



A Campaign for Boxwell Reservation

Summer 2023

Goal: \$15 million
Raised as of July 1, 2023: \$6,994,022

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RESTARTED!

Dear Middle Tennessee Council Leaders, Investors and Friends,

We are grateful for your interest in and support of the capital Campaign for Boxwell Reservation that began in 2018 and was put on hold due to Covid and the National BSA bankruptcy. It has been quite a journey, and we are happy to share that with the bankruptcy finally behind us we are ready to restart our efforts to raise the funds needed to build the Aubrey Harwell Leadership Center and the Family and Staff Lodge, the two final major projects.

As you may know, most of the priority projects that were set at the start of the Campaign in 2018 have been completed or are near completion. Those include the replacement of six shower houses, the building of the new 100th Anniversary Veterans Gateway, the building of a new Skilled Trades Center (that will be open to Scouts for summer camp starting this month), and renovations to Craig Dining Hall, the Shotgun Range, and the Rangers' residences.

We have two projects remaining in the Campaign for Boxwell. We plan to build a Family and Staff Lodge to provide overnight facilities for training groups or Scoutreach or STEM families who may not be accustomed to the more primitive camping experience. Our most pressing need is to raise the additional funds needed to build the Aubrey B. Harwell Leadership Center and dining hall at Camp Stahlman. The current dining hall will need to be torn down immediately following summer camp 2024 and the new building started for the new facility to be ready for summer camp 2025. In order to do this, \$8 million in additional commitments must be secured by January 31, 2024. This is an ambitious goal, but we have been working hard with campaign leadership to ensure success. We will be calling on those who have not yet made commitments to do so and a select number of those who have already given to consider additional support. We are encouraged by the enthusiasm and generosity of those who have helped us raise just under \$7 million of our \$15 million goal to-date.

We thought you might like to view an inspiring video which we will use to promote the final phase of the Campaign by scanning the qr code.



We are excited about this restart to the finish line. Thank you for your continued support of Scouting in Middle Tennessee.

Yours in Scouting,

Handwritten signature of Harris Haston in black ink.

Harris Haston
Campaign Chair

Handwritten signature of John Bright Cage in black ink.

John Bright Cage
Council President

Handwritten signature of Larry Brown in black ink.

Larry Brown
Scout Executive

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A NOTE FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIR

Dear Scouting leaders, investors, and friends:

We have much to be excited about our Council's history! As you read on page one, the BSA National bankruptcy has concluded, and the Middle Tennessee Council's Campaign for Boxwell Reservation has restarted.

Most of the priority projects for the campaign have been completed and we are especially proud of the new Roy Grindstaff Skilled Trades Center that opened to Scouts at summer camp. More than 350 Scouts BSA took hands-on classes in automotive maintenance, electricity, home repair, painting, plumbing, and welding, as well as earning merit badges in American Business and architecture in a classroom setting. The building is located in Camp Parnell, just down the hill from the STEM Center. Having access to these facilities makes it possible for Scouts to earn merit badges that may not have been possible for them to do on their own. We look forward to having a ribbon cutting celebration for the Skilled Trades Center in October.

Boxwell Reservation makes it possible for youth to have life-changing experiences. Troop 608, a new Scouts BSA troop in the East Nashville area, has been growing tremendously in recent months. The youth in the troop had no experience hiking, camping, or travel outside the city, however, this year they were able to do those things and more. They began small, doing a geocaching treasure hunt in downtown Nashville. This led them to get out of their comfort zone and spend an entire week at overnight camp at Boxwell. These Scouts are growing right before their parents' and Scout leaders' eyes, gaining skills and self-confidence along the way.

Your interest in and support of Boxwell Reservation continues to make a difference in the lives of young people in Middle Tennessee and beyond. As we work toward completing our campaign and reaching our \$15 million goal, we trust that we can count on you to help us successfully complete our work to sustain and improve Boxwell for the use of future generations.

We hope you will share the good news about Scouting with your families, friends, neighbors, colleagues and others!

Yours in Scouting,



Harris Haston



SUMMER CAMP 2023



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Projects Completed*



100th Anniversary Veterans Gateway



Camp Craig Dining Hall Renovation



Six Shower Houses



Menefee Shotgun Range Renovation



Grindstaff Skilled Trades Center

ONGOING PRIORITY PROJECTS



The building of the Aubrey B. Harwell, Jr. Leadership Center and dining hall at Camp Stahlman has been and continues to be the top priority project in the Campaign for Boxwell Reservation. At this time, \$2.5 million of the \$9.5 million total cost has been raised. The additional \$7 million in commitments must be secured by January 31, 2024 in order for construction to begin following summer camp 2024. The project will replace the current dining hall so demolition will occur immediately once camp ends.

Replacing the old dining hall, which is now 63 years old, will enhance many areas of the camp experience for Scouts, leaders and staff. The current facility is outdated and is not up to the Council's standard for the most used facility at Boxwell. Did you know the current building only has one restroom for 400 people eating there at each seating? It's true! Did you know that the air conditioning went out for the first week of summer camp 2022, one of the hottest weeks in Middle Tennessee history? And, most importantly, did you know that the Stahlman Dining Hall prepares the meals for the entire reservation? In addition to providing two seatings for three meals a day at Stahlman, meals are transported to the Camp Craig and Cub World Dining Halls. The new Harwell Leadership Center and dining hall at Camp Stahlman will be the heartbeat of Boxwell!

Pictured below: Family and Staff Lodge



Will provide indoor overnight facilities for training groups or Scoutreach families and other visitors not accustomed to the more primitive camp experience. The facility will also be used to support outside groups who will rent the space.

**For more information about the Campaign for Boxwell Reservation,
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