



BUILDING FOR THE NEW CENTURY

A Campaign for Boxwell Reservation

Summer 2022

GOAL:
\$14,500,000

RAISED TO DATE:
\$6,793,112

100th Anniversary Veterans Gateway Ribbon Cutting Event a Success

On Thursday, June 23 the Middle Tennessee Council held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Boxwell Scout Reservation to dedicate the new 100th Anniversary Veterans Gateway.

The Gateway, built in honor of the Council's 100th anniversary in 2020, recognizes veterans and those currently serving in the military who attended Boxwell as a Scout, leader, or staff member or who were registered leaders in the Council.

Council President, Dr. John Bright Cage, served as Master of Ceremonies and thanked Jeff Collins of the Collins Family Trust of Portland, Tennessee for the generous gift made in honor of his parents, Larry and Wanda Collins, that made the building of the Gateway possible. He also recognized Rob Ponder of Ponder & Ponder Architects in Norcross, Georgia for the donation of the design of the Gateway. Mr. Ponder spent many summers at Boxwell as a youth and his experience inspired the design.

Major General (retired) William Hickman chaired the effort to identify those to be honored and spoke at the event. He said, "As I link my Scouting experiences together with my military career – two words represent both - Values and Service. I am grateful that the Middle Tennessee Council is honoring our Veterans in this way. They are part of America's finest – patriotic men and women that love their country, put service first over their own comfort and say "send me."

Staff Sergeant Anthony Warner of the 101st Airborne Division's 2nd Brigade Combat team, who is an Eagle Scout and attended Boxwell as a youth, also spoke at the event. He said, "As a Scout I learned about different ways to lead, teach, and motivate those around me. At the time I didn't realize the impact that Scouting was going to have on my life in the military, but I can now confidently say that I would not be the noncommissioned officer, leader, and mentor that my soldiers deserve had I not been in the Scouting program."

In addition to the veterans' recognition area, the Gateway will be an iconic structure at the entrance to the camp that will create memories that will last a lifetime for Scouts and leaders. It will also help secure the property when camp is not in session.

The Middle Tennessee Council is proud to help set youth on a course to be good citizens and leaders in our country and to help those on their journey to serve.



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A NOTE FROM OUR SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Dear Capital Campaign Investors,

Thanks to your support, our Middle Tennessee Council camps continue to provide world class experiences for young people. Summer Camp at Boxwell Reservation just wrapped up and we are proud to say that 2,069 Scouts and leaders had an outstanding experience. Over 5,911 merit badges were earned by the Scouts. We also hosted 63 Tennessee National Guard youth for a weeklong outdoor adventure. We are honored to partner with the Tennessee National Guard in serving youth.

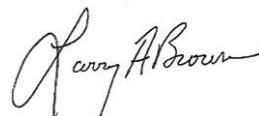
For the second year in a row, we offered Scouts the opportunity to earn merit badges in the skilled trades. The merit badges offered were Automotive Maintenance, Electricity, Plumbing, Home Repair, American Labor, American Business, Architecture and Welding. 289 skilled trades focused merit badges were earned by Scouts. We are excited that our new Roy Grindstaff Skilled Trades Center will be open for 2023 summer camp at Boxwell. This facility will be the only free-standing building offering skilled trades merit badges at any Boy Scout Camp in the country. Other Councils have learned of this unique program and facility and are making plans to build their own.

Campers, leaders and visitors to Boxwell this summer were able to pass through the new 100th Anniversary Veterans Gateway that now marks the threshold to camp. I hope you enjoy reading about the Ribbon Cutting event held on June 23 in the article on the front of this newsletter. You will find a QR barcode at the bottom of this page that will take you to a booklet about the veterans recognition included at the Gateway.

We are approaching our fall recruiting season and are excited to add more youth and families to the program. Scouting is “fun with a purpose”, and all the unique experiences, merit badges and other fun things are our method for teaching service, citizenship, self-confidence, values and leadership. Statistics show that many youths in our society are experiencing a mental health crisis and Scouting programs are a proven way to build resilience and positive mental health attributes in youth. We need a strong Scouting program for the future of Middle Tennessee and our entire country.

Thank you for investing in Middle Tennessee youth.

Yours in Scouting,



Larry Brown
Scout Executive / CEO

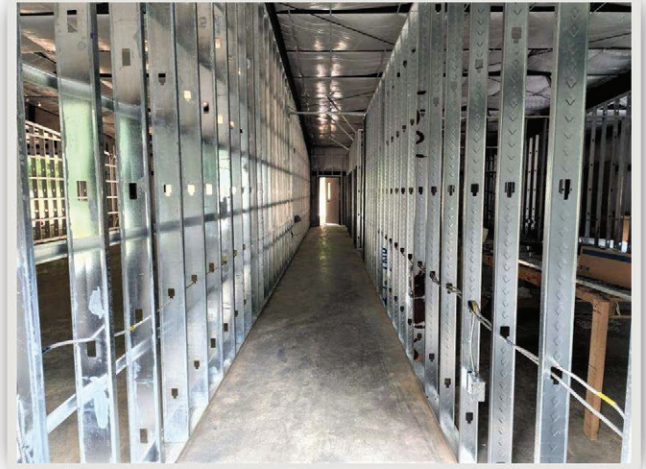


SKILLED TRADES CENTER CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Construction on the new Roy Grindstaff Skilled Trades Center has continued throughout the summer with its completion anticipated by the end of the year. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at time to be determined.



As of July 12, 2022 the building was in place



Center hallway of building under construction.



SUMMER CAMP 2022 AT BOXWELL RESERVATION



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

Gift Range	# Gifts Needed	Goal	As of 8-1-2022	# Gifts Received
Legacy \$1,000,000	2	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	1
Benefactor \$500,000- 999,999	10	\$4,000,000	\$500,000	1
Leadership \$250,000 - 499,999	15	\$3,200,000	\$1,750,000	7
Strategic \$100,000 - 249,999	40	\$2,800,000	\$2,176,273	20
Major \$50,000 - 99,999	25	\$1,700,000	\$375,031	7
Investor \$25,000 - 49,999	30	\$800,000	\$610,000	24
Less than \$25,000			\$281,808	64
Gifts in Kind			\$100,000	1
	122	\$14,500,000	\$6,793,112	125

CAMPAIGN GOAL INCREASED

During the Executive Board meeting held at Boxwell Reservation on June 16, a motion was made and passed to increase the Campaign for Boxwell Reservation goal from \$10.6 million to \$14.5 million. The change was necessitated by an increase in costs projected for the Aubrey Harwell Leadership Center and dining hall at Camp Stahlman.

\$2,457,294 has been committed to the Leadership Center and we project the cost of the building to be \$9,453,000. We originally planned to include a basement that would serve as a storm shelter, but we have decided to eliminate the basement to build shelters closer to campsites.

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



Please Contact Larry Brown, Scout Executive, at lbrown@mtcbsa.org or 615-383-9701 if you have questions or would like to make a gift.

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