

What Troop 200 meant to me.

Scouting with Troop 200 was an awesome experience for me and my fellow scouts. We were lucky we had extremely high quality scout leaders including Bob Stockton, Dave Stewart, Chuck Evans and especially our high-energy leader Will Locke. I learned a tremendous amount from scouts, especially about outdoor skills and engaging in the beauty of Nebraska and even neighboring Colorado.

I had fantastic trips to Camp Augustine on the Platte River where I joined the Order of the Arrow. Troop 200 hauled canoes up for trips on the Niobrara River which exposed me to what's sometimes called the best canoeing river in the Midwest. We canoed on the Calamus River, which gave me a truly unique opportunity since not long after my days in scouting the Calamus was dammed and canoeing it as a river no longer is an option. As we got older we did longer and more extensive trips in the Colorado high country. We also did work projects around Hastings such as recycling pickup, honey Sunday and tree planting around Hastings Lake. (And the trees we planted 35 years ago now have a disc golf course playing through those now-mature trees.)

For my Eagle project, I worked with the Hastings Community Theater which had just acquired space for a new theatre at Good Samaritan Village. In addition to the theater space, there was an adjacent outdoor area that could be used by the new theater. However, that outdoor area had been neglected for decades and had turned into a dumping area. My project involved clearing the many truckloads of trash, clearing and prepping the area for its new use.

Thanks Troop 200 and all who have made you great!

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