

UNITED WAY OF BROOME COUNTY



Agency Name: Baden-Powell Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America

Program Name: Venturing and Exploring in Broome County

Program Success Story:

The Baden-Powell Council, Boy Scouts of America, has had a long standing relationship with the ACHIEVE organization of Binghamton. Reaching out to the physically and mentally challenged of our community is an important mission of the Boy Scouts. For several years the ACHIEVE residents participated in a week-long day camp program at Camp Tuscarora. During summer 2008 only 25 residents were able to participate in the program. As a result of the low attendance that year, it was decided that a different summer program venue should be presented to the ACHIEVE organization.

In summer 2009 the Town of Union Parks Department collaborated with the Baden-Powell Council in a five-week program at Highland Park in Endwell. Starting after the Fourth of July a program was planned every Thursday evening. The residents came to Highland Park at 5 p.m. where they enjoyed a box lunch prepared by the Broadway Diner. At 5:30 an hour program was planned for the individual needs of the residents. Activities included: arts and crafts, bingo, soccer and baseball. At 6:30 the residents would rotate to another session of activities. Each week a different theme of programs was planned by the staff.

The Venturing program at Highland was a huge success in 2009. In all, 79 residents participated instead of only 25 in the previous year. Total attendance on most of the Thursday evening's activities was 95 including staff members. The Baden-Powell Council and ACHIEVE plan to further expand this program for summer 2010 with a goal of providing service to more than 100 ACHIEVE clients.