



## Department of Illinois Marine Corps League



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It has been two years since I accepted the role at the Eagle Scout Chairman for the department of Illinois. During that time, I have had the honor of presenting a few awards to some very impressive young men and women. The youngest was a 14 year-old that shared his court of honor with his sister that was just two years older. Both were very impressive young people. As an instructor at SIUC I have also had a few students that received the Eagle Scout Citizenship award in the past and considered our award program as a very high honor.

I have also noticed that most of the department activity with the scouting program is in the northern part of the state. This is something I am continuing to attempt to change. I have looked to find the appropriate method of receiving notification from the troops with some individual success. However, I think that expansion of the program will only occur when each detachment takes on the challenge of communicating and coordinating directly with the scout troops in their area.

So if you are willing to take on this challenge you can go to the following link and search for troops in your area. The link [Be A Scout Home Page - Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](https://www.scouting.org) On this site you can locate troops in your area and find out when they meet and the appropriate contact to arrange a visit.

Let's all take on the challenge for 2024 and 2025 to grow this program across the entire state of Illinois.