

**October 2013. Maintenance and safety checks of buildings and grounds, seasonal mowing, firewood cutting and splitting, 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 and water sampling . Shelter houses and Lodge are used every weekend by scouts, families and other groups.**

**Natural Resource Center Educational Staff teaching Fall school groups at Russell Woods. 1835 Miller -Ellwood Cabin work will continue with windows, doors and floor. Other projects include firewood cutting/splitting for fall and winter shelter house rentals, maintenance shop improvements and corn crib new sliding doors being installed at the Hoppe Farmstead. Toilet rehab at Afton completed. Replaced old garage at MacQueen with new steel garage, Lodge and house painted at MacQueen, 1930 Pierce Town Hall painted and repaired at Merritt Prairie. New steel roof on shelter at Shabbona completed. Toilet improvements at MacQueen, along with new benches and fire pits constructed. Annual PDRMA Risk Management and Loss Control review went well and preparing for 2014 compliance . Natural Resource Center library rehab and electrical improvements being worked on. At Sannauk forest preserve, the annual Halloween “ Terror in the Timber” fundraiser sponsored by Sandwich High School music program had over 600 people attend. Annual “Jeff’s Trees” volunteers planted 50 oak trees at Afton south Prairie**

“Jeff’s Trees” volunteers from 3 years old to a 90 + year old planted oaks at Afton South Prairie. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year trees and benches have been donated by friends of Jeff Arnold





Fall bird migration in October is a great time for birding at forest preserves.

Above: A Great Blue Heron looks for a meal. Below: Sugar Maples light up the forest.

