



FOREVER YOUNG TREEHOUSES, INC.

ADMINISTRATIVE SCOPE OF SERVICES

Partnering with Forever Young Treehouses to build an accessible treehouse in your community is a unique experience. Every one of our Treehouses is individually designed and constructed to work with the specifics of your site. Because flexibility is a necessity when building treehouses, we cannot offer a complete list of all the services we provide. We offer the following to help give you an idea of what we have done in the past. We are committed to getting kids of all abilities off the ground and into the trees, where we feel they belong.

Credibility:

We are the only organization to design, engineer, offer support for permit acquisition, and provide fundraising leadership and construction expertise for public universally accessible treehouses. We have the knowledge and experience to help you work through the permitting process, alleviate environmentalists' concerns and encourage community involvement.

Award Winning Design and Engineering:

Forever Young Treehouses won the 2004 Da Vinci Award from the Engineering Society of Detroit and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for the Crotched Mountain Treehouse Design. In 2006, we were given the American Institute of Architecture Vermont award for Public Service for the Oakledge Treehouse in Burlington, Vermont. The Mayors Council of America lists us as a "Best Practice" idea for community involvement and inclusion.

Brand Recognition:

We have been featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal, People Magazine, The Los Angeles Times, The Chicago Tribune, The National Post of Canada, Yankee Magazine, Time For Kids, and the Journal of Light Construction, The Today Show, National Public Radio, The Boston Globe, and hundreds of local radio, newspaper and television stations.

Experience:

There are virtually no off-the-shelf products in treehouse construction. Each structure is constructed based on intended use, history and topography of a given site. We know what makes a successful site and we know what doesn't. Our partners have included camps for kids with cancer, camps for kids with disabilities, schools and public parks. Our Treehouses have been built in rural, suburban and city settings. We have had opposition to overcome and have had community support to capitalize on. In the world of Universally Accessible Public Treehouses we have seen all there is yet to see because we have been involved in every one built to date. Each Treehouse presents new challenges, however, and we have the passion and flexibility to overcome issues as they arise.

Success by association:

Some of the country's best practice organizations have already partnered with us and more are following. Paul Newman's -Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, Crotched Mountain Foundation School and Rehabilitation Facility, The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, The Annenberg Foundation, Cradle Beach Camp (the first accessible camp in America) and the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens are a few of the organizations we have partnered with to build Treehouses.

Our Services:

- 1 **Vision Boosters:** The FYT staff is available to motivate your team and help them realize the dream of an accessible Treehouse. Accessible Treehouses are big projects—they require people and money. We have the passion and knowledge to help you envision the process from start to finish.
- 2 **Fundraising Assistance-** FYT will work in conjunction with your development team to raise funds for the project. We will stress, however, that community support is critical to the success of these projects. While we can guide your team, providing ideas, tools and support, we cannot offer grant writing services specific to your project. We can, however, advocate for your project with past donors and foundations.
 - Types of fundraising support:
 - Award winning case statement mailer, “Reach for the Sky”*
 - Build-a-thon materials and support*
 - Direct contact with national and local vendors
 - Speaking engagements*
- 3 **Project Schedule Management-** FYT will provide you with a schedule of benchmarks to keep your project on track and help you monitor those benchmarks
- 4 **Budget Management-** FYT will provide you with detailed budget and help you monitor costs to keep your project at the approved level
- 5 **Construction Supervision-** FYT Treehouse supervisor will manage your project on-site, supervising volunteers and additional labor, ensuring best treehouse construction practices and checking material quality*
- 6 **Sub-contractor referral-** FYT works with the best in the Treehouse construction industry (and sometimes the only in the industry!). We have established relationships with engineering, arborist, design and materials firms to provide you with the most innovative, safe and environmentally sound Treehouse design available.
- 7 **Public Relations-** FYT will provide your organization with press releases and testimonials to help you spread the word about your project.
- 8 **Product purchases at cost-** We have arrangements with national vendors that provide us products at cost on a project by project basis. We receive our engineered lumber at 2cost which saved us \$19,000.00 on a recent project. We have relationships with fastener manufacturers that save us thousands of dollars per project. A current client has obtained a 100% material donation from a major manufacturer, saving \$42,000 on that project.

* travel, printing and reproduction and treehouse supervisor costs are not included in the FYT administrative service fee.

TREEHOUSE DESIGNSCOPE of SERVICES

SITE VISIT

1) Client Consultation

To establish understanding of TREEHOUSE needs;

- a. size/# of persons to accommodate
- b. open aired or enclosed structure
- c. does client have a certain "look" in mind to relate to existing camp/park structures
- d. establish material preference (ie. No pressure treated chemicals)

2) Site Survey

to explore the potential location of TREEHOUSE and ACCESSIBLE RAMPS

- a. Survey and Plot Trees
- b. Shoot elevations/grades
- c. Photo document entire site
- d. Identify tree species

DESIGN

- 1) Create Artist's Rendering
 - a. Portrayal of design concept
 - b. Image for marketing purposes
- 2) Site Plan
 - a. Showing actual proposed placement of Treehouse and Accessible Ramps on existing site, identifying trees that will be attached to
- 3) Working Drawings
 - a. Construction drawings to include Plan, Elevations, Sections and detail views
 - b. Create Material list (for client to seek out donations from various local suppliers)
 - c. Drawings to be submitted to Engineer for final specifications and engineered stamped approval
- 4) Phone and Email Consultation
 - a. Available through out project for Design/Build Q & A with client, builders, engineer and arborist

TREEHOUSE CONSTRUCTION SCOPE OF SERVICES

We offer a few different options for construction of your treehouse. FYT will help you decide which option makes the most sense for your organization.

Option A: On site FYT Construction Supervision working with qualified volunteers

FYT will provide one or two highly skilled treehouse construction supervisors who can lead qualified volunteers through the construction. Qualified volunteers include folks with limited or no building skills, semi-skilled individuals and highly skilled tradesmen.

A building crew of this sort would look like this:

- 1 2-3 FYT supervisors
- 2 Donated sources from the construction trades (i.e. Homebuilders Associations and Contractors)
- 3 Volunteer opportunities for community members
- 4 Local Subcontractors

Option B: Full FYT crew on site

Our Forever Young Treehouse crews are talented craftspeople committed to making nature accessible to people of all abilities. They travel the country building our unique kind of magic with their strong skills and big hearts. Our crews are made up of:

- 1 Craftspeople with design/build teaching experience
- 2 Student Conservation Association Interns
- 3 Local Subcontractors when prudent

Option C: Prefab construction in Vermont

In cases where the chosen site has either few trees or trees that are not healthy enough to withstand the attachments, FYT could construct much of the treehouse in Vermont, ship it to the site and provide or lead an installation crew.

Regardless of the option chosen, the FYT team will follow the full construction of the project, aiding in the materials acquisition, labor hiring and project scheduling and management.

