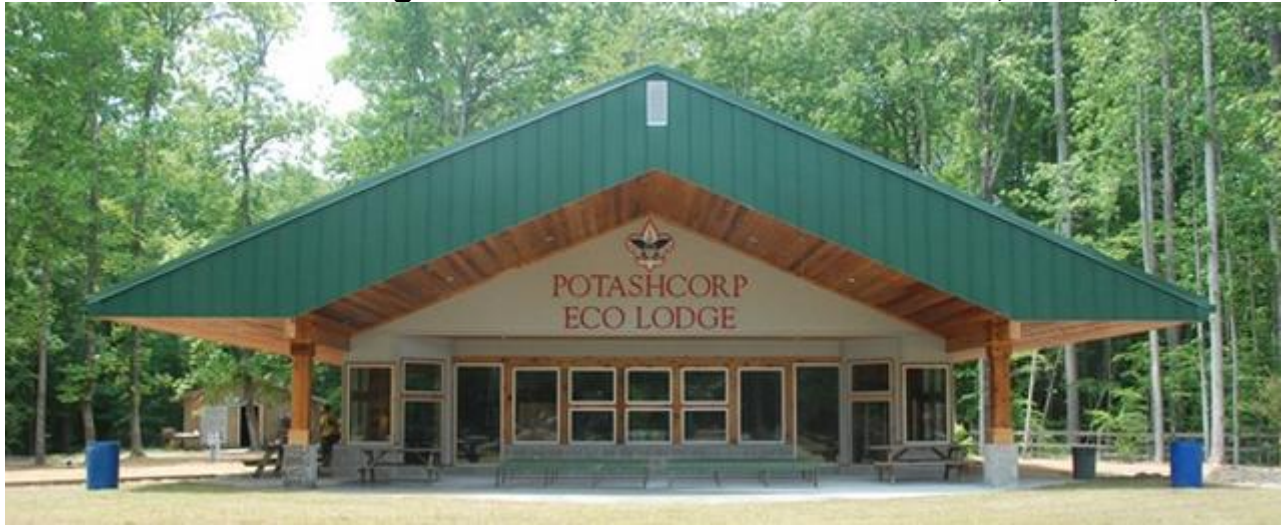


Multicultural Outreach Program Shows Scouts How to Learn, Grow, Succeed



Spring is here and the ECC Multicultural Outreach Program has been in full swing. Our returning Scouts have been busy working on their Cub Scout NOVA Technology Award pin by focusing on how technology is used in their everyday lives.

They have been studying the different parts of a bicycle such as the gears, brakes and how the spokes and wheels help out the overall function of the bike. In addition to learning about bicycling, the Scouts have been also been busy with other technology based projects like building rocket launchers and catapults.



In March, our Scouts had a blast visiting Camp Boddie in Blount's Creek where they made plaster animal prints, did some exploratory hiking in the trails and went digging for shark teeth and fossils. The Scouts loved spending time in the PotashCorp ECO Lodge where they learned about the local wildlife and got up close and personal with our resident snakes. Scouts that are scheduled to go to Camp Boddie in April are eager to make the trip for the first time.

I would like to conclude with the testimony of a single parent of one of our Scouts that has been in our program for two years that sums up the reason why

we have the ECC Multicultural Outreach Program:

"As a parent who teaches their child or children to focus and succeed in life... it gives me such a pleasure to say 'THANK YOU!'

"Thank you for such a wonderful and knowledgeable Boy Scout Program that demonstrates to young men how to become a leader in life and overcome obstacles they may face. This program, I guarantee you, will open their eyes beyond the mountain tops only to find themselves looking beyond their dreams as it has my son, Michael.

"I encourage all parents to get their child into the Boy Scout Program!

It is an adventure your child will enjoy, as mine already has!" – Michelle Williams



Outreach leader, mentor and Eagle Scout Jack Kittrell, guided these eager Scouts on an outdoor experience on the expansive grounds of Camp Boddie.



Scouts learn first-hand how to mix a solution of plaster to make a mold of animal tracks. With practice, it becomes easier and the Scouts develop a proficiency.



Finding animal tracks and making a plaster mold is all part of the excitement.



The finished product – a special treasure from nature to bring home and show friends.



There's obvious pride in creating something that links you to your natural environment.