

My Internship at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation

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Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation Boy Scouts of America

- Located: Pearson, Wisconsin
- Purpose: To give youth a safe space to explore new interests, learn about the outdoors, and be themselves.
- How I found this position?: I worked at MSR in 2019 and have been on staff ever since. I started off as an aquatics counselor and worked my way up to East Trailblazer Director for 2021.



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Picture Day
1. Staff Picture in full Class AA*
2. 2021 East Camp Staff*



Trailblazer Staff Photo

Position: Trailblazer Area Director

Duties

- Manage and create educational programs for the first-year scout programs
 - Fire building, safe hiking practices, knife/axe/saw skills, and anything else required as a first-year scout
- Conduct interviews and supervise area staff throughout the day
- Run lessons with large groups
- Interact with adult leaders and fill out progress reports throughout the week
- Area maintenance/ trail maintenance
- Perform first aid when necessary



Week 2 Closing Campfire



Trailblazer and Scoutcraft

An area entirely built with spars and lashings!
(Monkey bridge and volleyball court not pictured)



Our "Automatic" Sliding Doors



My Favorite Porch Swing



MSR Female Liaison Team

Other Duties

- Co-lead Female Liaison
 - Mitigate all meetings regarding female scouts or staff
 - Provide support to scouts, staff and adults of all backgrounds
- Assistant Honors Master
 - Planned and supervised 3 service weekends with over 75 volunteers each weekend
 - Coordinated 3 fires for the Order of the Arrow, the national scouting honor society



Order of the Arrow Induction Fire (about 12 ft tall)*



The Iconic Lake Killian

Reflection

After I graduate, I plan on working with youth as an environmental interpreter or outdoor educator. This was an experience unlike any other. I had the privilege of learning how to lead and manage people, while I also teaching basic outdoor skills. I myself am an Eagle Scout so this was a great opportunity to give back to the community that means so much to me.

This next summer, I plan on branching outside of the scouting world, but I want to still work with youth in an outdoor education capacity.



The 2021 Trailblazer and Scoutcraft Area Directors

My recommendations for anyone considering an internship at a summer camp are as follows

1. Network, network, network! Make connections with everyone you work with and work for.
2. Learn as much as you can and ask as many questions as you need.
3. Have so much fun. Let yourself laugh and make as many memories as you can.

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