



BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE – INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM : BSA

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION



WHO: Boy Scouts of America - Troops: 41, 170, 182 & 221.

WHAT: Island Clean-Up & Interpretive Program

WHEN: 28 July 2022

WHERE: Waveland, Arkansas

WHY: Interpretive Outreach to tell the Corps Story, educate, and to utilize the volunteer program to achieve mutual goals.

WHAT'S NEXT: Continue to seek opportunities to partner with local schools, clubs, etc., and recruit volunteers for worthwhile projects.

PROJECT FORESTER JESSE PALMER TEACHES TROOPS ABOUT COMMON TOOLS USED IN FORESTRY.



SCOUTS LEARN HOW TO USE AN INCREMENT BORER TO CORE THIS DOWNED PINE TREE TO PREDICT AGE.



Summary:

Nimrod-Blue Mountain Project Office hosted campers from the Boy Scouts of America on an island in Blue Mountain Lake. The Scouts spent the entire week on the island, which is designated as a primitive camping area. The sixteen Scouts spent the week receiving blocks of instructions on various activities within their area of study. Our Project Forester conducted a presentation that blended pillars of our Environmental Stewardship Program: Forestry, Fish and Wildlife Management, and Soil and Water Conservation. Additionally, the scouts volunteered a total of 32 hours picking up trash that had been thrown out or left behind on the island. Despite the heat, these Troops had a fun week and learned valuable information. They plan on adopting the island and returning several times a year to help keep it clean.



Northern Area – Skiatook Lake Osage Park Eagle Scout Project



Osage Park



Scout Waugh from Troop 89, and other Scouts, completed a trail restoration project at Osage Park for an Eagle Scout Project. Scouts cut approximately 2.7 miles of new trail, added a new trail head, and installed half a dozen trail markers. Over 250-volunteers hours were recorded.

