

# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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## Erie Shores Council - Scout Mom's Project

These are our 2015 Amazing Mom's:

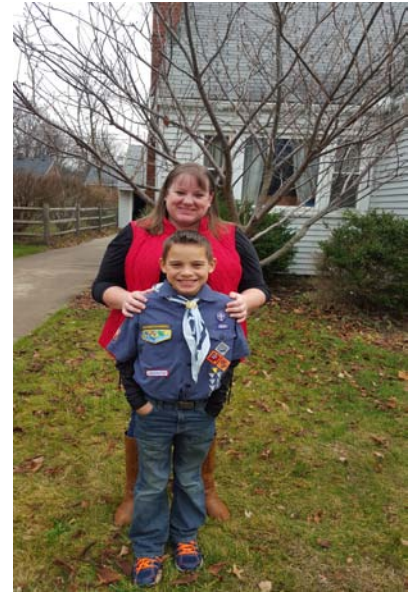
**Karen Swartz-Dowling** is an incredible Scout Mom. She is dedicated to the mission of the Boy Scouts and ensuring that not only does her son succeed, learn and grow, but also that the entire pack does. She is warm and welcoming and always willing to help. She is easily accessible to all members and parents of the pack and has been learning about her role to help expand and improve upon the pack. Karen stepped up in a time of need and has helped with multiple things, including assisting during pack meetings with attendance, dues, derby, etc. She has been a part of planning for blue and gold, co-popcorn chair and now our Committee Chair."



- **What's It Like to Be a Scout Mom?** "I enjoy being a Scout Mom because I am always learning something new about Scouting. I enjoy that my son and I are participating in an activity together."
- **What do you like most about being a Scout Mom?** "What I like most about being a Scout Mom is that I am participating in my son's development."
- **How has Scouting changed your relationship with your son?** "My son and I have always been close but now I hope he sees first hand what volunteering means. I want him to learn that if you believe in something or want to see something improved, you need to volunteer."
- **What would you tell a mom asking for your advice about becoming a Scout Mom?** "I would tell another Scout Mom and/or dad to get as involved as you can. Scouting is definitely something that the more you put in – the more you get back."

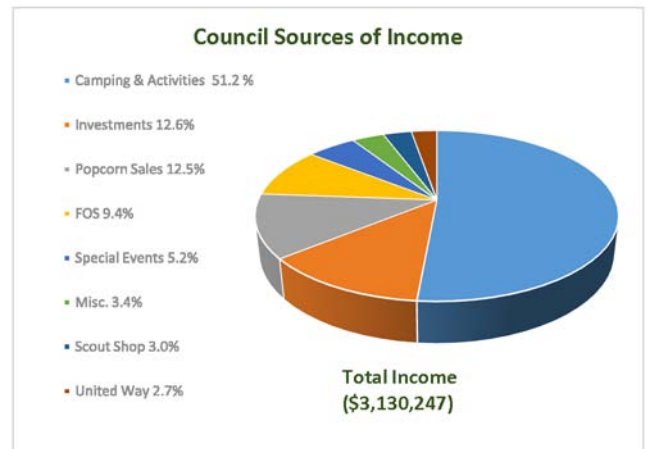
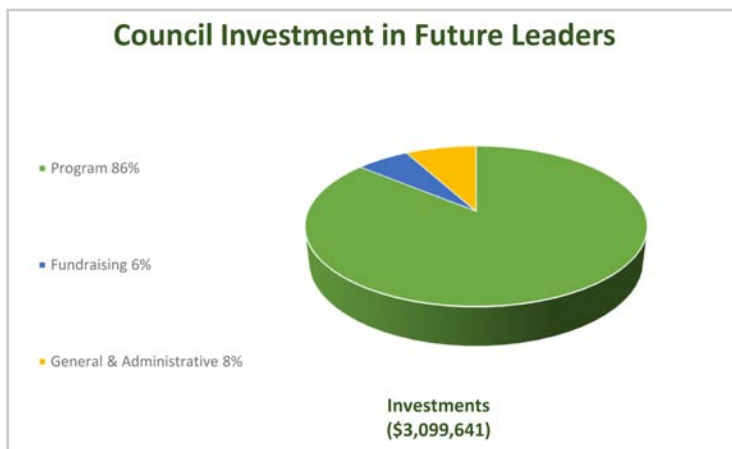
**Erin Sifuentes,** “Erin is one of the first people to volunteer at our parish and school for events and projects. She started and organized the first ever mother/son event at our son's school. She organizes mom activities for all the moms in our son's grade.

