



Create A Partnership For The Greater Good

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As we look at the end of our tournament season and toward 2009 and beyond, I want to ask our clubs who they've partnered with for the greater good? I know that might sound strange to some folks, but when you stop and think, it just makes good sense to find ways to collectively work toward a common goal, especially so in times of limited resources and funds.

Partnerships can lead to reduced costs, reduced manpower from any one organization, because the work is shared by more people and it builds effective lines of communication from all of the stake holders affected by the successful completion of the project.

A partnership could be as simple as working with a local chapter of the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts in your area to something more complex. Maybe a project you've selected requires not only additional manpower beyond what your club can provide, but maybe you need additional money for the project. Often, financial support is a better way for certain stake holders to show their support of our efforts. Especially when the contributor is also operating with limited manpower.

As you look to further develop or build your club's conservation efforts, I ask you to consider partnerships with all of the affected stake holders in your area. If you do, I think you might just be surprised to see how many organizations will participate – once they know what you're doing and they understand how it affects and enhances their own outdoor experiences. **FL**

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