



BUILDING FOR THE NEW CENTURY

A Campaign for Boxwell Reservation

Summer 2021

GOAL:
\$10,600,000

RAISED TO DATE:
\$6,626,076

LEADERSHIP CENTER WILL HONOR THE LEGACY OF STAHLMAN DINING HALL

Did you know that the kitchen at Stahlman Dining Hall prepares all of the meals for all of Boxwell Reservation? Both of the dining halls at Camp Craig and CubWorld have warming equipment to keep food hot for serving once it is transported over from Stahlman. Just over the course of summer camp 2021, from June 6 to July 10, more than 55,000 meals were cooked in this 60-year old facility for almost 2,500 Scouts BSA youth and leaders, 885 Cub Scouts, their families and leaders, and 175 staff members!

The staff and volunteers who oversee this endeavor do a heroic job. But it is neither easy nor efficient. Space is limited and the equipment is old. These are not things Scouts would notice because kids just want to eat good food. And the food is good. Under Camping Director Jason Flannery's leadership, tasty meals are served that include items such as Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy and peach cobbler. Not your average camp food!

While Stahlman Dining Hall has served the camp well over the years, Council leadership saw the need to raise funds to replace the old facility with a new Leadership Center and Dining Hall. The facility will honor the contributions that Aubrey B. Harwell, Jr. has made to Scouting over many decades, both in Middle Tennessee and at the national level. The Aubrey B. Harwell, Jr. Leadership Center at Camp Stahlman will not only house a larger modern kitchen with more freezer and storage space, it will have a meeting room off of the dining hall, a program deck on the back of the building that honors the contributions of the Wa-Hi-Nasa Order of the Arrow Lodge, and a storm shelter below the building that will hold 800 people, the equivalent of two seatings in the dining hall. On the outside of the building a front courtyard will honor long-time leader and current Council President, Dr. John Bright Cage, and a new Flag Assembly area will also have a naming opportunity. Honoring the past and looking to the future is a hallmark of Scouting and the Council will benefit greatly from this facility that will honor the legacy of Stahlman Dining Hall.

The Leadership Center is the lead project of the Campaign for Boxwell Reservation. Just under \$2.6 million has been raised toward the \$7 million cost of the project. Fundraising efforts slowed during the pandemic but will pick up again

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Current Stahlman Dining Hall



Future Aubrey B. Harwell, Jr. Leadership Center and Dining Hall

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A Note from Campaign Chair, Harris Haston

Dear Friends and Fellow Scouters,

When I attended summer camp in the early '60s, Boxwell Reservation was new. New showers, toilets, dining halls, water, sewer, electrical and road infrastructure. Facilities were simple yet functional and have served our Council well for more than 60 years. Three generations of Scouts have benefited from Boxwell. Our collection of camps at Boxwell on Old Hickory Lake since 1961 have enriched the lives of more than 100,000 Scouts, staff and volunteers. If only our predecessor Scout leaders could see how their investment paid off. They would agree and shout "Well done!"



My Troop 174, a member the western Black Fox District of our Council, used Camp Parnell. The faces of summer staff were mostly familiar but there were many new faces too, especially the summer staff responsible for merit badges in athletics, swimming and other sporting activities. Food for our dining hall was sent over from the kitchen of Stahlman Dining Hall. It always tasted great and was satisfying because everyone was starving after an exhausting afternoon working through merit badge requirements. Many of you remember your personal experiences at Boxwell and what they meant to you and how they helped you to be prepared for life's next chapter and challenges.

I doubt anyone today would argue that our Council has experienced its most challenging year in its 100-year history with the double hit of the COVID pandemic shut-downs and the bankruptcy. As we put the bankruptcy behind us, it is our solemn duty look forward to the successful future of Scouting, to assure that our next 100 years is better than our first century for our Middle Tennessee Council. Adversity and challenges only make us stronger. When our Boxwell Campaign renews, hopefully this fall, help us to be stronger, to succeed in completing the renovation of Boxwell and to continue building our Scouting membership. Please make Scouting a priority in your gifting plans so that other Scouts can live the Boxwell experiences that makes them stronger, wiser and ready for life's challenges.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harris Haston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Harris Haston - Campaign Chair

SUMMER CAMP 2021

AT BOXWELL RESERVATION



Skilled Trades Merit Badge Classes



Building for the New Century: A CAMPAIGN FOR BOXWELL RESERVATION



Gift Range	# Gifts Needed	Goal	As of 8-1-2021	# Gifts Received
Legacy \$1,000,000	1	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	1
Benefactor \$500,000- 999,999	7	\$3,000,000	\$500,000	1
Leadership \$250,000 - 499,999	10	\$2,600,000	\$1,450,000	5
Strategic \$100,000 - 249,999	20	\$1,800,000	\$2,369,523	21
Major \$50,000 - 99,999	25	\$1,500,000	\$350,031	7
Investor \$25,000 - 49,999	30	\$700,000	\$585,000	23
Less than \$25,000			\$271,522	58
Gifts in Kind			\$100,000	1
	93	\$10,600,000	\$6,626,076	117

* In addition to outright and pledged gifts, \$86,000 has been received for a maintenance reserve fund

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in earnest in the coming months. Scout Executive, Larry Brown, shares that, "Stahlman Dining Hall has served as an excellent facility for over 60 years. Like all buildings, it has depreciated over time. We need to provide a safe and modern facility that meets the needs of our Scouts, leaders and camp staff and the Harwell Leadership Center will do just that."

If you would like more information about how to support the Leadership Center project, please contact Larry Brown.

Campaign information online
<https://www.mtcbsa.org/boxwellcampaign>

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Please Contact Larry Brown, Scout Executive, at
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 questions or would like to make a gift.