

In Memoriam

The Mississippi Valley Council would like to remember the dedicated Scouters who have passed away in 2015.

Ann Atterberg
Charles Bailey
Charles Call
Violette M. Coy
Mary Kathleen Dozier
Jim Ellison
Randy Faeth
David R. Fry
Brett Gorman
Vonda Gooding
Mary Catherine Guenther
Richard Lich
Bill McReynolds
Al Pealer
Neysa Turpin

We appreciate all of their time, talent, and treasure.
May they rest in peace.

Grants and United Ways

The Mississippi Valley Council works with many community organizations to help develop new programs, maintain existing programs, and stay up-to-date in our communication systems. A special 'Thank You' to the following organizations for supporting Scouting:

- CFM grant supporting the Council's operations.
- Community Foundation grant to support STEM education.
- Marion Gardner Jackson Trust grant to support the council's office computer technology and camp radio equipment.
- NRA grant to purchase four Shotguns.

We are also proud to partner with local United Ways, listed alphabetically:

- United Way of Adams County
- Big River United Way
- Burlington/West Burlington Area United Way
- Fort Madison Area United Way

Thank you for supporting Scouting.

Soles4Souls



The Order of the Arrow has teamed up with Soles4Souls to conduct a shoe drive throughout the 12 counties of the Mississippi Valley Council. Since their founding in 2006, Soles4Souls has distributed over 22 million pairs of shoes to people in over 127 countries.

New and used shoes, regardless of the condition, can be dropped off to your local Scout Service Center.

Gardner Scout Service Center
2336 Oak St.
Quincy, IL 62301

Burlington Scout Service Center
3007 Flint Hills Dr.
Burlington, IA 52601

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The Eagle Trail

Like many Eagle Scouts, Harlan Steffensmeier from Troop 33 chartered to the American Legion in Donnellson, IA chose a project that supported one of the many community organizations with which he was involved..

Living near the horse trails of Shimek State Forest, many riders stopped by his house to ask for directions and a few described times of riding on trails only to find out, too late, that the trail was extremely steep or had a dangerous water crossing. Harlan wanted to make sure that horseback riders knew where they were in the forest, and that they could find their way back to camp.

Harlan demonstrated leadership by coordinating with numerous adults that helped him with many aspects of his project. To complete the service project, Harlan had to coordinate with the Director of Shimek State Forest, had to learn to ride a horse, and also had to learn to use the AutoCad computer program.



The Mississippi Valley Council
has recognized

36

Eagle Scouts in 2015

To Help Other People

Community Service Hours

Our units have reported over **14,000 hours** of community service so far this year and we expect even more before the year is through. Our Scouts and adult volunteers have been busy in each of our communities with food projects, shelter projects, and healthy living projects, just to name a few. A big "thank you" to all of you that make such a difference in our communities.



Quincy Native Appointed Rector of College in Rome

The Rev. Peter Harman, a Quincy native and priest from the Diocese of Springfield, has been appointed rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

Harman's appointment is effective February 1 and he is currently serving as the director of pastoral information at the college, which was founded in 1859.

Rev. Harman received his Eagle Scout award in 1989 with Troop 1 in Quincy.



Ursa, IL Cub Scout is Motocross Champion



Ten year old Braeden from Pack 70 chartered to First Christian Church in Ursa, IL has been racing in local competitions for the past two years and already has some big names sponsoring him in 2016!

Braeden placed 1st in the 2014 Moberly Night Series and 3rd in the 2014 Missouri State MX Championship Series.

"Our motto for racing is the same as Scouting, 'Do Your Best' and that's all we've ever asked of him, look where he's at now," says mom Bobbi Walker.

Braeden has his motorcycle decorated with Scouting stickers so he can promote his support of Scouting.

Hometown Royalty



Two Crew 15 members were honored in their communities for their agricultural expertise. Elizabeth R., from Barry, IL was crowned the Western Illinois Dairy Princess (left) and Casey S., from Griggsville, IL, was crowned the Queen of the Griggsville Apple Festival (below).



#BuildAnAdventure



Over 280 Scouts attended one of the two Cubanapolis Events. This activity is an opportunity for all new Cub Scouts to experience their first Outdoor Adventure at no cost. Scouts got to shoot BB Guns, Archery, enjoy a Campfire, and run in the Big Race!

Local Community Updates

**Shoquoquon District
Serving Des Moines, Henry, Louisa, Henderson, and portions of Washington Counties**

Seven Cub Scouts from Pack 40 in Burlington, IA earned the Messengers of Peace Award as they helped their local homeless shelter. The Scouts gathered cleaning supplies of 220 individual items, and donated them to their shelter. According to the director of the shelter, cleaning supplies are rarely donated.



**River Valley District
Serving Clark, Lee, Hancock and parts of Van Buren Counties**



The Denmark Fire Department staged an accident involving a small school bus and minivan for area First Responders.

Participating agencies included the Denmark Fire & Rescue, Wever Fire Department, Lee County EMS, Air Evac Team from Fort Madison, and the MedForce Team from Burlington. Members of both Pack and Troop 19 assisted as "victims".

The team of local Fire and Rescue Responders moved swiftly upon arrival on the scene. They created trauma areas and carried out a methodical approach to treat patients in an organized matter.

"It was good for the boys to see local officials spring into action and handle a tough situation", commented Jared Durbin, Pack and Troop 19 Committee Chair.

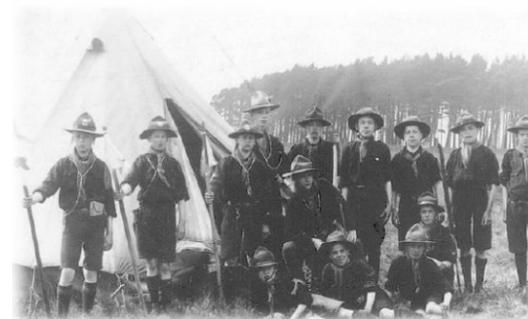
**Eagle Ridge District
Serving Adams, Brown, Pike, and Schuyler Counties**

Troop 76 chartered to St. Anthony/St. Dominic in Quincy, IL challenged the Scouts to sleep in cardboard boxes. They turned it into a team competition, scoring 1-10 for the following categories: Creativity, Structural, Pest Control, Weather, Accommodating.

This campout is one of our "Invite a Friend" events that they host every year to help recruit new boys. They also have a Court of Honor at the event so the potential new Scouts can see their friends receive accolades for their hard work.



Honor the Silver Beaver Recipients at the Council Annual Dinner



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

Saturday, February 6, 2016
Town & Country Inn & Suites; 110 N. 54th St.; Quincy, IL 62301

See the included insert for more information.
RSVPs are required. Questions? Contact MVC@Scouting.org.