be accessed without risk of injury. Find a new location for Archives and counsel offices/equipment so the existing facilities can be used by troops as expected. Expand wifi access to whole camp.

Clean indoor restrooms. A pool or sprinkler system.

Art shed/art in the woods. Having an area with more flat land to do activities. Leveling the area maybe near flag pole?

The access road to the ridge needs to be paved or widened to be safer and accessible. Anyone with a vehicle that sits low cannot access those units. So even if you improve accessibility within the units, someone in a wheelchair may not be able to get up there!

Flushing latrines would go a long way. Many girls and leaders won't use the latrines.

The bridge to get to the trail that goes up the ridge was destroyed by a tree and never rebuilt. It would be nice to not have to go all the way around if you're at frog hollow.

The STEM lodge is already a shower house. Most troops don't shower when weekend camping and there are no overnight camps held by council at country center. A shower house would be a waste of money, in my opinion.

Bathroom unit near Chimney Rock to create a more desirable space for public events and possible tent/hammock site.

Troop house was not ideal. It felt old, dirty and lacked great bathroom situation for a whole troop. I wouldn't want to stay there again. Stem lodge is great but both lacked activities for winter camping.

Do not add a 2nd floor to the stem lodge, which would be too expensive for the gain. Turn the lab into a bunk room with triple bunk beds for girls to sleep.

Spend money to add a large pole barn at Camp Todd with has a true dining hall (large enough for the annual Meeting to be held and every other council wide event), true commercial kitchen, and an upgraded shower house. Put offices above the kitchen for staff. Add wagons or other glamping type sleeping facilities to camp Todd!

High ropes course and zip line would be great additions to the activities available.

I like all the ideas. I hope that the camp can remain open for use during these upgrades so that we can still use some sections of the camp.

Improving archery so that we're not dragging equipment up and down the hill would help a lot!

The steps beside the troop house need improvement, they are absolutely dangerous when wet. Not much can be done for the terrain there...it is what it is, but it can limit activities and accessibility.

Program!!!! Either at Todd or Country Center. My troop has no incentive to camp at Country center but program would get us there! Run program every week...run multiple in a weekend. Offer troop rates for camping if going to the program. For the older troops, have them do service to GS by helping to build hobbit houses or platforms for tents or hammock camping sites.

Gaga Pit - the girls love them!!!!

Availability and cost has made CCC unusable to our troop so far. Would love to see some recreation options that are free and accessible any time. We only attended SU Camp at Todd last year. This year we Did an overnight at Ashland Nature Center and have Reservations at Fairwinds Farm in MD and a State Group Campsite in PA.

I am also looking into staying at a Boy Scout camp with an open field for tent camping. I want my girls to have opportunities they can replicate with their families.

Figure out a way to keep the neighbors from entering the property. The huge disadvantage of essentially being in the middle of a neighborhood is the lack of security to keep out strangers. This, plus the inadequate parking and the poor road conditions to reach the camping units, are my biggest concerns.

Make it more accessible. Parking is very limited, but there aren't as many conditioned spaces as Todd, plus the STEM lodge rental cost is out of our reach. Maybe divide STEM lodge into two rental spaces or make a limited rental (no access to all the fancy stuff)?

Increased security - restrict neighbor access to the camp

Get better security - keep neighbors off of the property. It is unsafe when neighbors walk through the property when girls are up in the tents and adirondak units. The amount of space between the latrines at Squirrel Hill and the house behind it is much too small - some sort of barrier needs to be erected.

Fixing the road to the ridge and the main bridge from main camp to the ridge. It is hard to get gear up there

Rope bridge where the old bridge was to upper camp. Low challenge course, zip line. Trails. Ridge and hidden meadows improved troop house storage no closed shelving where animals make their homes.

Bring back the STEM in the STEM lodge. Upgrade the computers and wifi for coding and tech badges programs and camps.

