



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Scouting Matters

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A Scout is Reverent



Scout Sunday was of particular importance this year for Troop 61, sponsored by Oquawka United Methodist Church in Oquawka, IL. 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the formal relationship between the Boy Scouts of America and the United Methodist Church.

Scouts celebrated the centennial anniversary by participating as greeters, ushers, and presenting colors at their sponsoring organization.

Scouts attending received a special commemorative patch that reflects this centennial milestone.



The Oquawka United Methodist Church has been the chartering organization for both a Pack and a Troop since 1987. We cannot thank them enough for their support, encouragement and commitment to our Scouts. In appreciation, the Scouts served the congregation cake and drinks after the service.

Cold Weather Adventures



The 2020 Polar Bear was a bit d"icey" this year. This event came on the tails of a major winter storm, but what do Scouts do? Brave the elements and persevere! Approximately 80 Scouts came out for a 'Moon Landing' good time! Scouts participated in different challenges and enjoyed being at camp on a wintery weekend.



The 2020 Yukon saw Cubs from all over the council come out for a "Bear"y good time. They learned about bear bags and camping in the winter elements, went on a winter hike, created sleds, and participated in a camp-wide race. What a GREAT day!



Activities Around the Tri-States

Happy Anniversary!

The Mississippi Valley Council could not do what it does without the support of our Sponsoring Organizations. Through their loyal support, we are able to accomplish many significant community service projects and prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes. So sometimes it just needs to be said...Thank you! The units in the list below are celebrating a significant anniversary this year.

<u>Chartered Partner</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
Grimes Elementary School	Burlington	IA	Pack 4040	1 Year
Lee County Sheriff Department	Montrose	IA	Post 56	1 Year
Quincy Noon Kiwanis	Quincy	IL	Post 217	1 Year
Fort Madison Fire Department	Fort Madison	IA	Post 607	1 Year
Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ	Quincy	IL	Troop 13	1 Year
Pleasant Hill American Legion	Pleasant Hill	IL	Troop 16	1 Year
Congregational United Church of Christ	Denmark	IA	Troop 219	1 Year
Burlington Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School	Burlington	IA	Troop 2019	1 Year
St. Francisville Lodge #588	Wayland	MO	Pack 147	5 Years
Community of Christ Church	Mount Pleasant	IA	Troop 27	10 Years
Trinity United Methodist Church	Keokuk	IA	Pack 43	15 Years
West Burlington United Methodist Church	West Burlington	IA	Troop 214	20 Years
Melrose Chapel	Quincy	IL	Troop 99	50 Years
Pleasant Hill American Legion	Pleasant Hill	IL	Pack 16	50 Years
Golden Lions Club	Golden	IL	Pack 42	60 Years
Christ Lutheran Church	Quincy	IL	Pack 52	60 Years
First Christian Church	Hamilton	IL	Pack 41	70 Years
Faith Presbyterian Church	Rushville	IL	Troop 35	80 Years
American Legion Gillaspey-Moodie Post 474	Donnellson	IA	Troop 33	90 Years

Religious Awards

Congratulations to the following twenty Mississippi Valley Council youth of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois for earning their religions awards in 2019!

Alex S	Pack 5	chartered by St. Peter Catholic Church	Parvuli Dei
Lucas O	Pack 5	chartered by St. Peter Catholic Church	Parvuli Dei
Nicholas G	Pack 5	chartered by St. Peter Catholic Church	Parvuli Dei
Zachary D	Troop 1	chartered by Blessed Sacrament Parish	Ad Altare Dei
Gavin R	Troop 1	chartered by Blessed Sacrament Parish	Ad Altare Dei
Michael V	Troop 1	chartered by Blessed Sacrament Parish	Ad Altare Dei
Wilson H	Troop 1	chartered by Blessed Sacrament Parish	Ad Altare Dei
Colin A	Troop 1	chartered by Blessed Sacrament Parish	Ad Altare Dei
Nolan S	Troop 1	chartered by Blessed Sacrament Parish	Ad Altare Dei
Caleb H	Troop 1	chartered by Blessed Sacrament Parish	Ad Altare Dei
Austin H	Troop 5	chartered by St. Peter Catholic Church	Ad Altare Dei
Lucas M	Troop 5	chartered by St. Peter Catholic Church	Ad Altare Dei
Ryan B	Troop 5	chartered by St. Peter Catholic Church	Ad Altare Dei
Matthew B	Troop 5	chartered by St. Peter Catholic Church	Ad Altare Dei
Christopher G	Troop 5	chartered by St. Peter Catholic Church	Ad Altare Dei
Sean H	Troop 5	chartered by St. Peter Catholic Church	Ad Altare Dei
Dylan S	Troop 22	chartered by Holy Name Society of St. Francis Catholic Church	Ad Altare Dei
Spencer A	Troop 22	chartered by Holy Name Society of St. Francis Catholic Church	Ad Altare Dei
Cole W	Troop 22	chartered by Holy Name Society of St. Francis Catholic Church	Ad Altare Dei
Isaac H	Troop 22	chartered by Holy Name Society of St. Francis Catholic Church	Ad Altare Dei

