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Scouting Matters

WINTER 2020

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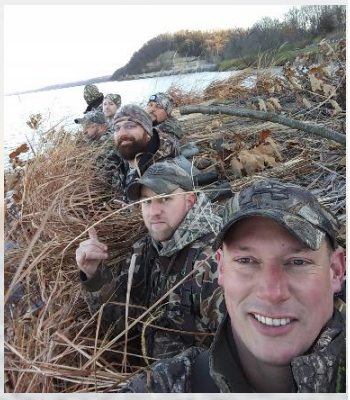
Veterans Enjoy a Veterans Day Hunt



Veterans Day dawned bright, sunny, and camouflaged for four veterans and two active-duty servicemen this year. In partnership with the Fallen Outdoors program, Saukenauk Scout Reservation hosted two Army veterans, one Marine veteran, and one active-duty Army Lt. Colonel for an early morning duck hunt. Ranger Mike Turner served as their guide using the Philmont Cabins at Saukenauk as a base. Veterans got to hunt at Saukenauk Scout Reservation and on the Mississippi River at Camp Eastman.

Also helping out with the expedition were Leland Hoskins, a US Marine veteran, and Luke Flanagan, an active duty Lieutenant in the Air Force and avid Scouter. Besides hunting, a hearty breakfast was cooked on a camp stove inside the blind. That afternoon, they adjourned to privately leased land to continue hunting over a lake. A late dinner was served, and the men headed for home. One of the *Aims of Scouting* is to teach citizenship training. We're proud to have partnered with Fallen Outdoors to host these servicemen and look forward to more opportunities to host them. Saukenauk Scout Reservation and Camp Eastman are available for rent by Scouting groups, outside groups, and families for camping, cabin rental, fishing, canoeing, corporate events, and weddings.

October Scouting for Food Service Project

The Mississippi Valley Council designated October as Scouting for Food month to provide units a service opportunity. Scouts in Kindergarten through 5th grade participated in the service project, too! They collected canned goods then delivered them to the food pantry.

Here are a few of the highlights:

- Pack and Troop 17 chartered to Griggsville Christian Church in Griggsville, IL teamed up with local businesses for Scouting for Food.
- Pack 63 chartered to American Legion Post 765 in Smithshire, IL

Eagle Spotlight

Louis Wilson of Troop 5 chartered by St. Peter Catholic Church in Quincy, IL built a Gaga Ball Pit near the playground equipment in Quincy's South Park for his Eagle Scout project. This project benefits the Quincy Park District and the people who use the park. Louis learned about Gaga Ball as a Cub Scout camping at Camp Eastman. All of the Scouts had great fun playing Gaga Ball and also got a lot of great exercise while playing. Louis always looked forward to returning to Camp Eastman because that is the only place in the area that had a Gaga Ball pit. He wanted to bring the opportunity to play this game to more people, and closer to home.

"I was happy to be able to build something that people will be able to use and enjoy. It was more difficult than I had imagined when I first thought of it, but I had a lot of help from the Scouts and leaders in my troop. I look forward to helping with future Eagle Scout projects.

Scouting is a great opportunity to learn new things and meet new people; it has become a very important part of Louis' life. He enjoys camping with his friends and helping younger Scouts learn new skills. Louis is currently awaiting his Eagle Board of Review.

Council Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting of the Mississippi Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 via Zoom beginning at 5:30 p.m. The 2021 Volunteer Recognition Dinner has been postponed due to the pandemic.

Our 2021 Nominating Committee consists of Chairman Kevin Mineart, Brent Babyak, Aaron Baltisberger, K. C. Fleming, Doug Peters, Charlie Walsh, and Scout Executive Ricci Dula. The Nominating Committee is accepting names to be considered for prospective Executive Board Members. Suggested nominees from registered local council Scouters are considered if they are received in writing no less than 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Those who offer names to the nominating committee should supply some background information but should not have secured the permission of the person to be nominated and to serve if elected.

Please send your recommendations in writing by December 31, 2020 to the attention of Kevin Mineart, Nominating Committee Chairman, Mississippi Valley Council, BSA, 2522 Locust Street, Quincy, IL 62301.

2020 Grants and Foundations

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. List is as of November 19, 2020. The full list will be published in our Annual Report.

