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Eagle Spotlight



Jacob Snyder is a member of Troop 91 in Quincy, IL, chartered by Chaddock and is in the process of earning his Eagle Scout rank.

Jacob's Eagle Project is a new flag pole with five military stones representing the five branches of the military. Jacob chose his project to show support and honor for all Veterans. He says, "My project is located at the Illinois Veterans Home near the Independent Living Housing. I hope the residents enjoy this project for many years to come. They have all given so much as veterans and the least we can do is give something back to them."

Scouting has been very important throughout his life teaching him many valuable and useful tools as well as what it means to be a leader.

To-date, the Mississippi Valley Council has 36 Scouts who earned the rank of Eagle in 2018 and 28 candidates in the process.

Hero Camporee

The Mississippi Valley Council held a council-wide camporee the weekend of September 28-30, 2018 at Southeast Iowa Regional Airport in Burlington, IA. Nearly 200 youth and adults participated in this unique experience. Activities were geared to show respect to our everyday heroes – firefighters, law enforcement, emergency providers, and military.

Participants took part in thirty static displays of vehicles and equipment, fifteen hands-on activity stations, and special demonstrations/activities that were planned every hour. Thanks to event chair Bill Eil, his planning committee, and our heroes who provided program:

- American Red Cross
- Burlington Fire Department
- Burlington Fire Department Auxiliary
- Burlington Police Department
- Community Ambulance Service
- Des Moines County Sheriff
- Hamilton-Walter Marine Corps League
- Iowa National Guard 831st Engineering Company
- Lee County Sheriff
- Med Force Two
- Quincy Fire Department
- Southeast Iowa Regional Airport
- Superior Ambulance Service



Ragtime Richie

Rich Bliesener, II of Troop 71 in Danville, IA chartered by Danville Lions Club learned about ragtime piano music in 4th grade and has loved it ever since! He is now an 8th grader at Aldo Leopold Middle School in Burlington, IA.

Richie says, "Scouting teaches life skills that you will use your entire life." He loves learning new aspects of the great outdoors. He also believes both Scouting and music bring people together and allow for acts of kindness and community service through the many nursing homes and other group concerts for which he plays.

Richie, also known as "Ragtime Richie", placed third in the Junior Division of the World Championship Old Time Piano Playing contest held over Memorial Day weekend in Oxford, MS, home of University of Mississippi (Ole Miss).



JT Atwood – Oklahoma!



JT Atwood, an Eagle Scout with Troop 91 chartered by Chaddock of Quincy, IL played Curly, one of the lead roles, in *Oklahoma!* at Quincy High School the weekend of November 7-11, 2018. JT said, "I initially found my interest in theatre through the Quincy Junior High drama club; and, since then my love for theatre has only grown with my involvement within the Quincy Community Theatre and the Quincy Senior High Music Department." He goes on to further say, "I have the theatre to thank for introducing me to some of the most important people in my life. I've also been lucky enough to be able to bring my acting into Scouting with my involvement in both simple campfire skits as well as with the Order of the Arrow Ceremony team. Outside of those experiences, Scouting has been an incredibly influential aspect of my life and has given me the opportunity to make an impact off the stage."

Airport Drill

Several Quincy area troops participated in an airport disaster drill at the Quincy Area Regional Airport on October 13, 2018. Members were victims in the disaster and were made up with various wounds. The "victims" were triaged and transported from the airport to Blessing Hospital.

The night started off with a movie and pizza party and concluded with breakfast. As a thank you to all of the participants, the Quincy Aviation Club gave the participants a flight around Quincy.



Thank you for Your Leadership the Last Four Years!



Friends and staff gathered on October 19th to wish Todd Lamison well in his next assignment with the Boy Scouts of America. Todd served as Scout Executive for the Mississippi Valley Council from December 1, 2014 through October 31, 2018. He has taken a new position as Scout Executive of the Heart of New England Council in Worcester, MA, effective November 1, 2018,

Todd, thank you for your leadership to the Mississippi Valley Council, and best wishes as you begin your next chapter!

