

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 135 units in 13 counties and in 3 states. We have over 2,600 registered Scouts and nearly 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 31,776 which is nearly double this time last year!

Some include:

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| • Local food bank/food pantry | 1,159 hrs |
| • Salvation Army | 100 hrs |
| • US Military Families | 12,882 hrs |
| • Community Churches | 1,417 hrs |
| • Community Schools | 321 hrs |
| • Messengers of Peace | 1,335 hrs |
| • Order of the Arrow | 7,227 hrs |
| • Other (Cities, Counties, etc.) | 2,014 hrs |
| • Other | 5,321 hrs |



Scouting for Food



Eagle Scout Journey

Bo Paxton is registered with Troop 136, sponsored by Faith Presbyterian Church in Quincy, IL.

Bo chose his Eagle project at the encouragement of the Quincy Park District and the Quincy Tennis Association. Erecting a structure over an existing concrete pad at Reservoir Park in Quincy had been in the works for a long time. Funds that had been earmarked for this type of project were used to make repairs after the 2015 windstorm caused severe damage to other areas within the park.

In order to raise the \$8,000 needed for the project, Bo conducted a mailing campaign. The Park District ordered a 16' x 16' steel frame shelter per their specifications. The kit was delivered in October. On November 4th, Scouts and parents of Troop 136 gathered early in the morning to begin assembling the project. By the end of the very long day, the project was done – in half the allotted time.

Bo says, "I learned so many things during the project, but two will stick with me forever. First, there is no substitute for advance planning and preparation. Second, if you want a great result, surround yourself with great people!"

Long-Time Service Project Benefits Veterans

For over sixty years, local Scouts have served Veterans at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy.

Ray Bordewick, former Scoutmaster of Troop 22 sponsored by St. Francis Holy Name Society in Quincy, started a service project in 1955 at the Illinois Veterans Home. This project consisted of taking veterans in wheelchairs to Sunday Mass each week.

Sixty-two years later, Quincy's Catholic Troops continue providing this service. Troop 1 sponsored by Blessed Sacrament Parish, Troop 5 sponsored by St. Peter Catholic Church, Troop 22 sponsored by St. Francis Holy Name Society, and Troop 76 sponsored by St. Anthony Church alternate every four months and take veterans in wheelchairs to Mass each Sunday morning.



Circa 1979
Troop 22 Illinois Veterans Home
Wheelchairs Service Project

District Fall Camporees

Eagle Valley District

Serving Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike and Schuyler Counties in Illinois, Lee and part of Van Buren Counties in Iowa, and Clark County in Missouri

In September, Eagle Valley District held its Fall Camporee at Saukenauk Scout Reservation. This year's experience was the Horsemanship Merit Badge. Folks from the Quincy Saddle Club brought their horses and ran the event which was at maximum capacity. Scouts and Scouters had a great time!



SCOUTS BUILD AN
ADVENTURE WITH
LIFE-CHANGING
EXPERIENCES.

Shoquoquon District

Serving Des Moines, Henry, Louisa and part of Washington Counties in Iowa, and Henderson County in Illinois

On October 28th, fifty-four (54) Scouts and Scouters embarked on an exciting adventure for the Shoquoquon Fall Camporee. Over two days, Scouts explored sites such as the DeSoto Bend National Wildlife Refuge, the Strategic Air Command Museum, and the Omaha Zoo.

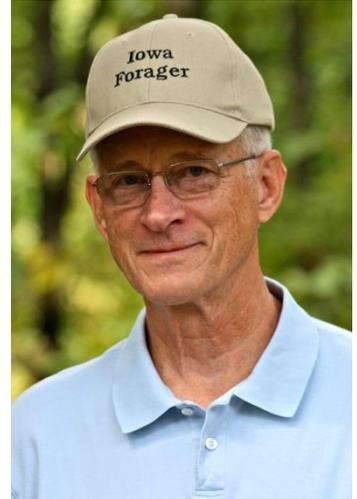
While on the trip, Scouts worked to earn merit badges learning skills in Bird Study, Mammal Study, and Oceanography. Scouts had a blast on the trip and learned a lot on the way. We are thankful to Dr. Doug Peters of Burlington Pack 9, sponsored by North Hill School PTA, for organizing and leading the trip.



