



BUILDING FOR THE NEW CENTURY

A Campaign for Boxwell Reservation

Fall 2020

GOAL:
\$10,600,000

RAISED TO DATE:
\$6,237,246

ALBERT L. MENEFEE, III SHOTGUN RANGE DEDICATED

On Thursday, August 27, 2020, the Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America, dedicated the newly renovated shotgun range at Boxwell Reservation in memory of Albert L. Menefee, III. Family, friends and Council leadership were on hand for the event. Program speakers were Dr. John Bright Cage, Council President, Larry Brown, Scout Executive, Andrew W. Byrd, Executive Board member and Mr. Menefee's brother-in-law, and Mr. Menefee's son and daughter, Ben Menefee and Dr. Hannah Menefee Dudney.

Dr. Cage shared, "Albert personified the values of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life. Albert was always ready to help others, giving of his time to assist the Council in providing shooting sports experiences to youth that fulfilled the promise of outdoor adventure that is made to all Scouts."



Albert Menefee's daughter, Hannah, takes aim at the shotgun range

Mr. Menefee was known in the Middle Tennessee community as a conservationist and avid sportsman. Mr. Byrd shared that the Scouting meant so much to Mr. Menefee. He was instrumental in directing generous support through the Justin and Valere Potter Foundation to the Council to further its mission of mentoring young people at a critical time in their lives. "We are grateful that we could be a part of The Building for the New Century: A Campaign for Boxwell Reservation in supporting efforts to renovate and replace key facilities at the camp. Albert's grandfather, Jet Potter, started the family's history of giving to Scouting and the Council office in Green Hills is named for him," said Mr. Byrd. "We are proud of that legacy."

Mr. Menefee's youngest son, Ben Menefee, said of his father, "He taught us how to respect the land and to always finish what we start. We could not have asked for a better father." Dr. Hannah Menefee Dudney, Mr. Menefee's daughter, shared, "Dad was a Scoutmaster and held meetings at our farm for the Troop. As a young girl, I admired the activities my older brother and his friends were able to do as Boy Scouts. I found the pinewood derby races to be exciting. One year, Dad helped me build my own car, although I didn't get to officially race it. Dad especially loved to share with the next generation his love for the outdoors, whether he was teaching a young Scout to shoot, to clearing and maintaining hiking trails or teaching others the importance of maintaining land for wildlife conservation. The annual Clays Shoot event the Council holds was a highlight of his year as he enjoyed the opportunity to shoot with friends, teach young shooters to safely handle guns and raise funds to support the Scouts. The new Albert L. Menefee, III Shotgun Range will enable generations of Scouts to enjoy the beautiful Boxwell Reservation and learn to shoot in the tradition of great sportsmen like Albert."

Scout Executive, Larry Brown, expressed gratitude to the family, "I am grateful for all that the Menefee family

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A Note from Campaign Chair, Harris Haston

Fellow Scouters,

Most of us agree that 2020 has been a difficult year, one that has challenged our health, our values and sense of security and peace. As I write this letter, our country appears divided and our political leadership remains undetermined. Uncertainty abounds but we adapt. This year will be memorable.

As a volunteer and supporter of the Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America, I have had many conversations with my family and friends about the bankruptcy and potential claims against us. I find myself angry and defensive. I dislike these conversations. They make me uncomfortable, but they cannot be avoided.

I recently enjoyed dinner with three friends who live in different states and have different life experiences. We talked about the legal assault on the Boy Scouts. They said we should stand-tall, that our Scout Laws, our beliefs and values, can withstand all assaults, that our values will live forever and be admired and respected far beyond the memory of 2020. They said we represent good - high standards of behavior about what is important in life, integrity, honesty, kindness, compassion, that our Laws will remain the foundation of Scouts, Scouts past, current and future. I was not prepared. I was stunned by their words of encouragement and belief in Scouting. I was deeply thankful.

As we approach Thanksgiving and the holiday season, I hope you will share with your family and friends what Scouting means to you and let it be known that our values are permanent, not transient with these difficult times. That our values are not those that are claimed against a small fraction of us. While you're sharing the good about Scouts, think about how you can help renew the Boxwell capital campaign with a gift. The best way to help is to make a contribution. You will be rewarded by knowing that you helped sustain and perpetuate the best youth organization on earth.



Harris Haston - Campaign Chair



DONOR SPOTLIGHT – MALCOLM AND DEBBIE BAIRD



Malcolm and Debbie Baird believe that “Scouting made an important difference in the lives of our sons and their fellow Scouts, and Boxwell was central to those experiences.” Further, “We benefited from all of the investments in Boxwell since it opened 60 years ago, and we are pleased to help with the much-needed renewal and enhancements for new generations of Scouts and their families.”

Malcolm and Debbie are the parents of two Eagle Scouts from the Middle Tennessee Council. Their sons were at Boxwell often, including summer camp for eight separate years, and Malcolm was along as an adult leader for many of those activities. Two of the Baird grandchildren are now active Scouts in the National Capital Area Council.

As a Scout himself, Malcolm lived in the Chickasaw Council area and went to summer camp and other events at Camp Kia Kima near Hardy, Arkansas. Malcolm has served on the MTC Executive Board and as a member of the Advisory Board. He was an adult leader and Scoutmaster for Troop 92, and he trekked at Philmont with each of his sons and other Scouts and adults (two trips, ten years apart).

Malcolm said, “We should not take Boxwell for granted. The Council leadership needs our support to make sure the ‘New Century’ is better-than-ever.”

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has done for the Middle Tennessee Council over the years and I am so pleased that you are here today as we honor Albert. He leaves a legacy of sportsmanship and generosity to which young people can aspire.”

Following the presentation, the group walked to the Shotgun Range for the unveiling of the plaque. The inscription reads:

Albert Leo Menefee, III

Father, Friend, and Sportsman

Albert believed that Scouting provides the avenue to a well lived life; the values of Scouting were his values. Albert's relationship with God spanned not just his church, but God's Cathedral: the great outdoors. He put the needs of others before himself. Albert was a gentleman, a man of his word- in his eyes, a promise was sacred.

Albert lived by the Boy Scout Motto: Be Prepared!



Building for the New Century: A CAMPAIGN FOR BOXWELL RESERVATION



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

Gift Range	# Gifts Needed	Goal	As of 11/17, 2020	# 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	\$2,009,523	18
Major \$50,000 - 99,999	25	\$1,500,000	\$350,031	7
Investor \$25,000 - 49,999	30	\$700,000	\$560,000	22
Less than \$25,000			\$267,692	55
Gifts in Kind			\$100,000	1
	93	\$10,600,000	\$6,237,246	109

KEEP UP WITH NEWS ABOUT BOXWELL

Your support is not only helping the MTC to renovate and build facilities at Boxwell Reservation, it is helping to change the lives of youth by engaging them in activities and programs that occur at camp. You can stay up to date on happenings at Boxwell in several ways:

Are you on Facebook?

If you have a Facebook account be sure to “like” the Boxwell Reservation Middle Tennessee Council page. <https://www.facebook.com/BoxwellMTC> Council Camping Director, Jason Flannery, posts videos, information about upcoming events, as well as recaps of the many successful activities that take place at Boxwell.

Do you watch YouTube videos?



The Middle Tennessee Council has a YouTube channel of its very own. Search for MiddleTN Scouts and subscribe. The channel is overseen by Garrett Ladd, the Council’s new Digital Program Executive. There you can watch MTC TV and be entertained and informed. The videos post on the 1st and 15th of every month. For more information, contact Garrett at Garrett.Ladd@Scouting.org.

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