

Did You Know?

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- There are small medallions on the lobby walls that, when standing at the center of the compass on top of the Scout Tower, mark the direction and distance to the council camps, National High Adventure Bases, and National Council office.
- The building heating and cooling system is controlled by software -- it is smart enough to know when a room is occupied and when it is empty, and adjusts the temperature accordingly.
- The SAC produces more recycling refuse than regular garbage.
- All of the internet cables running through the building (Cat. 6 cable) are bright pink!
- There are small medallions on each step leading up to the Scout Tower that note each rank of Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting.
- The lot on which the SAC sits was once the site of a motel.
- The building faces the direction it does to make the best use of sunlight, decrease the need for artificial lighting, and make heating and cooling more efficient.
- There are three steel beams used in the framing of the building that were signed by Scouts and Scouters at the 2008 Peterloot (only one is still visible).
- The floor of the open office area is a false floor and actually houses much of the wiring and pipes.
- The land on which the SAC sits is owned by the Village of Evendale and was leased to the Dan Beard Council for 99 years for \$1.
- All of the rooms in the SAC have room numbers, except one -- most people don't even know this room exists!



- The roof of the building is stark white to reflect sunlight and help conserve cooling energy.
- The landing eagle woodcarving was carved by a Cincinnati Scouter, Frank Borke.
- There are staff shower rooms behind the doors in each of the restrooms.
- The canvas roof of the Scout Tower is sewn from canvas from tents that were once used at Camp Friedlander.
- There are exterior speakers on the patio outside the Baker Activity Center.
- There are seven surveillance cameras throughout the building that record 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Not a single cent of Friends of Scouting dollars went into the construction of the SAC.
- There are 12 Scout promise medallions buried in the earth beneath the reception desk.
- There are two fire-suppression sprinklers systems in the ceiling of the lobby -- one visible on the wood ceiling planks, and one just above it.
- All of the doors in the building are operated by software, locking and unlocking at scheduled times or at the click of a mouse.
- The knots tied in the ropes leading up to the Scout Tower are actually Scouting knots, and the lashings were done by actual Scouts.

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- The reception desk is on wheels and can be unlocked and moved to provide event space in the lobby.
- In recognition of the partnership with the Gorman Heritage Farm, the Dan Beard Council built a pavilion for shared use next to the farm's parking lot.
- The Pinewood Derby car display in the lobby had to be rebuilt three times due to eager kids (and adults!) pulling the cars off the wall.
- The SAC is completely ADA accessible with no stairs (with the exception of the Scout Tower).
- There is only one traditional fax machine in the entire building -- all other faxing is done from the computer desktops.
- The rocks, twigs, and other artifacts in the camp mural walls were actually collected from the council camps.
- The LED sign on Reading Rd. is controlled wirelessly by one of the computers inside the building.
- All of the wood ceilings were cut from local pine.
- Five of the parking spaces are designated for high-efficiency vehicles, and five are designated for carpool vehicles.
- The pond fountain is removed every November, stored in Newtown, and returns in April.
- There is a PA system throughout the entire building that is controlled by the phone system.