Scout Co-Op Scholarship

Jacob Lionberger of Dallas City, IL, an Eagle Scout with Troop 53 chartered by American Legion Post #243008 of Mediapolis, IA, won the 2018 Best Electricity Project at the Hancock County 4-H Fair. It also earned Best of Class in Electricity III, and he was named an Illinois State Fair Delegate.



Family Scouting

Family Scouting is Alive in the Mississippi Valley Council

For the first time, girls were welcomed into Cub Scouting during the fall of 2018. By welcoming both girls and boys into the program, even more youth will have access to the character development and values-based leadership that Scouting promises. The Mississippi Valley Council currently has 107 families participating in the Family Scouting program. All new Cub Scouts got to go to New Cub Camp or Webelos Woods for free!

FAMILY SCOUTING



Cub Scouts had fun racing "cars" while attending Cubanapolis for free



Community Service at Camp Eastman's Webelos Woods



Pack 22 Girls Den chartered by Holy Name Society of St. Francis Catholic Church



Obstacle Course at Saukenauk's Cubanapolis

Family Scouting offers boys and girls, ages 5-10, an opportunity to participate in Cub Scouts in single gender dens. They then come together for the monthly pack meeting.

Research shows that our programs are extremely appealing to today's busy families. In a recent survey of parents not involved with Scouting . . .

- 90% are interested in a program like Cub Scouts for their daughters
- 87% are interested in a program like Boy Scouts for their daughters

The Mississippi Valley Council currently has 106 girls registered in girl dens of 29 Cub Scout Packs.

In February, girls ages 11-18 will be able to join Scouts BSA.



Cub Scouts playing on the newly dedicated Dona J. Coultas Memorial Playground at Saukenauk



To learn how to start a Scouts BSA troop for girls, contact mvc@scouting.org

Council Annual Meeting & Dinner

**Saturday, February 9, 2019
PZAZZ! Convention & Event Center
3001 Winegard Dr, Burlington, IA 52601**

All community members and Scouting volunteers 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 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.

Additional information about the Council Annual Dinner and to register to attend, please visit the council website at <https://www.mississippivalleybsa.org/events/2019-council-annual-dinner/> or contact us at mvc@scouting.org.

In Support of Local Scouting

Memorials

The Mississippi Valley Council would like to remember the friends, family and Scouters who have passed away in 2018.

May they rest in peace.

Bonnie Ray	Mary Ester Arpino
John Ronald Keller	Daryl L. Ballard
Dennis Hamann	Barbara Ostermueller
Kenneth McNeill	Gerald Ostermueller
Bradley Buckley	Ronald Hinkamper
Loren Tournear	William A. Bartholomew
Larry Christensen	Ralph "Biz" Mast
Ronald L. Smith	Walter Stevenson III

Tributes

Tributes are available in any amount and are great for weddings, anniversaries, graduations, retirements, or any other occasion.

The Mississippi Valley Council would like to acknowledge the following tribute.

In honor of *Joe & Danyelle Henning's* wedding.



Dedication of the Dona J. Coultas Memorial Playground











Dona Coultas was a fixture with the Mississippi Valley Council for over 35 years, serving in several areas including the Scout Shop Manager, Registrar, Eagle Secretary, Program Secretary, and Fundraising Specialist. Dona passed away October 17, 2017 on her birthday after a long battle with cancer. Enough funds were donated in her memory by friends, family and colleagues to place a new playground at Saukenau Scout Reservation which was dedicated on October 13, 2018.









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
-  Cabela's Fund
-  Camp Eastman Development Association
-  Community Foundation Serving West Central Illinois & Northeast Missouri
 -  Henry and Betty Brooks & Omer and Doris Walton Saukenau Scout Reservation Fund
 -  Brett Keller Gorman Memorial Fund
 -  2018 Competitive Grant Program
-  DOT Foods
-  JW Gardner II Foundation
-  Marion Gardner Jackson Charitable Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee

-  Illinois Girl Scout/Boy Scout Fund
-  Kiwanis Children's Fund
-  Moorman Foundation
-  Saukenau Preservation Society
-  Titan Wheel
-  John Witte Foundation

Local United Way agencies

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

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"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill