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Scouting For Food 2011

"Mom, the lady waved at her door."
 "Hey, Dad, the man said 'Thank You' when he gave me the bag."

Such comments and actions energized and reinforced young Cub Scouts as they picked up Scouting For Food bags in their communities last fall.

For Boy Scouts, community service is a way of life. To spend a few hours volunteering on a Saturday morning is business as usual for our Scouts throughout the Central Minnesota Council, Boy Scouts of America area. However, it was a new and rewarding experience for many of the Cub Scouts involved.

Overall, the 2011 Scouting For Food drive gathered more than 26,000 pounds of food and over \$300 in cash donations. Nearly 150 Scouts, along with adult volunteers and non-scout youth, participated in dropping off specially printed bags at homes one weekend and picking them up the next. All donations stay in the local communities and are distributed through local food shelves. With cash donations, food shelves can purchase more than a household donor through well-established buying networks such as Second Harvest Heartland.

Special thanks are extended to all of the households who placed donations in the bags as well as this year's Scouting for Food Sponsors: Cub Foods and Wells Fargo Bank.

With the help of more than 1,800 volunteers, the Central Minnesota Council, BSA serves over 5,400 youth ages 6-20 in the counties of Aitkin, Benton, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, and Wadena.



Proudly serving the counties of:

- Aitkin
- Benton
- Cass
- Crow Wing
- Hubbard
- Kanabec
- Mille Lacs
- Morrison
- Sherburne
- Stearns
- Todd
- Wadena

GNP Company Helping Build Future For Scouts



Local businesses such as GNP Company are helping to build a sustainable future for the Scouts and our community. With "screen time" and sedentary activities taking over households in recent years, parents are realizing—more than ever—the importance of balancing technology with activities that keep our children active and appreciating nature. Parker Scout Reservation, located in Nisswa, Minnesota, does just that. In addition to inspiring future leaders through the Boy Scouts of America, the property affords youth the unique opportunities to interact both with peers and the environment...and gets kids moving! Because other youth organizations also use the facility, its reach goes beyond the Scouts to help the entire community.

GNP Company, formerly Gold'n Plump Poultry, is one example of how local businesses can make a big difference in Central Minnesota. Founded in 1926 by E.M. Helgeson, the company is still family-owned and donations often carry personal meaning. Mike Helgeson, third-generation and a former Scout, spoke of the company's giving philosophy: "We give preference to the immediate communities that impact our team members and growers. We especially give with future leaders in mind. Having a rare and fortunate year in 2010 gave us the ability to give back to Central Minnesota. We're pleased to have had the chance."

Mike is referring to the contribution GNP Company made to renovate Parker's Dining Hall. With over 10,000 meals served to more than



1,700 campers in 2010, the Dining Hall is a vital part of the camp. In addition to improving the structure to take advantage of its natural surroundings and by adding new roofing, flooring, electrical, and kitchen upgrades, the contribution also funded improvements to decrease its environmental impact. For example, dishwashers will allow the facility to use washable dishes instead of disposable plates and utensils. And, the use of energy-efficient designs and materials will reduce overall energy consumption and cost. These investments not only help make the facility more sustainable today, but will for many years to come.

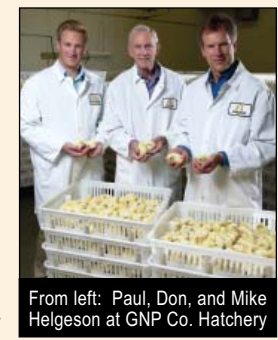
Steve Jurek, GNP Company's Executive Vice President of Operations and Administration, appreciates this Scout philosophy. Responsible for GNP Company's sustainability efforts, he sees a direct correlation between giving back and getting back a return on investment. A good example relates to his own personal Scouting experiences. Being involved with the Scouts for more than 20 years and having three sons achieve Eagle Scout status,



Steve continues to give back to the organization by serving as Council Commissioner. When asked why he stays with it he said, "There are a lot of kids at risk out there. Whether it's from childhood obesity or getting involved with the wrong crowd, the BSA helps give kids goals and experiences they can't get from video games. They learn important life skills".

Steve went on to say that he sees many parallels between his role at GNP Company and with the Scouts. With both organizations dedicated to continuous improvement and building something that's sustainable for the future, it's about recognizing the impact of one's actions today on tomorrow's future. "We need to invest with the future of our kids and communities in mind. Not only is it the right thing to do but it makes good business sense. We both want to be here for a long time to come, and that's the definition of 'sustainability' in its purest form," Steve concluded.

GNP Company has been recognized as a Minnesota Keystone Company for more than 20 years by giving 5 percent of pre-tax profits to charitable causes annually. Makers of the premium all-natural chicken brands Gold'n Plump® and Just BARE®, the company regularly donates to area food banks. With hunger relief being a focus of company giving, GNP Company donated more than 3 million meals worth of chicken to hungry families in 2011.



From left: Paul, Don, and Mike Helgeson at GNP Co. Hatchery

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What's Next...

SAVE NEW DATE: March 23, 2012

The 8th Annual St. Cloud Friends of Scouting Leadership Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE: April 29, 2012

Central Minnesota Council, BSA Volunteer Recognition Celebration

SAVE THE DATE: July 12, 2012

The 36th Annual BSA Lawn Social

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Dave at Miller Castle with Jason Davis of On the Road with Jason Davis KSTP-TV.



