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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL LAW MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Scouts arrived at the courthouse in the early morning hours of Saturday, February 22nd in anticipation of learning about the rule of law and how laws are designed to protect our fundamental rights. The Law Merit Badge program is made possible through the collaborative efforts of Chief Judge Diane E. Winter, the judges and staff of the 19th Judicial Circuit, Sheriff John Idleburg, Coroner Dr. Howard Cooper, State's Attorney Mike Nerheim, and Public Defender Joy Gossman, in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America- Northeast Illinois Council.

The 23rd annual, one day event attracted over 100 Scouts. The group was welcomed by Chief Judge Winter who introduced the attendees to the program and provided an overview of the activities planned for the day. After orientation, the Scouts were divided into 3 groups to receive a courthouse tour, a Sheriff's Department demonstration from Deputy Brian Kilpatrick and his K9 partner Boomer, and a tour of the morgue from the Coroner. The group then came back together to enjoy lunch and listen to an introduction to the law from Associate Judges Daniel L. Jasica and David P. Brodsky before attending a mock trial presided over by Circuit Judge Joseph V. Salvi.

Upon completion of the full-day program, the Scouts were awarded their Law Merit Badges and issued certificates. Over 1,300 Scouts have registered and completed the program successfully in Lake County since the event began in 1997.

For information or to participate in a future Law Merit Badge Day, please email courts@lakecountyil.gov.

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