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Scouts Answer the Call to Service



It was an uncertain week for Quincy and the surrounding communities as the mighty Mississippi rose to historic levels. When the call went out for help with sandbagging, Scouting was the first to answer that call. Led by Black Hawk Lodge, 25 members helped to secure our community from the flood waters. This group of Scouts were soon followed by 75 to 100 Scouts and Scouters from various units from around the area. Scouting should be proud of our contribution during this emergency. "The recent efforts of our local Scouts made a difference in protecting critical infrastructure, homes, businesses, and agriculture across West Central Illinois and Northeast Missouri," said John Simon, Director of Adams County Emergency

Management. "These Scouts not only recognized a need, they responded, turning the motto *Be Prepared* into action for the greater community benefit."




Cool Cub Scout

Compass Racing Development recently announced the driver of the CRD #01 house car for 2019 is seven-year-old Lucas P, a member of Pack 63 chartered to American Legion Post 765 in Stronghurst, IL. When Lucas isn't busy with Scouting or playing sports with his friends, he loves doing anything with wheels. Lucas loves racing – from Hot Wheels to 4-wheelers to helping his dad in the garage work on his spring car. Lucas is excited to get started racing, and he is looking forward to a summer of fun at the races. This will be a special season, as Lucas will be racing in honor of his mother, Alicia, who passed away from brain cancer in January 2019.



BNSF Railway Foundation Grant Awards

Congratulations to the following units who achieved twenty service hours per Scout and have been gifted \$250 courtesy of the BNSF Foundation to celebrate their dedication to improving the communities in which they live.

-  Troop 61 - Oquawka United Methodist Church
-  Troop 54 - Letts United Methodist Church Men's Club
-  Troop 33 - American Legion Gillaspey-Moodie Post 474



Scouts in Action

Eagle Scout Spotlight



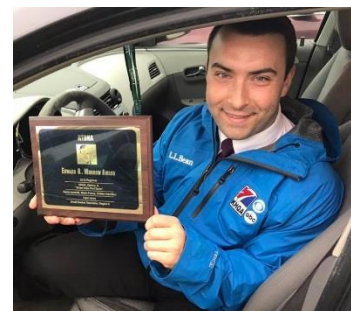
Matt B is a member of Troop 40 chartered by First Christian Church in Burlington, Iowa. Matt's Eagle project consisted of locating and mapping existing duck boxes at the Carthage Lake Club in Carman, Illinois. Matt decided to "pin" each box on a Google Map using the GPS on his iPhone.

In addition to mapping the existing boxes, Matt and Troop 40 members built nine new boxes and repaired four boxes that were found on the ground and were salvageable. A total of 38 boxes are now mapped. A map of the pin locations was given to the Carthage Lake Club.

Matt enjoys the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Attending summer camp at Camp Eastman was his first exposure to the outdoors. Shooting a gun for the first time, learning how to set up a tent, canoeing and kayaking are all experiences he will continue to use for the rest of his life.

Council Committee Member Receives Prestigious Award

David Amelotti, a member of the Council Marketing Committee, Trivia Night Fundraiser Chair, and Eagle Scout received the Radio Television Digital News Association *Edward R. Murrow Award*. He is the first journalist to receive this award in KHQA's history. David is Evening Anchor/Multimedia Journalist with KHQA-TV in Quincy, Illinois.



We are very proud of our Scouts and also our Scouting Alumni. If you have great things to share, please send them to mvc@scouting.org.

Rifle Team/Junior Olympics



Jonathan K, a member of Troop 99 chartered to Melrose Chapel in Quincy, IL, and a member of the Quincy Blue Devil Rifle Team qualified to compete in the Junior Olympics. Jonathan and his team went to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs where they competed against the best in the nation.



2019 Distinguished Citizens

Distinguished Citizen Award recognizes respected community leaders who exemplify Scouting's high ideals of leadership, service, and ethical standards. Proceeds from this event support our local Scouting endowment through the James E. West Fellowship program. Congratulations to our 2019 Honorees:

- R. Scott Zaiser of Zaiser's Landscaping The 24th Burlington Distinguished Citizen (left)
- Chuck Scholz former Mayor of Quincy The 25th Quincy Distinguished Citizen (right)



Celebrating 70 Years of Exploring

2019 is the 70th anniversary of the Exploring program which first began in 1935 when Senior Scouts were called Explorers. The Exploring program shifted its major focus to career opportunities in 1959. Young women became eligible for full Exploring membership in 1971. In 1994, the first National Exploring Leadership Conference was held. Students in middle school became eligible to join Exploring clubs in 2013. Exploring has touched hundreds of thousands of young people over the past 70 years. To learn more about the history of Exploring, visit www.exploring.org/about-us.



