

Winterized cabins dedicated at Boy Scout camp

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Six new, winterized cabins were dedicated last week at Gamehaven Scout Reservation, south of Rochester.

The cabins will serve multiple purposes as part of the Boy Scouts' plans to continue to reach emerging communities in the area, including providing a first step into camping for youths. For half of the summer, the cabins will house staff members who were previously housed in tents. The cabins are also winterized and will be used year round.

More than 40 people gathered for the dedication ceremony on June 25. Jay Burke of Rochester Area Builders was the master of ceremonies, and Michael Tuohy of Tuohy Furniture was the keynote speaker. Tuohy spoke about the history of the Boy Scout camp and the effect the Boy Scouts of America has had on southeastern Minnesota. Spencer Heim, 9, of Owatonna, spoke on behalf of the nearly 4,000 boys and girls served by the Gamehaven Boy Scout Council.

The cabins were funded by the Rochester Area Builders, the Rochester Police Benevolent Association, David and Rachel Carl with their son, Michael, the Jerry Jenkins family, the Rochester Area Foundation and Ron and Theresa Seeger.