



Fall 2024

# A Campaign for Boxwell Reservation

Goal: \$15 million

Raised as of September 30, 2024: \$11,737,292

## ***HARWELL LEADERSHIP CENTER BREAKS GROUND***

The Middle Tennessee Council held a groundbreaking ceremony on September 15 for the new Aubrey B. Harwell, Jr. Leadership Center at Boxwell Reservation in Lebanon, TN. The 18,896 square foot Center, designed by The Hall Group Architects, will replace the camp's original dining hall that was built in 1960. Scout Executive, Larry Brown, Council President, Clay Bright, and the Campaign for Boxwell Reservation Chair, Harris Haston, led the ceremony. Mr. Harwell, founding member of Neal & Harwell Attorneys at Law, and long-time Middle Tennessee and national Scouting leader and namesake of the facility, was on hand to share with guests about the importance of the Center and what Scouting means to him. Many Scouts participated, showcasing the positive impact Scouting has on their lives.

Of the 18,896 square feet, 5,260 will be the new kitchen with an increase in storage space and freezer/cooler capacity, new equipment, and a larger, more efficient serving area. The dining hall will have increased seating capacity, a stage, podium and two screens with AV equipment and internet. There will also be a family restroom and multi-stall restroom. Off the main dining room will be a classroom and a training room, which can also be used as a private dining area and Scoutmaster lounge. A program patio area will be located on the back of the building. The front of the building will have an attractive courtyard and a flagpole assembly area.

The new kitchen will be named for long-time Scouter and OA leader, Chris Snoddy, through a generous gift from the Chris Snoddy Trust, David Garrett Trustee. The program patio was funded by Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge and will include information about the history of the Lodge. The front courtyard is being named in honor of Dr. John Bright Cage, Chairman of the Board and past Council President through a significant group gift. The flagpole assembly area will be named in honor of Jack Turner, Chair of the Trustees, through a generous gift. Finally, there will be a history area in the building named for Rodney Johnson, through a gift from his sister, Judy Johnson.

Completion of the new facility is anticipated for spring 2025, with preparations being made for summer camp dining should construction be extended.

For more information about the Harwell Leadership Center or to make a gift, contact Larry Brown at [lawrence.brown@scouting.org](mailto:lawrence.brown@scouting.org).



# STEERING COMMITTEE

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## A NOTE FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIR

Fellow Supporters, Scouters and Volunteers:

The Middle Tennessee Council Scouts will be using the new Harwell Leadership Center, which houses a new kitchen, dining hall, and meeting rooms, the new camp-wide shower and toilet facilities, Gateway entry, and Skilled Trades Center at Boxwell Reservation for the next half century to train and develop the next generation of leaders for our state and nation.



Congratulations to all who helped fund and lead this monumental capital and design effort. There were campaign challenges, including a worldwide pandemic, bankruptcy, and the highest national inflation rate in 40 years. The dedication of our staff, led by Larry Brown, Scout Executive, our board and trustees, and volunteers to successfully complete the campaign exemplifies the best of what Scouting is about. The effort succeeded because of teamwork, perseverance, and clearheaded leadership.

Today our youth have unlimited social and athletic opportunities to fill their time apart from school. Scouting has adapted to remain relevant to our youth and competition for their time is fierce. For those of us who have been Scouts since Boxwell was opened in 1960, we have seen Scouts and Scouting change. Change is difficult, but necessary. Even with the modern-era societal changes, the fundamental values of Scouting remain steadfast and unchanged, preparing our youth to be better citizens, fathers, mothers, and family members. Scouting remains as relevant and important to young people today as it was 105 years ago when our Council was founded. It is our duty to do our best to God and our country and to obey the Scout Laws. I pray that we succeed in this duty.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to financially support our Council to help reduce the financial obligation required to fully fund the campaign. The campaign may officially end, but the financial work must continue. You can find no finer youth organization than our Council which serves 37-Tennessee counties in which to invest your money.

Thank you for allowing me to participate in this historic Council campaign. It has been my honor and privilege, and it has allowed me to develop dozens of new personal friendships for which I am grateful.

Best in Scouting,

Harris Haston  
Chair, Boxwell Capital Campaign



## BOXWELL RESERVATION SUMMER CAMP 2024

- **2,429** youth attended
- **743** adult leaders volunteered
- **175** staff members worked
- **56** different merit badges offered
- **60,174** meals provided

*Unlimited Fun!*

# LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER 2025



**SEE YOU AT CAMP!**

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*\*\$86,000 has also been received for an endowed maintenance reserve fund*

Gift Range	# Gifts Needed	Goal	Capital \$ Raised as of 9.30.24	# Donors
Legacy \$1,000,000	3	\$3,000,000	\$2,025,000	2
Benefactor \$500,000 - 999,999	9	\$3,500,000	\$1,650,000	3
Leadership \$250,000 - 499,999	15	\$3,200,000	\$3,604,500	11
Strategic \$100,000 - 249,999	40	\$2,800,000	\$2,255,614	20
Major \$50,000 - 99,999	25	\$1,700,000	\$905,033	17
Investor \$25,000 - 49,999	30	\$800,000	\$685,045	27
Less than \$25,000			\$392,100	91
Gifts in Kind			\$220,000	2
	122	\$15,000,000	\$11,737,292	173

For more information about the Campaign for Boxwell Reservation, contact Larry Brown, Scout Executive, at [lawrence.brown@scouting.org](mailto:lawrence.brown@scouting.org) or 615-383-9701