She calls and schedules most of our Den's outings. She handled the arrangements for our Light of Christ Awards. Our pack did an Amazing Scout Race at Camp Miakonda, without her help and support it would have taken 5 times as long to put together. It is amazing that she has been able to jump right in with Scouting, considering she was never exposed to as a youth.



- **What's It Like to Be a Scout Mom?** "I love being a Scout Mom! Watching, not only my son, but his friends growing up and becoming self sufficient is amazing.
- **What do you like most about being a Scout Mom?** "I love seeing my son grow up before my very eyes. He has gone from an unsure Tiger to a confident Bear. The principals and lessons he's learning are ones that he will carry with him long after Scouts."
- **How has Scouting changed your relationship with your son?** "Gone are the days where I am doing every single thing for him. Instead he has grown into a polite, generous and helpful young man. I can thank Scouts for that."
- **What would you tell a mom asking for your advice about becoming a Scout Mom?** "Do it. Becoming a Scout Mom means you are becoming a part of a community that will help your son learn skills that last long after they have left Scouting."

## FINANCIAL REPORT



## HONORS & AWARDS



**SILVER BEAVER**—the highest honor a council can bestow on a volunteer adult Scouter. Five Scouters will be honored in 2016...

- [Rodney V. Cundiff](#)
- [Mischele L. Fisher](#)
- [Thomas A. Stewart](#)
- [Patrick J. Sutherland](#)
- [Clifton L. Vaughan](#)

Cub Scouts earned:	
Tiger Cubs	431
Bobcats	778
Wolf	480
Bear	450
Webelos Awards	386
Arrow of Light	283
Boy Scouts earned:	
Tenderfoot	232
Second Class	185
First Class	180
Star	146
Life	119
Eagle	112

Total Ranks Earned:  
 Cub Scout 2,808  
 Boy Scout 974

Total Merit Badges Earned:  
 4,188

Total Reported  
 Community Service:  
 30,611 Hours



## LIFETIME SERVICE AWARDS

### JOHN C. HAAR LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

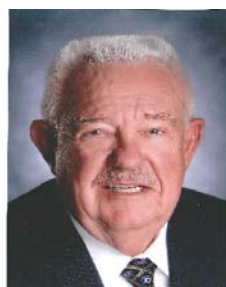
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**Kenn E. Bower**

### GREGORY A. HENDEL LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

The *Gregory A. Hendel Lifetime Service Award* was established in 2009 to honor Gregory A. Hendel, who served his community through exemplary lifelong volunteer service. This award is intended to honor direct support of community activities and indirect support provided through leadership roles in the business community. We honor **S. Dean Roberts** as the recipient of this year's *Gregory A. Hendel Lifetime Service Award*.



**S. Dean Roberts**

### GLENDA M. BOWMAN LIFETIME INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

The *Glenda M. Bowman Lifetime Inspirational Leadership Award* was established by the Erie Shores Council Executive Board in 2012 to honor Glenda M. Bowman's service to others through her leadership as a role model and mentor, for demonstrating true courage in the face of adversity, fostering the spirit of diversity and motivating us to reach our full potential. We honor **Brent A. Bomer** with the *Glenda M. Bowman Lifetime Inspirational Leadership Award*.



