



## Big Idea 2018

April 20, 21, 22

Arbor Lodge State Park

Nebraska City

The 2018 Big Idea event is one that the whole State of Nebraska can get behind as we help to restore the home of Arbor Day.

Troops and Crews are encouraged to sign up now at <https://scoutingevent.com/324-16812> and reserve camping space for Friday and Saturday night so they can receive the full benefit of program but they are also welcome to sign up for a Saturday morning arrival. If Saturday morning arrival sounds like a better option for your unit then plan to arrive by 8:30 am and then choose to either stay Saturday night on the grounds ( something not available the general public) or simply stay for Saturday program and leave that evening after closing campfire.

Participant cost is just \$15.00 and each participant (adult and youth) will receive:

Event patch t-shirt Big Idea t-shirt, and lunch on Saturday

Registration Closes AT NOON on Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>, to allow for site prep, food etc.

Our morning on Saturday (8:30am to 12:pm) will showcase our commitment to service as our 3 hour project, in cooperation with the Arbor Day Foundation and the Friends of Arbor Lodge, will focus on the grounds of the home of J. Sterling Morton and the Arbor Day Farms.

At noon we will break for lunch (provided as part of registration) and then cross the street to the Nebraska City High School to hear an incredible message by our special guest speaker Mr. Steven Jackson.

*"For more than a decade as one of the NFL's premier running backs, Steven Jackson has been known for his unsurpassed drive to succeed, his leadership and his dedication to his team and community. These are the same qualities that Steven wants to be defined by when his playing days end as an entrepreneur, businessman and philanthropist"*

The afternoon will be filled with fun and adventure opportunity with program designed to spark the interest of Scouters young and old. Living History Exposition, Tomahawk Range, Museums, the Arbor Day Farms Tree Adventure, presentations from State Foresters, Naturalists and Wildlife and Natural Resources Conservations officers and subject matter experts.

Evening will have us all back in camp for a Troop meal and then an all encampment closing campfire with district awards as well as other special presentations to our event partners and hosts, as well as a special presentation of a William T. Hornaday Award to a member of the Cornhusker Council.

To learn more about the Hornaday Award search here  
<https://www.scouting.org/awards/hornaday-awards/>

If you have never been to Arbor Lodge is located at 2600 Arbor Ave, Nebraska City, NE 68410 Arbor Lodge State Historical Park in Nebraska City, Nebraska, is the original estate of J. Sterling Morton—the founder of Arbor Day.

It was on this property in 1872 that J. Sterling and his wife, Caroline, initiated their vision for a greener, more tree-filled world—a challenge to people everywhere to plant trees so desperately needed. It is estimated that nearly one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day, April 10, 1872.

The showpiece of this 72-acre park is the historic mansion, with its 52 rooms and countless historic artifacts belonging to the Morton Family. The park also includes an arboretum, Italian terraced garden, log cabin, carriage house, walking trails, more than 200 varieties of lilacs and a charming whispering bench.

<https://www.arbordayfarm.org/attractions/>



Steven Jackson <http://www.sj39.com/>