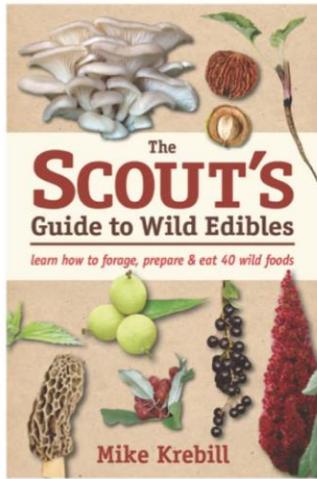
Local Scouter Known As

“Iowa Forager”

Mike Krebill, Committee Chairman of Troop 43 sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church in Keokuk, is one of the Midwest’s best-known foraging instructors, and a member of the National Wild Foods Association Hall of Fame. He is a familiar face at regional and national wild food events which he attends regularly. Mike is a recurrent favorite at the Wild Food Summit on tribal land in northwestern Minnesota, held in mid-June. He helped resurrect the Midwest Wild Harvest Festival that is held annually on the second weekend of September in southwestern Wisconsin.



Mike was a sought-after presenter at statewide science and environmental education conferences during the 30 years that he lived in Michigan. He presented wild food sessions for teachers at two North American Alliance for Environmental Education (NAAEE) conferences which draw people from 50 different countries. He is an active member of Iowa’s Prairie States Mushroom Club. Mike enjoys sharing his wild foods wisdom and gaining more on several Facebook groups devoted to edible wild plants and mushrooms. Before he retired, Mike was a middle school science teacher for 35 years, and before that, a naturalist and nature centers



- 33 plants worth collecting
- 7 easy to identify, good-tasting mushrooms
- 17 requested recipes
- 10 activities
- Recommended resources

Kids loved him, and he was famous for taking students outdoors and teaching science research skills by having students experiment with wild foods. His sumac lemonade, wild grape popsicles, and dandelion donuts were legendary. Those recipes are among the 17 kid-tested, kid-approved in **The Scout’s Guide to Wild Edibles**, which would make a great gift, can be purchased through our Scout Shops with sales benefitting the Mississippi Valley Council.

The Scout’s Guide to Wild Edibles was recently awarded the National Outdoor Book Award (NOBA) as 2017 winner in the nature guidebooks category. NOBA honors the best in outdoor writing and publishing.



Thank You

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:

Grantors & Foundations

- BNSF Foundation
- CFM Foundation
- Camp Eastman Development Association
- Frankfurt Deutschlang
- DOT Foods
- JW Gardner II Foundation
- Harry & Virginia Murray Foundation
- NRA Foundation
- Saukenauk Preservation Society
- Tracy Foundation
- White Tails Unlimited
- John Witte Foundation

Local United Way agencies

- United Way of Adams County, Inc.
- Burlington/West Burlington Area United Way
- United Way of the Great River Region



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In Memoriam

The Mississippi Valley Council would like to remember the friends, family and Scouters who have passed away in 2017.

Dona Coultas	Dr. Patrick McGinley
Dave Francis	Joan Plocinski
Michael Frericks	Marvin Purdy
Timothy Haley	Frank Russo, Jr.
Matthew Hutmacher	Ron Summers
Terry Loeschen	

May they rest in peace.



Winter Adventures

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

Polar Bear

On January 19th, the Mississippi Valley Council will hold its Polar Bear event at Saukenauk Scout Reservation. Scouts will get to pick their "team" at our DC/Marvel Superhero event and participate in superhero themed activities. Some of the activities will include: flying like Superman, repelling

like Spiderman, a Batman vs. Superman challenge, Torch vs. Mr. Freeze, Spiderman Relay Race, Thor Hammer Lift, plus several more super challenges.



Yukon

Cub Scouts will brave the cold for our Yukon event. This year, Scouts will be mining for gold and completing fun challenges throughout the day. But don't worry, there will be plenty of hot chocolate to keep us toasty!



Tours of camp are available for all community members. To learn more, call J. David Gilbert at 217-224-0204.

Saturday, February 10, 2018 Quincy Regional Airport Terminal 1645 Highway 104, Quincy, IL 62305

All community members and Scouters are invited to join us for this special evening where we will celebrate and recognize outstanding volunteers and the accomplishments that made our Council successful in 2017. The cost of this event is \$32/person if paid by January 31, 2018.

Evening highlights will include Silver Beaver recognition, the highest award bestowed on a volunteer by the Council; William H. Spurgeon III Award, awarded for outstanding leadership in Exploring; and, Spirit of Scouting Award, recognizing outstanding community members and organizations. All guests are invited to take a night flight over the city of Quincy! Each fifteen-minute flight will take four passengers to see the glow of the city below them. The highlight will be seeing the color changing Bayview Bridge. This optional adventure costs \$25/person to cover the cost of fuel.

The evening schedule consists of cocktails & hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m.; year in review & heavy appetizers at 6:00 p.m.; concluding with honors, awards & dessert at 7:00 p.m.

You may sign up at either Council Service Center:

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