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## **Van Holthenrichs' Eagle Scout Project**

This weekend was Van Holthenrichs' Eagle Scout project at Washington Crossing's park where about 12-15 scouts and adults dug holes with post-hole diggers, spades, what we like to call "Borgan Lancers" (inside joke), and even an axe. We dug these holes to put in signs that marked different locations in the park, such as Hibbs House, which happens to be our Scoutmaster's last name, but there seems to be no connection. Our troop also put up bat houses which we painted and put together a few weeks previous to this, where we also painted the signs, and put together the bat houses.

On Saturday, we knocked out all of the signs in four and a half hours. Everyone worked hard on the rocky and root-entangled holes. The weather was warm and sunny, so the morale was high. On Sunday, we put our problem-solving skills to the test by lifting the overly tall bat house posts into the air after cutting a few feet off. With the help of Mr. Holthenrichs standing on his truck, we got them into the holes we had dug by about one o'clock in the afternoon. Both days had great weather, and everyone did an excellent job.