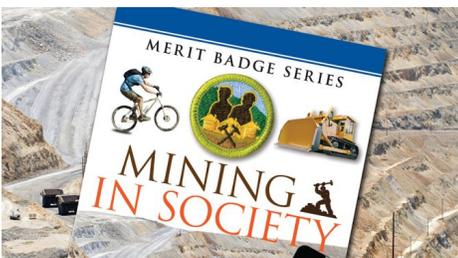


Happenings

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Mining in Society-Local Scouts Earn Merit Badge

In 2014 the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME) and the Minerals Education Coalition (MEC) worked with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to develop the Mining in Society merit badge, including the requirements, pamphlet, badge design and other materials.



This year, for the first time, thanks to the leadership of Donna Burbey, Project Manager-Mechanical Engineering, and a small group of other volunteers, Komatsu Mining Corp's National Avenue location in Milwaukee hosted several Scouts in their quest to attain the Mining in Society Badge.

Donna Burbey served as the lead and holds the distinction as a merit badge counselor. This position is strictly regulated and must be approved by the local council advancement committee for each badge a counselor oversees.

For Donna, taking on this role was a natural fit. "Anyone that spends any time around me will know that I am an avid fan of the BSA and very active in my son's troop (shout-out to Troop 595 out of St. Rita's in West Allis!). I believe that their guiding principles and the manner, in which the scouts plan and oversee all the troop activities, builds character and camaraderie. When the BSA announced the newly added Merit Badge entitled Mining in Society, I was thrilled! I could combine my two most prevalent activities together - my work here at Komatsu and scouting. Signing up to be a Counselor for this Merit Badge just seemed to be an obvious choice for me."

This past April, Komatsu's National Avenue facility opened its doors to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to host an event that would help scouts attain their Mining in Society badge.

"The badge fits perfectly into who we are and what we do" shared Burbey.

"Requirements to achieve this merit badge include gaining the knowledge and understanding of surface and underground mining, various minerals and their use in our daily lives, the potential hazards that miners may face and the required equipment used to keep them safe."

The 20 scouts and 10 leaders, representing Troop 595 in West Allis, Troop 875 in Port Washington and Troop 765 in Jackson, learned how our equipment has played a role in mining for nearly 135 years. They watched videos that depicted what life would be like without mining and took a virtual tour inside the Kennecott mine in Utah. Scouts are taught to live by the 'Leave no trace behind' rule, which tied into discussing the importance of reclamation in mine sites, as they watched an overview of the Black Thunder mine in Gillette, Wyoming.

Donna was joined by a strong team of Komatsu volunteers who helped make the day happen. This included Brian Fox, Vice President-Product Management; Mike Rikkola, Director-Analytics; Chase Maxey, Mining Application Engineer II who presented the materials and shared their knowledge and careers with the Scouts. Hands-on activities included operating the Shovel Simulator, the overview and control of the scale model shovels, led by Chuck Payne, Lead Engineer-Advanced Automation; and Engineer II-Advanced Automation and a factory tour led by Nick Dame, Lead Engineer.



At the end of the day, 20 Boy Scouts earned all the requirements to achieve the Mining in Society merit badge and a new generation was introduced to the importance of mining in our daily lives.

Supporting an activity such as this aligns with our focus on engaging with organizations encouraging a passion and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Coordinators look forward to meeting with the local Boy Scout Council to discuss options to open the opportunity to earn the Mining in Society badge up to more troops, expanding the reach in the future.

Special thanks to everyone who made this event possible. Encouraging Scouts to achieve their Mining in Society Merit Badge helps further interest in our industry.

Pick Up Basketball: Wednesdays

For more info contact Rob Crofts.

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Book Club:
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Volunteer Opportunity:
JA in a Day

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Volunteer Opportunity:
Hunger Task Force Food Sort

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IMPACT State of the Company
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HEA Summer Tailgate

Komatsu Women's Golf League Set to Tee Off

If you enjoy golf and want to have a good time, join the Komatsu Women's Golf League at Zablocki Park Golf Course.

The league offers a non-competitive environment for beginners wanting to learn the game, amateurs wanting to practice their game, or anyone wanting to enjoy the social aspect of the game. It's fun and you don't even have to keep score if you don't want to!

**Komatsu Women's Golf League
Zablocki Park Golf Course
3717 W. Howard Ave., Greenfield, WI**



Zablocki Park Golf Course is a solid **3 par, 9-hole course** for beginners or players who seek to improve their short game. The course was designed to stress the fundamentals and the short game.

2018 Season-Weather Permitting

5:00 p.m. Tee Time

\$7 person/ \$5 over 60

May 21-Monday

June 5 – Tuesday

June 20 – Wednesday

June 26 - Tuesday @ Warnimont
5400 S. Lake Park Dr.**

July 11 – Wednesday

July 26 – Thursday

August 7 – Tuesday

August 22 – Wednesday

September 13 – Thursday

September 26 – Wednesday

** You have the option of 9 holes (\$11) or 18 holes (\$15)

Please contact Cindy Hansmann at 670-7786 or Carol Reed at 670-7882 if you would like to join.

Wellness Team Hosts Cooking & Nutrition Classes

The Milwaukee Wellness Team is proud to once again host several cooking and nutrition classes this summer in partnership with the YMCA.

May: Sunday Suppers

Celebrate the Sunday tradition by gathering friends and family around the table to enjoy healthy, delicious and simple dishes. A classic Sunday supper doesn't have to mean heavy, hearty braised meat, or a gourmet meal that takes three hours to cook – this class will offer some lighter, fresher projects that will also set you up for the week ahead. Sitting down for a meal is great for the brain, the body and the spirit.

- **Oak Creek: Tuesday, May 15th**
- **National Ave: Wednesday, May 16th**
- **HYC: Thursday, May 17th**

June: One Bowl Meals

Poke bowls and acai bowls are popular for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The search for a quick and easy, but still healthy meal is never

ending. These bowls help fill the bill. Enter the Buddha Bowl, these grain-protein-vegetable rich dishes can be quickly assembled and customized to your taste. These bowls offer plenty of variety, color and savory sauces. Learn how to prepare the ingredients, assemble the bowl and then taste the result.

- **Oak Creek: Tuesday, June 19th**
- **National Ave: Wednesday, June 20th**
- **HYC: Thursday, June 21st**



August: Unlocking the Secrets of the Microbiome – Good Gut Health

Research is showing that healing your gut may be one of the most important things you can do to improve your health. Learn which foods support gut health. What are the pros and cons associated with probiotics, fermented foods and fiber? And, the big question, "how gut bacteria help make us fat and thin" – intestinal bacteria may help determine whether we are lean or obese.

- **Oak Creek: Tuesday, August 21st**
- **National Ave: Wednesday, August 22nd**
- **HYC: Thursday, August 23rd**

For more information or to sign up for one or all of these free classes please contact Susan Whitlow in Benefits at 414.670.7228 or via email at susan.whitlow@mining.komatsu.