

Sea Scout Ship 681 - Old Ironsides

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The month of August was pretty busy for our Ship.

The first part of the month saw our Ship move a storage shed from 2 miles down the road, to a position behind the UTSC shed. What we expected to take 5-6 hours was done in 3 with hard work by 2 teams. After emptying the shed of our gear, one team stayed behind and disassembled the shed. The other team drove to the "beach" and borrowed some dirt and rock to create a flat foundation at the new location. The first team arrived with the disassembled shed and the whole crew proceeded to rebuild. Thanks to AYC Board for approving our shed location giving us quick access to spare sails and spars when we come out to go sailing !



Our major project for the month was 'Trey Guilhas' Quartermaster Project. The old wooden split rail fence between the upper and lower parking lots was mostly rotted away from years of rain. After removing the old fence the "prisoner gang" went after the concrete in the holes with pick axes and rock bars. Removing all the old concrete was the hardest part of the job. This took half the day. Remember that dirt and rock we borrowed from the beach to lay our shed foundation .. well, we replaced it after removing the dirt and rock from the fence post holes, HA !! Most kids have never mixed Sakrete, so everyone got involved in mixing. A few rails had to be trimmed for the whole fence to fit properly and after a few more hours of labor a brand new split rail fence emerged.

Our last major event of August was a day long training session for Sea Scout Ships in the "Capitol Area Council". Our Ship sponsored the event by hosting and providing leadership to staff the classes with trained instructors. Fifteen Sea Scouts from 5 different ships learned radio



communications, first aid, navigation, marlinspike, line toss and nomenclature. Part



of their rotation through classes included a 2 hour service project where the kitchen in the clubhouse was painted, final concrete laid for the prior weeks Quartermaster project was completed and general cleanup around the grounds was performed.



Sea Scouts have requirements for service and AYC has been a GREAT help to them to provide projects over the last few years.

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