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Junior Girl Scouts Learn Woodworking

Earlier this summer, the Byron Forest Preserve's Wednesday Woodshop Volunteers worked for two days with Junior Girl Scout Troop 1859 from Davis Junction/Rockford on a special Girl Scout Bronze Award project. Our woodshop volunteers spent six hours teaching the Girl Scouts how to use proper personal safety equipment in the District's woodshop and operate power woodworking equipment that included saws, sanders, a drill press and other hand tools. The troop made and put together over twenty wooden bluebird nesting boxes. The project showed the girls how to learn from and work with adults of an older generation. The scouts also raised the money to purchase the wood and supplies needed to complete the project.

The new reusable nesting boxes will be placed in our preserves to be used by such beneficial birds as Eastern bluebirds, tree swallows, chickadees and wrens. The positive work experience benefitted our volunteers, the Girl Scouts and our preserve's wildlife for years to come. Members from Troop 1859 have also become volunteer monitors for one of the Jarrett Prairie Nature Preserve bluebird trails. They will be keeping track of which species of birds use the boxes, clean out old nests and keep the boxes in good working order for the remainder of 2017.

If your scout group needs to complete a project with which we can assist, call Mark at 815-234-8535 x217.