Exploring provides exciting activities and one-on-one mentorship for youth looking to discover their future. Exploring gives youth a great start to learning about careers.

2019 National Exploring Leadership Conference



The National Exploring Leadership Conference will be held in July at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Any Explorer who serves in a leadership role is invited to attend the conference and fine-tune their leadership skills. The conference helps create ways to generate innovative ideas for annual membership goals; it also offers programmatic and networking opportunities that will last for years to come. For more information, or to register, please refer to <https://www.exploring.org/blog/2019-national-exploring-leadership-conference/>

Mississippi Valley Council Exploring Posts & Clubs

The Mississippi Valley Council is proud to have fifteen Exploring units with more than 200 youth participants!

Fire Service

- Post 104 - Quincy Fire Department Celebrating 32 Years!
- Post 45 - Burlington Fire Department Celebrating 21 Years!
- Post 412 - Mediapolis Fire Department
- Club 607 - Fort Madison Fire Department

Law Enforcement

- Post 10 - Quincy Police Department Celebrating 10 Years!
- Post 911 - Burlington Police Department
- Post 2958 - Mediapolis Community Ambulance
- Post 1221 - Great River Health System
- Post 5309 - Mount Sterling Police

Hunting

- Club 160 - Gardner Camp

Historical Reenactment

- Post 1846 - Midwest Old Threshers Celebrating 35 Years!

Career Exploration

- Club 202 - Keokuk Middle School
- Post 202 - Keokuk High School
- Club 822 - Edward Stone Middle School
- Post 217 - Quincy Noon Kiwanis

Interested in Sponsoring a Post or Club? Contact us at mvc@scouting.org!



Youth Protection



The tragedy of child abuse, be it physical, sexual, or emotional is one that is truly heartbreaking. Unfortunately, there have been incidents of abuse that occurred in our program, and BSA sincerely apologizes that some despicable individuals used their positions in Scouting to harm children.

The Boy Scouts of America believes victims. Over the years, Scouting has provided counseling for victims, no questions asked, for as long as they needed it. Our commitment and responsibility to victims is in keeping with the tenants of the Scout Oath and Law – it's at the core of everything we stand for. That means we want victims to receive fair compensation, and we are committed to finding the best way to do that.

The safety of the youth in our programs is paramount. Long before there were smart phones, email, criminal databases or other modern methods available to identify or track predators, the BSA kept records to ensure that anyone seen as unfit to be a leader – even those not charged or convicted of any crime, would be banned forever from our program.

In addition to other protective measures, all participants in Scouting are considered Mandatory Reporters, and as such, are required to report any suspected abuse to the appropriate state child protection authorities. We fully cooperate with law enforcement and wholeheartedly support the prosecution and punishment of convicted individuals.

Over the years, the BSA has been a leader in the development of policies to prevent predators from having access to children in Scouting. They are called the BSA's *Barriers to Abuse* and they are designed for the safety of youth members – and adult program leaders. They are called barriers because the first thing people who want to hurt kids need is access. One of the goals of these barriers is to take away the access – and the secrecy – that predators seek, creating a culture where all are aware and youth protection and safety are always top of mind. Policies such as **no one-on-one contact between adults and youth members**, the **buddy system**, and **respecting the privacy of youth** deny perpetrators the opportunity to be alone with a child.

In Scouting, Safety Comes First

The "three R's" of Youth Protection

The "three R's" of Youth Protection convey a simple message for the personal awareness of our youth members:

- **Recognize** that anyone could be an abuser.
- **Respond** when someone is doing something that goes against your gut or against the safety guidelines.
- **Report** attempted or actual abuse or any activity that you think is wrong to a parent or other trusted adult.

BSA Youth Protection Mission Statement

True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting. It is the mission of Youth Protection volunteers and professionals to work within the Boy Scouts of America to maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at the national, regional, area, council, district, and unit levels.



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