



# BUILDING FOR THE NEW CENTURY

## A Campaign for Boxwell Reservation

Summer 2020

**GOAL:**  
**\$10,600,000**

**RAISED TO DATE:**  
**\$6,196,246**

### MADDOX FOUNDATION GIFT FUNDS NEW SKILLED TRADES CENTER

“From the moment we heard about the Aubrey Harwell Leadership Center at Boxwell Reservation, we knew we wanted to participate in this project to honor Aubrey. We just weren’t sure what we wanted to sponsor,” said Robin Grindstaff Hurdle, President and CEO of the Maddox Foundation of Hernando, Mississippi. She continued, “It was after that when I learned about the new Skilled Trades Center specifically, and I knew it would be a perfect match for a gift from the Foundation in memory of my father.” Robin’s father, Roy Grindstaff, was a master electrician and a 60-year member of IBEW’s Local Union 429 in Nashville and had spent time teaching her brothers the trade in their youth.



*Pictured above: Roy Grindstaff teaching Robin’s brother, Randy, how to fix an air conditioner ( in 1979)*

The generous \$250,000 gift from the Maddox Foundation has made it possible for construction on the new facility to begin this fall, with the expectation that the Skilled Trades program will be ready for summer camp 2021. Designed for Scouts ages thirteen and older, it will provide youth the opportunity to have a hands-on experience in the Skilled Trades merit badges.



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#### ***Merit Badges***

American Business  
American Labor  
Architecture  
Automotive maintenance  
Electricity

Home repairs  
Painting  
Plumbing  
Welding

The facility will also include a classroom to accommodate lectures by volunteers who are professionals in fields such as architecture, business and areas without hands-on learning opportunities within the Skilled Trades Center.

Scout Executive, Larry Brown, said, “I am not aware of another Council in the country with a free-standing facility to be used specifically for introducing Scouts to skilled trades. Scouts will not only be able to earn merit badges in these areas, something that would be difficult for many to do on their own, it may also foster a future career or lifelong hobby interest. Our country needs people trained in the skilled trades and this will be an important way for the Council to help with that effort.”

Jason Flannery, Camping Director, said that ever since he was a Scout attending Boxwell he has looked forward to the day when Skilled Trades merit badges could be earned at summer camp. He added, “We hope to have the partnership of local businesses and skilled tradesmen and women to teach classes and provide ongoing program support with funding and supplies.” For more information about how you can help, contact Jason at [Jason.flannery@Scouting.org](mailto:Jason.flannery@Scouting.org).

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## A Note from Campaign Chair, Harris Haston

Fellow Scouters,

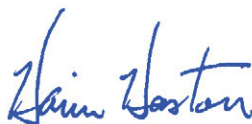
Even with the official cancellation of our Boxwell summer camping due to the pandemic, limited weekend merit badge activities are taking place with health safety in mind. Construction work is about to begin on the new and fully funded Skilled Trades Center and on our third shower facility. All good news!

Though our Boxwell capital campaign has been somewhat temporarily suspended at slightly more than halfway to our goal, this break gives us an opportunity to reset the last half of our campaign efforts to deliver the funding required to construct the sorely needed Harwell Leadership Center at Camp Stahlman that will include the new dining hall facility. Our Steering Committee will meet in the early fall to consider the best path to fully funding this last major goal of our campaign so the building can be ready to use for 2022 Boxwell summer camp.

All of us need to take a few minutes to thank our leaders of our Middle Tennessee Council. They have had to deal with many difficult tasks this year with the economic impact of the virus on our programs and budgets and the negative publicity about the bankruptcy of our national organization because of potential lawsuits. Let us be thankful that our Council leadership has maintained a financially sound organization while adhering to its mission to teach our youth the values of Scouting.

The next generation of Scouts needs you now more than ever. Please consider how you can help us achieve this final goal of the campaign by gifting.

Best,



Harris Haston - Campaign Chair



## MADDOX FOUNDATION GIFT FUNDS NEW SKILLED TRADES CENTER cont.

The Council is grateful for the support of the Maddox Foundation and hopes that many Scouts will go on to follow in the footsteps of Roy Grindstaff.



## HONORING OUR VETERANS AT THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY GATEWAY

The Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America, is proud that Scouting experiences at Boxwell Reservation have encouraged youth to go on to serve our country in the armed forces. In honor of their dedication and sacrifice, we plan to recognize Boxwell alumni who are veterans, as well as those currently in the military, as part of the new 100th Anniversary Gateway.

The new entrance Gateway will mark the threshold into the camp and will:

- ◆ Include staging steps for troops, packs and visitors to gather for photos;
- ◆ Include a gate that can be locked when camp is not in session;
- ◆ Include a turn-around for cars that are not entering the camp;
- ◆ Represent an iconic structure that will highlight the new century for Boxwell Reservation.

Funding has been secured and construction will begin in late fall 2020 to be completed spring 2021. We need the help of the Middle Tennessee Council community to gather information about qualifying Boxwell Scouting alumni.

