

Scouting Matters

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Eagle Scout Journey



Brody Hopp is registered with Troop 41, sponsored by the First Christian Church in Hamilton, IL. Brody says that achieving the rank of Eagle as a Boy Scout has been something he has wanted to do since he was a 4th grade Webelos Scout.

Brody thought that he could make a real difference for the city of Nauvoo in building two new welcome signs. The current ones were faded and getting bad.

Brody planned every detail and submitted the proposal to the city of Nauvoo, as well as the local Boy Scout Volunteer Advancement Committee for approval. He planned for the demolition of the old signs and the clean-up. He also got prices, asked for donations, ordered materials, and planned the exact font and picture to be cut from the steel.

Brody says that the removal of the signs went smoothly and rather quickly. The concrete was poured and set wonderfully. The steel was really awesome and adding the rock went as planned.

What was the most challenging? Well, that would have been the fundraising and getting the job coordinated with the Spring weather. Brody also learned that communication is a vital thing in being a leader on a project.

The City of Nauvoo has two beautiful new welcome signs and a new Eagle Scout. Good job, Brody.



Brody is one of the latest Eagle Scouts in the Council this year. The Mississippi Valley Council has had 21 Eagle Scouts so far in 2016.

Community Service Hours



*7,721 Community Service Hours
from 1,657 Scouts
have been recorded so far this year*

S.T.E.M. Camp



On August 13th a new Cub Scout program was introduced at Saukenauk Scout Reservation. S.T.E.M. Camp takes everyday camp activities and adds a twist to introduce the S.T.E.M. program. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math have been a

part of the Scouting program for decades, but with the recent push nationwide for S.T.E.M. in schools, we have continued to develop new ways to introduce these elements in the outdoors. Scouts who attended camp learned about pulleys and physics while climbing the tower, created works of art while shooting archery, learned about conservation while fishing, and made ice cream while learning science.



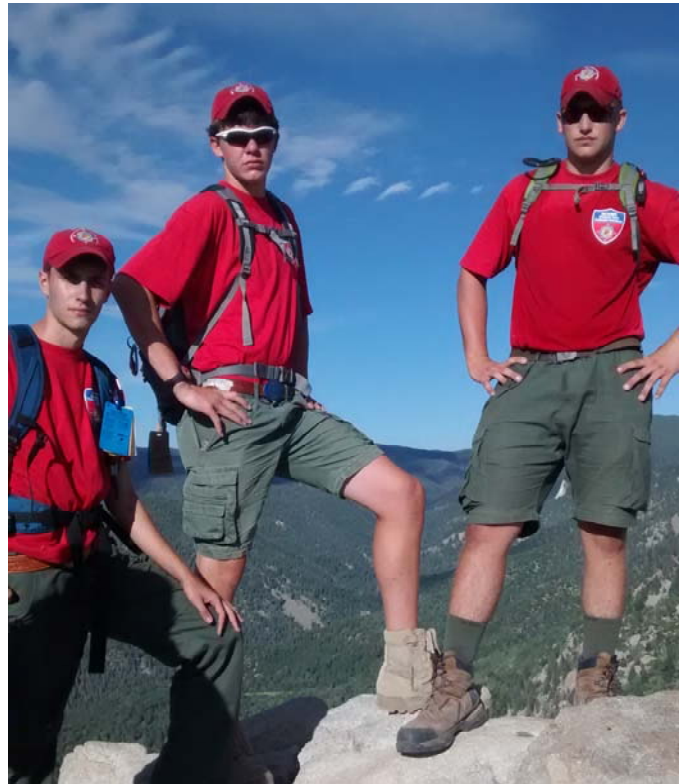
Quincy University Freshman Orientation

On August 20th, nearly 300 students came to Camp Eastman for the 3rd Annual Freshmen Orientation Day. Since 2014, the entire Quincy University freshman class has come to Camp Eastman to spend the day team building, providing service to camp, and having fun. Their activities included the low ropes C.O.P.E. course, swimming, archery, boating, and enjoying the beautiful scenery of Camp Eastman. The class also spent their morning providing service to camp. This year students helped kick off our invasive species control plan by clearing out tree lines all over camp. Students have also helped out camp by building a new bridge at the waterfront, staining the dining hall, and painting several buildings including the Trading Post, Scoutcraft, and Handicraft Shelters.