There are not enough sleeping spaces for our Service Unit to have a full Encampment. The nature trail is in disrepair so cannot be used for hikes or education. The access road to the upper units should be graded regularly so at least one leader vehicle can get supplies and gear to each unit when camping. Otherwise a staff member on site should be available to run the gear/supplies with an ATV or golf cart. Can the path to the upper units be clearly marked from the parking lot so troops can find it when arriving after dark. Can the Site Monitor program be reinstated.

Camp Country Center is a great space, but it could really benefit from more fun and engaging outdoor activities. It'd be awesome to see things like a low ropes course, zip line, or an interactive nature trail, something that gets girls exploring, learning, and having fun all at once. A trail with signs, scavenger hunts, or hands-on stations (like identifying plants or animal tracks) could make nature feel like an adventure and give girls a chance to connect with the outdoors in a meaningful way.

Functional fireplace in the troop house (and stem center if there is not one.)

a specific creek play area, taking ideas from the wetland interactive area off of the main boardwalk at the riverfront DuPont Environmental Education Center: <https://www.delawarenaturesociety.org/centers/dupont-environmental-education-center/>

Making all the Adirondack sites have screened fronts on the sleeping bunks please.

the road up to the ridge need major improvement for safety reasons

Some of the proposed activity additions/improvements sound great but most would also require facilitators which is a major problem in our council. Leaders are hesitant to plan camp trips that would use these activities because of the lack of facilitators, some have been on site and had facilitators not show up. There is no point in spending the money to create/add activities that nobody will be able to use.

zipline
climbing wall

increase things to do when at camp, bring back programming in the STEM lodge.

As a member of the Archive Committee, we are looking for additional space to house the GSCB collection. When considering expansion of the Troop House, consider including additional space for the GSCB Archive Collection. A visit by the Reimaging Committee would be beneficial in knowing what might be needed for the GSCB collection. Members of the Archive Committee would enjoy meeting with the Reimaging Committee to discuss the needs. I think this would be beneficial for both committees.

Spend the money wisely! Don't fritter it away on nonsense!

Have a reinforced agreement with neighbors about walking their dogs at the camp.

Keep offering staff run programs that are badge driven and appeal to all ages.

CCC NEEDS water for kayaking or something higher adventure like zipline, or the older girls just aren't going to use it! Whenever my troop is deciding where to go camping, we always cross this campground off of our list, simply because it isn't as exciting in terms of activities as other campgrounds nearby.

It is so unpredictable to know which activities we will actually be able to do. If there's anyway whatsoever to make the system for signing up for activities better that would be fabulous. For example, if I sign up for an activity, I am willing for it to be at any time period during that day. But instead, it makes me choose one time period. So I'm kind of just guessing at when the facilitator will be free, which seems like a very non-ideal way to do business.

Wagons are not relative to the culture/history of the area at all and would be out of place.

If you want girls coming to summer camp, there has to be a water feature. Ideally a pool.

Activities for older scouts are definitely needed. Also, more programming geared towards outdoor skills for older girls.

Definitely a water feature would make the camp more appealing. Also a bridge over the creek to frog hollow. And the low ropes course on the ridge needs to be replaced.

I recently visited GSEP camp Shelley Ridge. It would be great if we could get facilities similar to that camp. My troop (currently Brownies) aren't interested in tent/platform/outdoor camping and very much prefer the "glamping" style, so more facilities like that might help get our troop to use the camp more.

Country center is not a real camp. All of the camps of value to real campers have been sold and or are poorly maintained. The focus should be on making camp Todd better for our girls.

A nice pool attached to water features...

A wood/metal shop would be something I could see the girls possibly using especially to do some high award projects.

An big organized craft/project room...

Stuff for movies/music incase of rain, just another activity instead of crafts.

Absolutely 100% NO video game stuff, there would be too much fighting over it.

Good survey, also feel a zipline for Rock wall would be awesome. Also interested in the bridge repair. Accessibility seems to be a big issue I hear the most of being able to get to the top of the hill and even to the archery range

In general the space feels old and rundown. It would be great to have of upgraded to reflect modern scouting with facilities that are reminiscent of the GS facility in Newark that closed. Also, the option to camp with better facilities.