

September 2016. Maintenance and safety checks of buildings and grounds, seasonal mowing, firewood cutting, splitting and stacking, storm clean-up, shelter house and toilet cleaning, litter pick-up and disposal, road grading, trail maintenance, equipment maintenance, scheduling shelter rentals and collecting shelter and camping fees, drinking water sampling . Shelter houses and Lodge are used every weekend by scouts, families and other groups. Natural Resource Center Educational Staff teaching school groups at Russell Woods and making classroom visits. PDRMA Risk Management and Loss Control review and preserve safety in progress for 2016 compliance.

Troop 40 from Sycamore planted Sycamore Trees and helped install the Sycamore Forest Preserve entrance sign as part of an Eagle Scout Project. They also planted oak trees at the Afton forest preserve







***Forest preserve maintenance staff person
Bob Knuuttila and his chain saw art at
Sycamore Forest Preserve***



Road, trail, parking and picnic shelter work in progress at Sycamore Forest





September 2016- Southern Preserves & Natural Resource Completed Project List- Josh Clark

Maintenance

- 1. Coordinated Eagle Scout Project at Afton and Sycamore Forest Preserve. The scout planted trees at both preserves. At Sycamore the scout painted the new preserve sign and picked up sticks and garbage. Coordinating with scouts to complete these projects is very beneficial.**
- 2. Continued battling beavers at Afton. Several dams were removed and gates were pulled on the control structures in order to lower the water levels to try and force the beavers to move on.**
- 3. Repairs were made to the middle walking bridge at Afton. Several boards were deteriorated and needed replaced.**
- 4. Removed the old work bench in the shop at Sannauk and installed a new one.**
- 5. Continued cleanup of park areas at Afton. This was started last year as an ongoing project as time allows.**
- 6. Assisted with the preparation of Sycamore Forest Preserve for opening.**

Natural Resources

- 1. Began cutting fire breaks throughout the district for fall fire season.**
- 2. Seed collection throughout the district.**
- 3. Continue to work on the future plant propagation garden at Afton. Two propagation beds were constructed.**
- 4. Sprayed areas for weeds that were mowed earlier in the season.**
- 5. Tilled areas that will be new plantings this fall.**