We are proud to continue this partnership with Quincy University and provide their students with a day filled by fun, service, and learning. If you have a group that would like to hold a team building session, contact David Lane at david.lane@scouting.org

NAYLE

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience



*J.T. Atwood, Troop 91 - Chaddock
Aaron Lanning, Troop 50 - Warsaw Lions Club
Brendan Davis, Troop 42 - Golden Lions Club
at Philmont Scout Ranch*

JT Atwood, Aaron Lanning, and I attended the NAYLE (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience) program at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The course was a ten day, action-packed course which included: COPE activities, Search and Rescue Exercises, training cells and a backcountry trek. My favorite experience would probably be having the honor of being the Search and Rescue(SAR) Team Leader on the SAR exercise and, most of all, meeting new and lifelong friends from across the country. Some of the things I learned from this course was to strengthen my own leadership and teaching skills so that way I could bring them back to our Council and use them to better our NYLT program.

Finally, I would like to thank the Council for this great opportunity and experience, and encourage the Council to keep providing camperships to NYLT staff members to better our program here in Mississippi Valley.

Yours in Scouting,

Brendan Davis

Envision 2020

Planning for the Future

In 2015, stakeholders from inside and outside the Mississippi Valley Council gathered to develop a plan that would shape the future of Saukenauk Scout Reservation and Camp Eastman. The Envision 2020 plan was the product of these meetings and has begun its rollout in each camp. Through the plan, we will develop both camps to include specific program features for summer camp, more opportunities for off-season rental and usage, and facility upgrades to ensure the future success of our camps.

Below is a list of the 2016 projects and a brief update:

- ❖ **New Storm Sirens** - Funding is being collected for brand new sirens at each camp
- ❖ **Drain Tile the SSR Activity Field** – funding has been secured and the project will begin in Fall 2016.
- ❖ **Off Season Housing & Staff Housing** – The Philmont Cabin project at SSR broke ground on August 5th and will have a completion date of Spring 2017. These cabins will be four-season and will be available for off-season rental in 2017.
- ❖ **Electrical Upgrades at Camp Eastman** - A study is being done of the current needs at camp
- ❖ **Internal Camp Signage** – Funding is being collected to begin this project in Fall 2016
- ❖ **Heavy Equipment Purchases** – A new camp truck and snow plow were purchased in Winter 2016.
- ❖ **Renovate Silver Tomahawk Lodge** – This project is currently underway, and the renovation will include a multiuse training center.

Future projects include new shower houses, storm shelters, dining hall renovations, and much more. To view the entire plan visit www.mississippivalleybsa.org/envision2020 and contact David Lane at david.lane@scouting.org with any questions regarding the projects.

The Mississippi Valley Council works with many Community organizations to help new programs, and maintain existing programs.

A special "Thank You" to the following organizations for supporting Scouting:

- JW Gardner Foundation supporting council's operations
- CFM Foundation supporting council's operations
- Burlington Kiwanis supporting Camperships
- Quincy Noon Kiwanis supporting Camperships
- Camp Eastman Development Assoc. for Road Improvements at Camp Eastman
- Saukenauk Preservation Society for Long Range Rifle at SSR
- KSB State Bank for Storm Sirens at SSR and CE
- NRA Foundation Grant for new archery equipment, bows, arrows, and BB Guns for Cub Scout and Boy Scout Summer Camp Programs

We are also proud to partner with local United Ways

- 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 with your time and talent.

Thank You!

PROJECT COPE

Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience

Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience, or C.O.P.E., is the challenge course program of the Boy Scouts of America. It is a series of physical, mental and emotional challenges facilitated by a trained staff directed at enhancing personal growth. The recognized goals of the program are:

- **Teamwork** - Teamwork is the key that allows a group to meet a COPE challenge successfully. The COPE experience makes it clear that each individual can accomplish more as a member of a team than going it alone.
- **Communication** - Project COPE encourages real learning of critical listening and discussion skills important for any group attempting to accomplish difficult tasks.
- **Trust** - Participants completing difficult tasks on a COPE course develop trust in COPE staff members, the safety of the course, each other and themselves.
- **Leadership** - Leadership is given and assumed naturally, and can be expressed in many ways. Team members attempting to solve problems on a COPE course have many opportunities to develop and exercise leadership skills.
- **Decision Making** - Project COPE requires groups to make decisions by developing one or more solutions to a problem, considering the available resources and alternatives, and evaluating the possible results.
- **Problem Solving** - Project COPE challenges groups and individuals to develop solutions to interesting problems. Participants can then test their solutions and evaluate the results.
- **Self-Esteem** - Meeting the challenges of a COPE course allows individuals and groups to develop self-esteem and encourages them to adopt challenging attainable goals.

Project COPE is a flexible experience that can be custom designed specifically for any group. Course length can be from a few hours to several days. The experience takes place at Camp Eastman, near Nauvoo, Illinois. However, there can be a number of exercises that can take place at your location. This program provides a vehicle for groups to challenge themselves to reach personal and team goals. Project COPE is designed to break down barriers between individuals and create an atmosphere of shared leadership and problem solving.



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