A Letter From Our Scout Executive

"My son and I had a great time at Cub Scout Adventure Camp. Your staff of young men were crazy fun and wonderful role models. We'll be back next summer."

Comments like this are common from our summer camp participants at Parker Scout Camp. Our initial investments in developing a five-theme format (Wilderness Adventures, Natures Wonders, Flintlock Settlement, Medieval Times, and Native American Village) are paying off as we had record attendance last summer with 1,258 Cub Scouts and parents attending. Our goal this year is 1,800.

The outdoor experience that Scouting provides is critical in a society where many studies indicate fewer people spend time outdoors. In fact, informal surveys of our winter campers suggest that nearly all of the Cub Scouts have not tried cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, or ice fishing. We are pleased to provide them that opportunity. You will see in future *GOOD TURNS* how we plan to continue our development of camp to meet the needs of today's kids. Please think of ways that you might help!

- Dave Trehey, Scout Executive

Fred Rupp, Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Winner



Fred Rupp was an obvious choice to be an Outstanding Eagle Scout Award winner. As a teacher, coach, and youth program founder, Fred exemplifies what an Eagle Scout can and should be, and he has been doing so throughout his life.

Fred's roots run deep through Central Minnesota, earning his Eagle Scout Award while in Troop 6 from St. Mary's. Maintaining lifelong Scouting relationships, he directly ties his values and guiding philosophies to these relationships, reinforced through his Scouting career. Fred credits much of his leadership growth and skill to being put into challenging situations where his "leadership was needed, the situations were critical, and the outcomes mattered". Years before GPS, cell phones, and text messages, Fred spent time in the remoteness of the Boundary Waters through Scouting activities and as a result of earning an exclusive National Exploration Award, on a National Geographic Expedition in the wilderness of Alaska. These formative experiences again, where his leadership mattered and where failure was indeed a possibility, molded and reinforced the leader that Fred grew to be.

Now a Biology teacher, Cross Country coach, and Founder and Director of Les Voyageurs summer program for Cathedral High School youth, Fred lives the Scout Law. He lives, teaches, coaches, and spends his summers creating environments for youth to become better versions of themselves. How to think, how to plan, how to dig deep within and overcome challenges they simply cannot back away from. And occasionally, how to fail, learn, and grow from the lesson. When asked about advice he would share, he discussed one of the biggest challenges for any teacher, coach, or Scoutmaster: let go of control, allow the mistakes to happen, allow for the uncertainty, and realize that the success comes in the form of the finished product, not the most streamlined, tranquil, uneventful (i.e. boring) journey.

Fred, thank you for all you do for Scouting, for our communities, for our youth, and congratulations on an Outstanding Eagle Scout Award that is well-deserved!

For The Troops

What do 30 Boy Scouts, 240 packages of microwave popcorn, cases of beef jerky, ketchup, magazines, 50 cardboard boxes, and a national hotel chain all have in common?

They were important pieces of AmeriCnn's *Operation Care Pack* box-packing event in St. Cloud last November. In cooperation with a regional Blue Star Mothers chapter, the St. Cloud AmeriCnn sponsored and coordinated 50 care packages for overseas troops.

When the call came to the Boy Scouts for items and labor, Troop 18 from St. Cloud and the Central Minnesota Council, BSA answered providing cases of popcorn and more than 30 volunteers.

Each box was filled with goodies to add variety for our servicemen and women's tenure overseas including popcorn, candy, snacks, condiments, magazines, and personal toiletries.

Troop 18 helped pack and seal each box with willingness, courtesy, and a spirit of fun. They were rewarded with an unexpected pizza lunch for their efforts along with the following praise..."The Scouts were awesome. They were respectful and helpful. They wanted to help more! We will not hesitate to ask Troop 18 back to help in the future. We look forward to working with them again. What an incredible group of young men."



Pictures provided by Michelle Towne Photography.

Camp Parker Corner

With winter, comes Camp Nanuq (Cubs and Webelos) Alpha Lupus, (novice winter campers) and Kota High Adventure (advanced winter camping) at Miller Castle and Parker Scout Reservation.

Now in its third year, Camp Nanuq (polar bear) sessions continue to fill very early, as the Cub Scouts use Miller Castle for indoor lodging. While 200 Scouts are able to participate each Camp Nanuq session, that's a fraction of our Council's Cubs and Webelos; the interest to register is evident – all 6 sessions were full by mid-November. Camp Nanuq participants get to try ice fishing, broomball, snowshoeing, and work on their Astronomy belt loop after the evening campfire.

Alpha Lupus is for first-time winter campers, where the winter camp experience is all about FUN! The Scouts learn basic winter camping skills and participate in Northwoods adventure – skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing and the like, with structured programming as well as free time. Alpha Lupus Scouts have opportunities to work on advancement badges with their leaders as well.

Kota High Adventure and Kota Expedition camps are for experienced winter campers. The activities get more exciting, involving more independence, aeronautics, and even ski planes. While the groups get smaller with the higher level of adventure, the intensity increases making for unforgettable experiences!

The lack of snow this year is creating the need for optional activities, but Scouts are Prepared... and there are always adventures in the woods of Minnesota!



OUR MISSION

The mission of the BSA is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath & Law.

SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, & Reverent.

Prepared. For Life.™