This effort is being led by William B. Hickman, Major General, US Army (Retired). General Hickman, an Eagle Scout who was a member of Troop 114 in Columbia, Tennessee, spent many summers as a youth at Boxwell. He shares that, "I am proud to serve as Chair of the effort to recognize our veterans. Selfless service, dedication, commitment, and servant leadership are all traits of our military service members and the foundation for these leadership traits are taught to Scouts at Boxwell. This is a fine way to recognize that connection."



*Scout Bill Hickman*



*Major General William Hickman*

If you or someone you know attended Boxwell Reservation as a youth and went on to serve in the military, please contact Linda Carter, Associate Development Director, at 615-463-6335 or [lcarter@mtcbsa.org](mailto:lcarter@mtcbsa.org) and provide the following information: Name, year(s) attended Boxwell, unit and city, branch of the military, rank and email address or phone number. Thank you for your help.



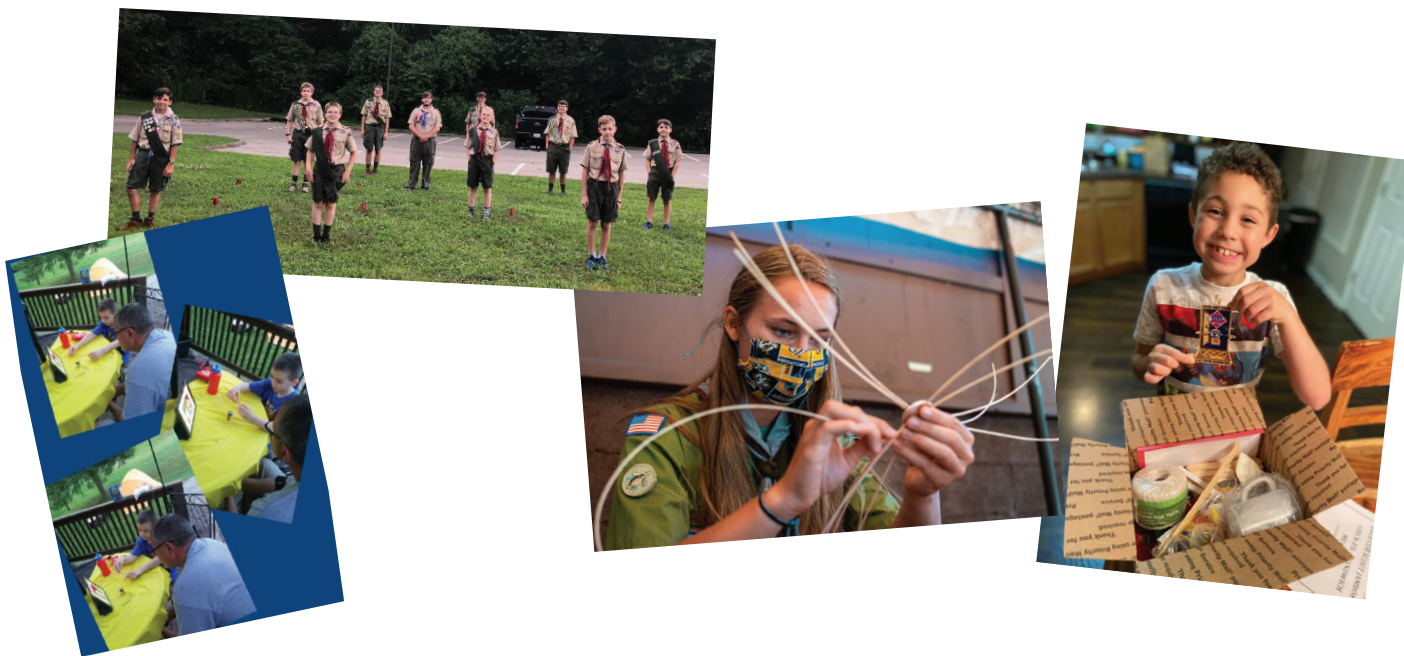
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# Building for the New Century: A CAMPAIGN FOR BOXWELL RESERVATION



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

Gift Range	# Gifts Needed	Goal	As of July 31, 2020	# Gifts Received
<b>Legacy</b> \$1,000,000	1	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	1
<b>Benefactor</b> \$500,000- 999,999	7	\$3,000,000	500,000	1
<b>Leadership</b> \$250,000 - 499,999	10	\$2,600,000	\$1,450,000	5
<b>Strategic</b> \$100,000 - 249,999	20	\$1,800,000	\$2,009,523	18
<b>Major</b> \$50,000 - 99,999	25	\$1,500,000	\$300,031	6
<b>Investor</b> \$25,000 - 49,999	30	\$700,000	\$560,000	22
<b>Less than \$25,000</b>			\$276,692	57
<b>Gifts in Kind</b>			\$100,000	1
	93	\$10,600,000	\$6,196,246	110



With summer camp cancelled, other programs have been created to keep youth engaged such as Day Camp at Your Doorstep for Cub Scouts and merit badge days at Boxwell. The gatherings at Boxwell are using social distancing and other measures to make sure Scouts BSA youth can come together in small groups to work on merit badges usually done at summer camp. In addition to these programs, the Council has taken advantage of social media to hold live events such as a virtual camp out, complete with a closing camp fire!

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