

Highlights

During 2017 through August 2018

- ◆ **1,885 Visitors to the Museum**
- ◆ **22 Museum Events with 1,202 people attending**
- ◆ **44 Programs, including**
 - ◆ **106 Merit Badge Workshops with 584 Boy Scouts participating**
 - ◆ **10 Girl Scout and Boy Scout Tours/Programs with 296 young people participating**
- ◆ **13 Building Rentals with 739 people attending**
- ◆ **8 Outreach Visits with 183 people viewing Museum displays**
- ◆ **230 Current Members**
- ◆ **70 Current Volunteers**

North Star Museum was featured on KSTP's weekday afternoon show, *Twin Cities Live!* Producer and reporter Mike Marcotte filmed exhibits, interviewed staff and visitors. One young man commented on his recent experiences with the Museum's merit badge workshops (below, right.)



I'm a 10th grade Boy Scout. I've taken two workshops at the museum, the Genealogy and Rifle merit badges. I liked how they got right down to business, and helped keep me on task, we did things at a good pace, and I completed the merit badge in good amount of time. It was very efficient, and my mom says the cost was great. The people were very nice and helpful and knew what they were doing. There was work I had to do ahead of time to prepare, but it was worth it and easy to understand with the worksheets. It was fun to meet scouts from other troops as well. During the Genealogy badge I had the opportunity to be on Twin Cities. I liked the opportunity to talk about how great Boy Scouts is, how it teaches me skills and helps prepare me for later in life. It was fun to see myself on TV. It's cool how the museum tells about Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts from their start and through history. I look forward to taking more merit badge workshops! Thank you!
 --Zachary English

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IN OUR NATURE:
Camping Through the Decades



Opened in June 2018, this new exhibit explores the history of camping in the U.S. from the early 1900's to today. It focuses on the camping adventures of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. This exhibit changes several times and has special camping-related opportunities, such as cooking exhibitions, testing your camp craft skills, listening to stories, showing off your own photos to be placed in the Museum's growing collection and more.

Founders Hall Ceremony



The April 2018 Founders Hall Ceremony and Celebration of Life recognized three new inductees: The Honorable Wilhelmina "Mimi" Wright was indicated as a Founder; Gary Gorman and the River Valleys Girl Scout Heritage Group were inducted as Trailblazers. In addition the life-long work of Michael Galvin, Jr., Howard Guthmann and Ronald Phillippo was recognized, and the recent passing of Founders Hall inductees Jane Freeman and Tom Turba were memorialized.



Please come out and visit – alone or in a group. Our hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. -3 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. -4 p.m. Tour groups may schedule a tour by appointment



Dear Museum Members and Friends,

Thank you for making 2017 yet another remarkable year for the Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting! This year marked over 42 years of service for the organization. Our dedicated staff, volunteers and board has done an incredible job at expanding our outreach while strengthening our programs and services.

A few notable highlights include:

- We have added a record number of new exhibits to continue to educate more people about the history of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.
- An entire new marketing plan and outreach.
- Expanding our exhibit and educational space outside with our new Tribute Gardens concept we debuted at our Founders Hall Spring 2018.
- An entirely new fundraising effort with a multi-prong approach broadening our reach and making us more viable long-term
- We started an Advisory Council in 2017 to support and advise our museum board on directions for the future.

Our ongoing goal is to keep our overhead low while increasing educational opportunities at the museum and in the community, and you truly make this possible!

Thank you for wholeheartedly being a part of the Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting. We are looking forward too much more in 2019 and beyond!

Sincerely,

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