

Scouting Matters

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Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has taught the principles of the Scout Oath and Law through community service, "helping other people at all times" and "Do a Good Turn Daily".

Community Service Hours

Our Council currently serves 142 units in 13 counties and in 3 states. We have over 2,900 registered Scouts and over 1,200 adult volunteers.

Community service is very important in the character-building process and, as Scouts, we have made the commitment to give back to our communities.

Service Hours that have been reported by our units so far this year total 16,290!

Some include:

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| • Local food bank/food pantry | 2,427 hrs |
| • Salvation Army | 93 hrs |
| • US Military Families | 391 hrs |
| • Community Churches | 1,554 hrs |
| • Schools | 237 hrs |
| • Other (Cities/Counties, etc) | 1,500 hrs |
| • Other | 3,425 hrs |



Eagle Scout Journey

Noah Stull is registered with Troop 76, sponsored by St. Anthony Church from Quincy, IL.

Noah chose an Eagle project that was near and dear to his heart. "Boy Scouts have been escorting veterans to church at the Illinois Veteran's Home on Sundays for over 45 years. Whether they need pushed in their wheelchairs or someone to walk alongside them, as a Scout I feel privileged to help and visit with them as we make sure they get to go to church. This is why completing my Eagle Scout project at the Illinois Veteran's Home is such a special honor to me."

Noah designed and gave leadership to the construction of the Revolutionary War plot within the Illinois Veteran's Home Memorial Garden. The focal point of the plot is a flagpole displaying the American flag as well as a P.O.W. flag. A rock wall was built around it, containing shrubs, decorative rock and a Revolutionary War plaque.

"This provides a place for the residents and the community to pray and pay homage to all who served our country." Noah goes on to say, "I am excited for this opportunity to thank those who unselfishly risked their lives for mine."

Lion Program Rollout

The Mississippi Valley Council is taking part in a national pilot rollout for kindergarten-age boys. We are excited to announce that over 170 boys and their adult partners have signed up so far this fall for this exciting new adventure.

The Lion program weaves traditional Scouting concepts of character development, leadership skills, personal fitness and citizenship into activities that are age-appropriate and fun for the boys and their parents.



Who are Lion Cubs, and what do they do?

- Kindergarten Boys
- Discover Adventure
- Explore the world
- Create Memories
- Discover Nature
- "Graduate" to Tiger Scouts

Making PLARN MATS for the Homeless



Do you know what plarn is? Well Pack 63 from Stronghurst, IL. can tell you...the "plarn" is made of strips of recycled plastic bags that are cut and stripped and then attached to one another. Then the plarn is crocheted in to a rectangular mat.

One of the best uses for plarn is to knit or crochet the plarn into a mat for the homeless. They can be used for protection from the ground and weather elements. The mats are portable and can be carried with a handle or as a messenger type shoulder bag.

Pack 63 is hoping to have completed a few mats by December when they make their bags of love for the homeless.



Envision 2020

2016 Project Updates

New Storm Sirens	SSR/CE	\$16,000	Secured \$5,500 of this total needed for this project. An additional \$20,000 has been requested in grants.
Drain tile Activity Field	Saukenauk Scout Reservation	\$8,000	Funding secured and project will begin Fall 2016 pending vendor timeline.
Off Season Housing (Philmont Cabins)	Saukenauk Scout Reservation	\$69,000	Funding secured and project underway. Projected completion date: Spring 2017.
Off Season Housing	Camp Eastman	\$35,000	Project designed and funding being sought out.
Infrastructure upgrades (electric)	Camp Eastman	\$75,000	Electrician Union has been up to camp to perform an audit of our electric needs. A detailed needs list is being created. Project will not occur this year.
Internal Camp Signage	SSR/CE	\$1,500	Funding secured and project will begin Fall 2016.
Heavy Equipment Purchase:	SSR/CE	\$130,000	New Camp Truck and Snow Plow purchased January 2016. Skid Steer and Trailer proposed spending to be determined.
Renovate Silver Tomahawk Lodge	Camp Eastman	\$12,000	Funding secured for Phase 1 (Training Center and Interior Renovation). Funding being secured for exterior work in Winter 2017.

Camp Callahan Storage Building (2017): Project was completed in Summer 2016 and was fully funded by Camp Callahan.

Storm Shelters (2017): A grant was submitted through Adams County Emergency Management to build three storm shelters at Saukenauk Scout Reservation. A similar grant will be submitted in 2017 for Camp Eastman. We are waiting to hear back from FEMA on the approval of this grant.

Pete's Pond Renovation (2017): The Order of the Arrow has chosen this project for their annual service grant. They are looking to spend \$4,000.00 to begin work on dredging, expanding, and building a new waterfront area.

Work in Progress





All community members and Scouters are invited to honor Scouting's top volunteers at the Council's Annual Dinner.

Saturday, February 11, 2017
PZAZZ! Convention & Event Center
3001 Winegard Dr, Burlington, IA

You may sign up at either Council Service Center:

Mississippi Valley Council 2336 Oak Street Quincy, IL 62301	Mississippi Valley Council 3007 Flint Hills Drive Burlington, IA 52601
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RSVPs are required.

Check out our Council's website for more information:

www.mississippivalleybsa.org

In Memoriam

The Mississippi Valley Council would like to remember the friends, family and Scouters who have passed away in 2016.

Kenneth Homberger	Daniel Soppe
Eugene Siebers	Ted Barnes
Peggy Ell	Robert Wilson, Sr.
Wilbur Sittler	Raymond Barnes
Edward Doran	John Peterson
Norman Tate	Carson Hibbert
Bob Koch	Jonathan Guyton
Jim Neves	Viola Myatt
Patrick Stevenson	Duane Goff
Willard Buss	Cooper Voss

We appreciate all of them.

May they rest in peace.

Winter Adventures

Scouting is a year-long program.
Look at what we're up to this winter.



Camp Eastman will host Yukon on January 28th. It is a winter adventure for all Cub Scouts, Leaders, Parents, and Siblings. Activities include X-Treme Sled Building and "Quest for Medicine"

2017 Polar Bear Cool Runnings Klondike

Saukenauk Scout Reservation hosts the 2017 Polar Bear this year. Based on the Disney Movie *Cool Runnings* (the movie about the 1988 Jamaican Bobsled Team) teams are asked to decorate their Patrol sled to match the theme. This 3-day winter event is for all Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews. Webelos are invited to participate with a Troop.



If you are up to it – you might be able to take the Polar Bear Plunge at the Saukenauk Lake!

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