



Celebration of Our Volunteers

Since the beginning of 2019 the North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting has been primarily run *by volunteers*. We have always had a part-time Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper, but the day-to-day operation, programming, housekeeping, collection management, property maintenance, administration and fund raising has been done *by volunteers*.

By the end of 2022 that was four years!! Three of those years were during a pandemic. And during those years:

- The excess collection items stored in the 3M Case warehouse were sorted, packed, and moved ... *by volunteers*.
- The programs for Scouts and Girl Scouts were all provided at the museum or virtually ... *by volunteers*.
- The upgrading of our technology was done ... *by volunteers*.

During the pandemic years, the public spent their isolation time cleaning their basements and garages. The Museum received three times the usual amount of donated items for the collection.

In 2022, an expanded team *of volunteers* dug into a long neglected and relocated collection to

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sort, catalog, identify and record items. They organized themselves, purchased shelving, moved boxes, sorted them and started entering them into our new online data system.

The Museum is accomplishing its mission to “collect, preserve, share, and interpret the history and significance of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting in the upper Midwest” using volunteers.

Every volunteer needs to be recognized and thanked in this huge effort, because 90% of the work done to operate the museum has been done by them ... for a long time.

Give thanks with a pat on the back and a high 5 ... to all Volunteers!!

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