Camp Eden Wood

NCSRCC has volunteered with Camp Eden Wood — part of Camps of Courage and Friendship — in Eden Prairie, Minn., for many years. This year was no exception, with carpenters and floor covering apprentices renovating the camp’s Birchwood cabin.

Carpentry apprentices installed new doors and windows, while floor covering apprentices installed new flooring. The materials were funded in part by a $25,000 grant from C.H. Robinson of Eden Prairie, with the apprentices providing volunteer labor.

Jerry Bahmiller, maintenance director for the camp, said he is very appreciative of all of the work performed at his camp by the Carpenters Union.

“I don’t know that we would have been able to complete this project without the help of the carpenters and floor layers,” said Bahmiller. “Union people have been a big part of this camp for a long time. We can’t say enough nice things about what you do for us out here.”

Camps of Courage and Friendship serve people with developmental and/or physical disabilities and encourage them to have fun, make friends and learn new skills through memorable and enriching life experiences. Their facilities include five camps in Minnesota, including Camp Eden Wood; Camp Friendship near Annandale; Camp New Hope near McGregor; Camp Courage near Maple Lake; and Camp Courage North, near Itasca State Park.