MEDFORD — Local Boy Scouts led dozens of dedicated volunteers from the YMCA camp in Medford recently to prepare for the thousands of campers and visitors who come to YMCA Camp Ockanickon.

In May, Jacob Delancy, of Medford, a Boy Scout with Troop 20, took on an ambitious service project at Cherokee Beach, one of four beaches at the 800-acre camp.

With a team of 40 volunteers, Delancy cleaned up debris accumulated from the winter, spread 25 tons of new sand near the swim and playground areas, built a canoe rack and constructed a “lost and found” display post.

“This project really helps the YMCA camp because it provides a much-needed cleanup to one of the few beaches,” Delancy said.

“Cleaning up the beaches will lead to a better experience for kids who attend camp.”

Delancy even documented the cleanup on video, which can be viewed on YouTube.

Earlier in the spring, Dan Smith, of Medford, a scout with Troop 20, also organized volunteers for his service project. He and more than a dozen helpers built and installed benches for fire pits in three locations at the boys’ sleepaway camp. Located at 1301 Stokes Road in Medford, YMCA Camp Ockanickon has operated for more than a century. In addition to summer camp, the nonprofit organization offers family programs, annual memberships, childcare, class trips, birthday parties and retreats.

For information, visit ycamp.org or call 609-654-8225.

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Dana Smith, center right, a Boy Scout with Troop 20, and volunteers build and install benches for fire pits around the boys camp at Camp Ockanickon in Medford. (PHOTO COURTESY OF SUSAN MILLER)

Jacob Delancy, left, a Boy Scout with Troop 20, volunteered to clean up Cherokee Beach at YMCA Camp Ockanickon in Medford. (PHOTO COURTESY OF SUSAN MILLER)