- Benevity Causes
- Black Hawk Lodge, Order of the Arrow
- Boy Scouts of America, National Council
- Burlington/West Burlington Area United Way
- Camp Eastman Development Association
- Community Foundation of the Quincy Area
- JW Gardner II Foundation
- Dennis & Barbara Gorman Charitable Trust
- Homebank
- Kiwanis Club of Burlington
- Marion Gardner Jackson Charitable Trust
- Mediapolis Community Fund
- The Moorman Foundation
- Harry & Virginia Murray Foundation
- Estate of Viola N. Myatt
- National Christian Foundation
- Poage Auto Plaza, Inc.
- Quad Cities Community Foundation – Wilson Family Foundation Endowment
- Quincy Noon Kiwanis
- Thrivent Choice
- Tracy Family Foundation
- United Way of Adams County
- United Way of Brown County
- United Way of the Great River Region
- John H. Witte, Jr. Foundation

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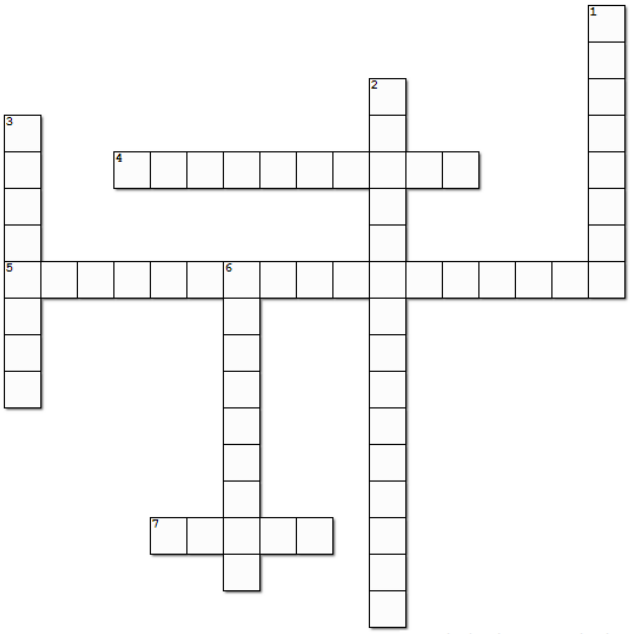
Honoring our Veterans

Pack 1, chartered by Blessed Sacrament Church in Quincy, IL, organized a drive-thru Veterans Day Parade for the residents of the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy. Scouts and their families created signs thanking the Veterans for their service to our country.

Winter Scouting Matters

Complete the crossword puzzle below!



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Across

4. This is the highest rank in Scouts BSA, and was recently attained by a Scout from Troop 5.
5. The name of our Council!
7. First name of our newest staff member!

Down

1. The month that the Mississippi Valley Council's Annual Business Meeting will be held.
2. This project for Scouts involves collecting canned goods for local food pantries.
3. The National Adventure Base that Pat Jackson's memorabilia is donated to.
6. This Scout Reservation hosted the Fallen outdoors program this fall!

Answers can be found throughout this issue. Answer Key is on the back page.

"If you're going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can't be erased." – Maya Angelou

Memorials

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

Terry Anastas
Kevin Fee
Daniel Kaltenbach
Richard Mitchell, Sr.
Michael Pulis
Donald L. Schock
William Tipton

Memorials and tributes received by the Mississippi Valley Council benefit local Scouting.

Staff Update

We are pleased to welcome Laura Dighe to the staff. Laura has been a long-time volunteer with Pack and Troop 5, chartered by St. Peter Catholic Church in Quincy, IL. Laura will be a part-time clerk and registrar in the Quincy Scout Service Center.

Local Scouter's Model Train Collection on Display at National High Adventure Base

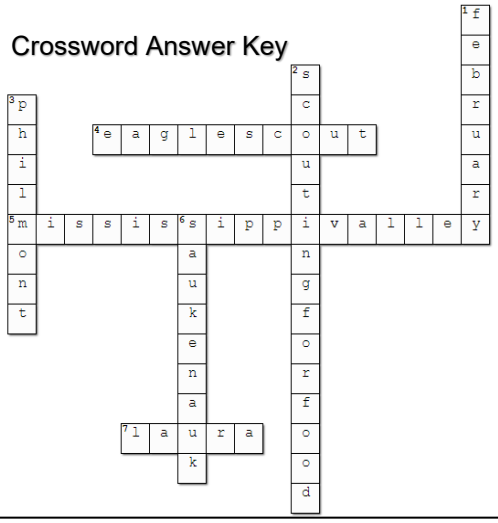
The family of long-time Scouter Patrick C. Jackson made a sizable donation to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico of a lifetime collection of railroad memorabilia for both use and display at their newly constructed Railroad Station and Museum. This memorial tribute is currently being catalogued and inventoried.

Pat Jackson was a lifetime Scouter, having earned the rank of Eagle in 1968 from Troop 70 in West Burlington, IA. He served in many different volunteer positions in the Mississippi Valley Council including Council President. He received many awards including the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver, the Distinguished Eagle Scout, and the James E. West Fellowship awards, among several others.

Not only did Pat have a lifelong hobby of collecting railroad memorabilia, but he was also a Scouter who loved Philmont. Not only did he take his family on vacation to Philmont numerous times, but he also served as a volunteer instructor several times.

Pat's health declined, and he passed away in November 2019 at the age of 65. We offer peace to his memory; but we know that through this good turn, his legacy will live on at the Philmont Scout Ranch.

Crossword Answer Key



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