**Brent A. Bomer**

## Events/Activities

**January**  
 Weekend Campouts  
 Camp Alaska/Breakfast-PSR

**February**  
 Scout Sunday Celebrations  
 Scout Anniversary Month  
 Cross Country Skiing @ PSR

**March**  
 Pinewood Derby Races  
 God & Country Camporee

**April**  
 Dad & Lad Overnight  
 Spring Camporees  
 Scouting for Food  
 SPL Weekend @ PSR

**May**  
 Mom & Me Overnight  
 Memorial Day Parades

**June & July**  
 Day Camp Programs  
 Mud Hens Sleepovers  
 Philmont Treks  
 High Adventure Treks  
 Boy Scout Summer Camp

**July**  
 Webelos Overnighter

**August**  
 Webelos Resident Camp  
 Back-to-the-Pack Events  
 Cub Leader Training

**September**  
 Boy Scout 1/2 Marathon  
 UT/BGSU Football & Basketball  
 Scout Days  
 Pecatonica River Popcorn Sale  
 Sporting Clay Classic

**October**  
 Miakonda Halloween Party  
 Cub Family Campouts  
 Star Party, PSR  
 Fall Camporees

**November**  
 University of Scouting  
 Catholic Scout Retreat  
 Construction City

**December**  
 Klondike Derbies  
 Weekend Camporees

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**MISSION**

The Erie Shores Council, Boy Scouts of America is committed to making Scouting accessible to all youth by developing and securing resources through volunteer leadership to provide a values-based quality program.

**VISION**

To develop the youth of Northwest Ohio into becoming life-long contributing citizens with strong character, compassion, leadership and with service to others.

**SCOUT LAW**

A Scout is:

- Trustworthy
- Loyal
- Helpful
- Friendly
- Courteous
- Kind
- Obedient
- Cheerful
- Thrifty
- Brave
- Clean
- Reverent



**ERIE SHORES COUNCIL** is the proud owner/operator of two of the finest camps in the United States. Consistently honored with top ratings, the year round programs at both camps are outstanding. Activity areas include: archery ranges, BB gun and rifle ranges, obstacle courses, COPE Courses, activity fields, a rappelling tower, canoes, rowboats, sailboats, swimming pools, BMX biking, skateboarding, mountain boarding, lakes, dining hall and many other exciting things for youth to experience and learn.

## CAMP MIAKONDA

**Camp Miakonda** at the DeVilbiss Scout Reservation is approximately 160 acres in a resident-type facility. The DeVilbiss Scout Reservation is the 6th oldest camp in the United States. There



are 15 rustic cabins available for rent, four Adirondack sites (3-sided buildings), tent camping sites, a pool, a lake, chapel, dining hall (with a food service/meal option), Trading Post, Historical Museum, two marked historical trails and a Frontier Fort. The Council Lodge and Ford Center/Dining Hall are available for day or evening use for special events, dinners, training seminars, etc. for both Scout and non-Scout groups. Camp Miakonda offers five weeks of Cub Day Camping with wrist rocketry, fishing, swimming, skateboarding, archery, BB Gun Shooting, BMX Biking, crafts and more.

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## CAMP FRONTIER

**Camp Frontier** at the Pioneer Scout Reservation is located in Williams County, Ohio (55 miles west of Toledo) and boasts 1,200 acres of primitive camping, summer and winter tent camping, Camp Alaska, Cross Country Skiing in the winter season, fishing and more. The Pioneer Scout Reservation has three lakes, a pool, dining hall (with food service), trading post, health lodge, seven cabins, climbing tower, COPE Course, Archery, Rifle and Shotgun ranges, cross country skiing, telescope for Star Parties, an outdoor pavilion and more. Summer camp activities include: Mountain Biking, Mountain Boarding, ATV, Paintball Shooting Range, COPE Course, the Blob, Wibbit and Stand-up Paddleboards at the Lake.



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## LEADERSHIP CENTER



The Jadel Leadership Center is the home of the Iott Scout Shop and a portion of our Historic Museum, as well as a modern training facility. The Center's reinforced basement serves as a shelter during emergencies. Everyone is welcome to visit the Museum and Center and enjoy 100's of historical artifacts.