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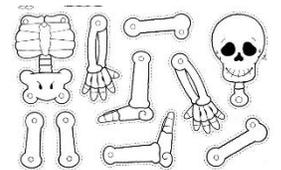
Scouting Matters

Autumn 2021

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More than 500 of our Scouts, leaders, and parents participated in a "Spooky" fun time held at both Saukenauk Scout Reservation and Camp Eastman this October. They dressed up in costumes as they practiced sling shots, put together puzzle pieces, fishing bingo, mummy wrapped each other, and other activities. One of the highlights was roasting marshmallows and hot dogs on a 40-foot-long bonfire made of logs at one event and on Swedish log fires at the other.



Spook-O-Ree Cub Camps

Troop 5 Visits Philmont Scout Ranch

In July 2021, Troop 5, chartered by St. Peter Catholic Church in Quincy, IL spent twelve days hiking a trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. The Scouts learned about teamwork, outdoor skills, and about their Country. Spend a week hiking this beautiful area and you will want to go back!



Troop 17 held a Soap Box Car Derby in their Community



Troop 17, chartered by Griggsville Christian Church in Griggsville, IL. did something a little different this year to try to recruit more Scouts. The Troop raced Soap Box Derby cars down the Boulevard in Griggsville. This was at the Apple Festival after the conclusion of the Magnificent Mile Parade on Saturday, September 18th. The Scouts set up at the festival on Friday night and spent all-day Saturday selling popcorn and recruiting members to join them in next year's Soap Box Derby. The Troop is using the funds raised from the sponsorships of the derby cars to help send the Scouts to camp, buy supplies, badges, and many other items the Scouts need throughout the year.

Pictured (L-R): Maxwell P., Scoutmaster John Phillips, Conor B., Ryan P., Collin I., Mason P., and Marcus P.
Not Pictured: Casen S.

Local Eagle Spotlight

These Scouts earned their Eagle Rank during the past few months, a *Congratulations* to all of them!



- Marcus P. of Troop 17, chartered by Griggsville Christian Church, Griggsville, IL
- Jadon S. of Troop 50, chartered by Warsaw Lions Club, Warsaw, IL
- Remington B. of Troop 32, chartered by Living Faith United Methodist Church, Bowen, IL
- Clayton S. of Troop 35, chartered by First Presbyterian Church, Rushville, IL
- Brandon C. of Troop 41, chartered by First Christian Church, Hamilton, IL
- Peyton W. of Troop 99, chartered by Melrose Chapel United Methodist Church, Quincy, IL

Students Enjoy Camp Eastman and Saukenauk Scout Reservation



Quincy University brought 267 College Students to Saukenauk Scout Reservation on Monday August 16th. The young adults spent the day doing team building activities, service projects, and had the opportunity to enjoy all of what camp has to offer – canoeing, ziplining, rappelling, climbing wall, archery and hiking! The Mississippi Valley Council was honored that QU allowed us to host this event for them!

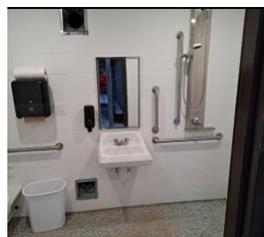
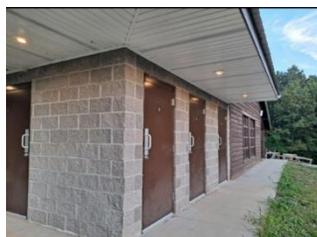


The Burlington Community School District partnered with the Mississippi Valley Council to host their School Year kick off for their programs Club M, VIBE and P.I.E.C.E.S. Burlington families enjoyed canoeing, games, RC cars and much, much more! Hosting this event not only provided families a jumpstart to their school year but also allowed some new families to enjoy what Camp Eastman has to offer!

Renting our Camps is easy... Log on to <https://www.mississippivalleybsa.org/camps/> to view Saukenauk Scout Reservation & Camp Eastman facilities and prices. To rent please call our Burlington office at 319-754-8413.

New Shower/Restroom Facilities at Camp

Saukenauk Scout Reservation – Completed a mere two days before our Summer Camp Season, the restrooms at the dining hall were demolished and rebuilt from scratch thanks to numerous private donors who contributed more than \$95,000 to modernize the facilities. This is in a similar style to the recently completed Shower House where there are ADA compliant individual unisex stalls to provide more privacy and comfort.



Camp Eastman – We broke ground in early October on new shower Facilities at Camp Eastman. The shower house is on schedule to be open in time for 2022 Summer Camp and even earlier if weather cooperates.

New Shower facilities have been one of our many projects to improve/modernize our camp for use by Scouting groups, corporations, wedding groups, schools, and more.



Honor Society Youth Officers Elected

Congratulations to these Scouts



Congratulations to the youth officers recently elected by their peers in the Order of the Arrow, National Honor Society and the Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk. The youth "Chief" becomes a member of our Council's executive board to gain experience, mentors, and represent their peers in the running business and program.

*Jadon S.
of Troop 50 chartered to the Warsaw Lions Club
Order of the Arrow Lodge Chief*

*Dakota D.
of Troop 40 chartered to First Christian Church
Tribe of the Silver Tomahawk Chief*

Introducing Matthew Shaw
District Executive, Shoquoqon District

Introducing Cord Boughton
Membership Marketing Coordinator



Recruitment Booms!

More than 300 new boys and girls have joined Scouting in the last sixty days! We're very excited to see Scouts coming back to our program or beginning their adventure. As you can see from this issue of *Scouting Matters*, we've been busy with training volunteers, onboarding families, and ensuring EVERY boy and girl get the opportunity to join Scouting. Even our cardboard Cutout Ethan has been busy too!



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