2019 – A Year in Review

Our Camps

908 Scouts in Summer Camp
1,699 Scouts & Scouters enjoyed
a weekend campout
22 Scouts attended Provisional Camp

Marketing

Coordinated city-wide recruitment nights held in
Quincy, Burlington & Mount Pleasant
26 groups used the inflatable
BB & Archery Ranges
285 people used the Quincy Service Center
Conference Room after business hours

Building a Legacy

3 New James E. West Fellows
Held Two Distinguished Citizen Award
Events to Support Endowment
Raised \$245,899 for Capital
Improvements at our Camps & Service
Centers

Our Membership

2,524 Youth Served in 132 Units
Served over 200 girls in our Cub Scout &
Scouts BSA programs
7.27% Total Membership Market Share
72.5% Membership Retention
Founded 4 New Units

Rank Advancement

37 Eagle Scouts
962 Cub Scout Ranks Earned
429 Scouts BSA Ranks Earned
1,798 Merit Badges Earned
Scouts earned 234 STEM-related
merit badges

Career Based Exploring

17 Posts
204 Youth
17 Sponsoring Organizations

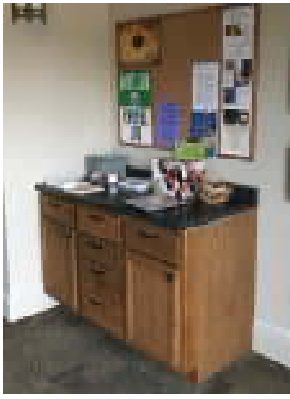
In the Community

13,283 Recorded Service Hours
4,749 Scouts and leaders participated in
451 Service Projects
35,988 Items Donated at Scouting for Food
Monetary Value of this Volunteer Time is
\$327,957

Envision 2020 Projects Completed

Saukenauk Scout Reservation Shower House
Replacement
Saukenauk Scout Reservation Dining
Hall Electrical
Saukenauk Scout Reservation New Zip Line
Saukenauk Scout Reservation Foot Bridge &
Trail to Maintenance
Camp Eastman Radio Tower
Camp Eastman Pete's Pond Renovation
Camp Eastman Electric Infrastructure Upgrades
Camp Eastman Bluffs Campsite Shelter House

Eagle Scout Spotlight



Adam Tatti is a member of Troop 3, sponsored by St. John's Catholic Church in Burlington, IA. For his Eagle Project, he built a cabinet with a countertop, bulletin board, and two magazine racks on the wall to hold weekly bulletins at Saints Mary and Patrick Church in West Burlington, IA.

In 2016, Saints Mary and Patrick Church remodeled the front of the church. When the remodel was complete, the new vestibule was left with just a folding table to hold weekly bulletins and other parish literature & reading materials. At the end of 2017, Adam asked Divine Mercy Parish pastor, Father Marty Goetz, if there was something the church needed that he could do as his Eagle Project. Adam decided he wanted a project that involved his church because of its importance to him. The Knights of Columbus had just donated money to the parish to put something permanent in place of the folding table. It was suggested to Adam that he take this project on, to which he agreed.

When asked what the hardest part of the project was, Adam said, "Definitely it was the planning part. It was hard to schedule times to get people to help me when they were all available. I also had to make sure that both Fr. Marty Goetz and the Knights of Columbus were happy with my plans."

The project has been very helpful to Saints Mary and Patrick Church. The vestibule looks neat and organized; and, there are places for all the literature the church makes available to its members.

Congratulations!

Introducing Courtney Riley



Courtney is the new Sales Associate in the Quincy Service Center. She likes to stay organized and tries to make everyone's life easier. She is happy to be a part of the team. Courtney was born and raised in Liberty, IL and loves to spend her free time with friends, family, and her pets. Please stop by the Quincy Service Center and say hello to Courtney!

Scouting at Home


Scouting can take place anywhere – even in the comfort of your home! A resource hub for parents and leaders to help support Scouting at home, with stay-at-home educational activities for any Scout rank, tips for continuing to work on advancements, and kid-friendly content that connects Scouting with their daily lives can be found at <https://www.mississippivalleybsa.org/scouting-at-home/>


Our goal is to make it easier to deliver the Scouting program by making plans more accessible to Leaders and those who can help Leaders like our parents.

Council & District Awards & Honors



Congratulations to all of our volunteers who received awards and honors at our annual meetings.

 *The Silver Beaver Award* is the highest recognition a Council can bestow on a volunteer for service to Scouting and the community. Pictured above are (left to right) Doug Peters, Scott Moore, and Rick Buller.

 *The District Award of Merit* is the highest recognition a District can bestow on a volunteer for service to Scouting and the community. Eagle Valley District's recipients are Marsha Collins, Scott DiPrima, Dawn Moore, and Joanne Spilman. Recipients in Shoquoquon District are Ben Schmidgall and Scot Sullivan.

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