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Darien Scout works on Eagle Project at Downers Grove Moose Family Center

A staple of the Downers Grove community since 1930, the Downers Grove Moose Family Center #1535 located at 1030 Warren teams up with Darien Troop #97 for Life Scout Matt Jones to work on his Eagle Scout Project. Matt contacted the Lodge #1535 to see if there were any projects that needed to be completed.

Matt Jones scheduled an appointment with Governor Roy A. Brown III and Administrator Michael R. Pelling and went on a tour of the building. Matt took notes, asked a lot of questions and took a few pictures while in the lodge. A few weeks passed and Matt presented us his ideas for a project. Matt's proposal was to take one storage room and make it into a meeting room, and take the other unused room and turn it into an organized storage room. The lodge's Board of Officers approved Matt's proposal and he went to work collecting materials and money to complete the project.



On Saturday, October 18th, Matt and his team of Scouts and adults arrived at the lodge by 7:00am. By 1:00pm, the two identified rooms were completely stripped, a coat of paint was put on the floor and all the unwanted materials were placed in a dumpster. This was a good start.

On Saturday, October 25th, Matt and his team of Scouts and adults arrived at the lodge by 7:00am and went right to work. Matt managed to have his team work on both rooms at the same time, and he stayed in total control. Matt had scouts sawing, harming, moving, cleaning and hanging things in both rooms. By 5:00pm, he had completed all the work in his plan.

Matt's team of 40 people spent a total of 384 hours & 40 minutes working on his Eagle project in our lodge. Total dollars spent was \$1296.31 for materials which were donated by friends, scouts, family and suppliers. There were 25 scouts that helped with the project and 15 adults along with numerous friends and family members. If this project was done as a job and bid for material and labor, it would have cost the lodge \$5500 to \$6000 to complete. The Downers Grove Moose Family Center was privileged to work with Matt Jones on his project to finish this requirement on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout.

Boy Scout Troop 97 meets in Darien, IL, a southwest Chicago suburb. The troop serves young men ages 11-18 from Darien and many surrounding communities. They are part of the Des Plaines Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Troop 97 has been in existence for over *50 years and just* celebrated their 50th anniversary in the end of February, 2008! Troop 97 is most proud that they have had 59 Scouts reach Scouting's highest rank - Eagle Scout.

Moose International is an organization of 900 thousand members that are active in four nations dedicated to bettering the lives of children and the elderly in need, and helping to make communities better places in which to live. Along with other units of Moose International, the Loyal Order of Moose supports the operation of Mooseheart Child City & School, a 1,000-acre community for children and teens in need, located 40 miles west of Chicago; and Moosehaven, a 63-acre retirement community for its members near Jacksonville, FL. Additionally, Moose Lodges conduct approximately \$90 million worth of community service annually.

For more information on the Downers Grove Moose Family Center #1535 or Women of the Moose Chapter #973 visit www.dgmoose.org or contact us at 630-968-4550

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