



Building Community

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Local Boy Scout Troop Continues Tradition of Service at Arc Herkimer

HERKIMER — Volunteering has always been the very bedrock of the Boy Scouts of America program, producing a long line of devoted volunteers.

Troop 9 of Mohawk, NY shared that commitment to community service by painting 18 storage sheds for Arc Herkimer.

Service, engagement, and leadership become increasingly important parts of the Scouting program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. Kristopher Knapp, an Eagle Scout candidate, planned and implemented the project working with Assistant Scout Master Donald Reynolds, who also works in the maintenance department at Arc Herkimer. Knapp had his project approved by the Boy Scout Council, arranged for fellow scouts and their family members to assist, coordinated the project with Arc Herkimer, and helped schedule the work throughout the summer of 2017.

"Through great teamwork, the scouts and their family members did an admirable job on a large project," said Arc Herkimer Maintenance Manager Vince Prestigiacomo. "The group truly learned the value of community service and hard work by painting 18 sheds at our residential sites throughout July and August. Not only do the sheds look great in neighborhoods throughout Herkimer County, the efforts will help preserve the sheds for years to come."

Scouts and other volunteers working on the community project include: Kristopher Knapp, Donald Reynolds, Vincent Bastine, Jackie Gibson, Zach View, Dylan Powers, Alex Breese, Vincent Bastine II, Madison Bastine, Karla Knapp, Scott Knapp, Connor Mack, Orlo Burch II, Jordan Gibson, and Judy Breese.

Arc Herkimer's mission is empowering people with disabilities and enriching lives throughout the community. For more information or if an organization wishes to volunteer for a project, please contact Vice President of Strategic Planning Frank Reid at (315) 574-7347.



Boy Scouts from Troop 9 of Mohawk, NY and family members, who worked on painting 18 sheds for Arc Herkimer include, from left, Vincent Bastine, Jackie Gibson, Zach View, Dylan Powers, Alex Breese, Vincent Bastine II, Madison Bastine, Karla Knapp, Kristopher Knapp, Eagle Scout candidate, Scott Knapp, Connor Mack, Orlo Burch II, Jordan Gibson, Judy Breese, and Don Reynolds, assistant Scout master.

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