

# 2019 Big Idea Service Project and Camporee



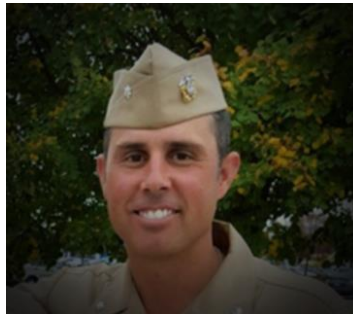
**Our Location: Prairie Pines Nature Preserve**

**3000-4498 N 112th St, Lincoln, NE 68527**

<https://www.prairiepines.org/about.html>

The Prairie Pines Nature Preserve is a protected area of natural interest and habitat for diverse species. It is sustained for conservation, nature experience and understanding. Created by nature and endowed by the life's work and pleasure of Walt and Virginia Bagley, it exists on 145 acres of woodland, grassland, wetland and remnant prairie. Accompanied by the efforts of the University of Nebraska Institute of Natural Resources, Nebraska Forest Service and Prairie Pines Partners nonprofit it forever shall be, "a refuge for all living things"

This link will take you to a video that will show you in the opening shots where we will have our encampment <https://www.prairiepines.org/img/video/PrairiePines-Forsberg-Wildlife.mp4>



**Our special Guest Speaker: Commander Jack Riggins Retired US Navy SEAL**

Commander Jack Riggins is a great guy! He has 20 years of Naval Service leading Special Operations Forces throughout the world. He has been involved in numerous contingency operations and combat deployments in Asia, the Middle East, and South America. His last assignment was as the Combating Terrorism Lead for Special Operations Command Europe. Over the last six years Jack has consulted with numerous pro athletes, NCAA teams, and business leaders across the United States. Jack is a native of Fremont, NE who earned a NROTC scholarship and has a degree in Exercise Physiology from the University of Nebraska. Jack also has a MA in Global/ international affairs and Inter-agency collaboration from Kansas University.

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## Our Project and Program: April 26-27-28, 2019

Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, The Big Idea Service Project and Camporee allows us to show the Power of Scouting as it partners with Community and Industry to make huge impact.

Camporee Check in and campsite Set up Friday evening.

Saturday will start with a morning of service as we help the Prairie Pines Nature Preserve, and The Friends of Prairie Pines, develop and refurbish new and existing trails on the property, clear a variety of invasive species, and prepare the preserve for the coming season of public usage and program.

Our morning of service will conclude, lunch will be served to all participants followed by our Guest Speaker Jack Riggins. Jack has some great insight for us about teamwork and team building, Leadership, and how to act and react to the situation's life puts us in, he has promised some fun and interactive program where he will be boots on the ground with the Scouts in true SEAL team fashion. Get ready to be challenged by one of our Nation's finest in some head to head competition!

At the end of our time with Commander Riggins, Scouts and Leaders will find a Midway of opportunities open to them focusing on our Natural World, Forestry, Conservation and Career and Educational Opportunities in those fields. So far, our Midway includes:

UNL Ag/Horticulture Recruiting	Recruiting booth for ag/horticulture careers
NE Dept of Agriculture	Invasive species booth
Neb Forrest Service Conservation Ed.	Rotted logs dissection
NFS Wood Products Utl.	Sawmill and boichar demonstrations
UNL SNR Urban Forestry	Forestry Merit Badge
Prairie Pines Partners	TBD

More Midway partners and programs are in the works so stay tuned for that information.

Our day will end with all our District's usual Camporee competition and traditions, and will wrap up with a group closing campfire. Registration is open! Reserve your campsite today!

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/324-BIGIDEA19>

Cost \$15; includes patch, t-shirt and lunch on Saturday,

Register by April 15 to guarantee t-shirt, registration closes 12PM on April 22 **no exceptions!**