



AUSTIN CHAPTER 10
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**AUSTIN CHAPTER 10 OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE IS SELECTED AS THE
“2009 OUTSTANDING SERVICE ORGANIZATION OF MOWER COUNTY”.**

Austin Chapter 10 was presented the 2009 Outstanding Service Organization of Mower County award at the “Pride of Mower” show at the Mower County Fair on Tuesday, August 11.

Austin Chapter 10 was selected for the following contributions they have made to the Austin/ Mower County community over the past two years:

- Water quality monitoring on the Cedar River and Dobbins Creek.
- Purple Martin Housing Project – Austin Chapter 10 in cooperation with Austin Park and Recreation provided funding, manpower, housing and location assistance in erecting nine purple martin houses at East Side Lake, Horace Austin Park, Hormel Nature Center, and private residences.
- Provided \$2,100 in scholarships to area youth for weeklong camps at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center in Lanesboro, MN.
- Provided \$600 in scholarships to area youth for summer programs at the Hormel Nature Center.
- Donated \$250 each of the past two years for the “Take-A-Kid Fishing” event at East Side Lake
- Donated \$250 each of the past two years to bring Re-Fest to Austin. Re-Fest is a celebration of green living and clean energy.
- Supported the “Wetbugs” Program at the Hormel Nature Center. The Wetbugs program educates 300 area seventh graders on stream biology, impact of non-point source pollution and point source pollution. Austin Ike’s have sponsored this program for the past 14 years.

- Austin Chapter 10 has operated and supervised the Game and Fish Building at the Mower County Fair for the past 26 years. They get the building ready before the fair, supervise and maintain it during the fair and clean it up after the fair.

Austin Chapter 10 thanks the Mower County Fair Board for this great honor and also Farmers and Merchants Bank for providing the award.

For more information on Austin Chapter 10, visit their website at www.austinikes.org.

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The mission of the Izaak Walton League is to conserve, maintain, protect, and restore the soil, forest, water, and other natural resources of our planet.