

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from Ed Caldwell, Scout Executive/CEO



It was 76 years ago that James E. West, our first Chief Scout Executive, stepped down from his post at the Boy Scouts of America after 32 years of faithful service. He originally had agreed to serve for only six months but obviously his passion rose, his commitment became steadfast, and he knew there was too much at stake to step away after only a few months.

Since the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, James West has been an inspiration to generations of Scouters, professionals and volunteers, who have followed in his footsteps to keep Scouting strong in our communities. I am inspired by the work of not only past generations of leaders, but also by the team of volunteers who make Scouting possible to the youth of today. Becoming steadfast in your commitment to our values is at times difficult, however, you are creating the next generation of leaders through the Scouts you serve. They will lean against your example and gain a self-confidence they never knew possible. It is because of you that our accomplishments soar, and our Scouts seem to stand a little stronger every day. Just in case you haven't noticed this happening in your weekly meetings or recent campouts, I can assure you that I see evidence of it in every Scout I meet.

Just as James E. West knew then, as we know now, that character building and leadership training is not an exercise or a list of requirements, but it is a lifestyle and a journey that has no end. Thankfully, because of you, it is replete with reward and spiritual growth like no other youth development program in the history of America. I am proud to serve alongside leaders like you. Together, like James West, we can make a profound impact in the lives of youth and their families throughout Northwest Ohio.

Yours in Scouting,

Edward A. Caldwell
Scout Executive/CEO

SCOUTREACH DISTRICT CELEBRATES MILESTONE!



The Scoutreach District has shown steady growth over the last five years in the number of Scouts served by the program. In 2014, the District had 37 units and 770 registered Scouts. By 2018 the District had expanded to 45 units and 1,008 Scouts. This increase can be largely attributed to improvements in staff

capacity, added program options for partners, and additional advancement opportunities for Scouts.

Program Staff to Scout ratios were improved through adjustments to the on-boarding process. Current staff represents a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences, providing a broad and inclusive mentoring environment for Scoutreach Scouts. Donald Lynn, one of the longest serving Program Staff, teaches and mentors newer staff members while still managing a program site of his own.

Program Partners, such as The Old Newsboys, provide registration fees and full Class A uniforms and patches to Scouts in need. The uniforms are held at partner sites, so Scouts will always have them available during program time. Partnering with Aspire also helps Scouts understand how the Scout Oath and Scout Law should guide their daily behavior.

One creative strategy for providing additional advancement opportunities was to transform the District Dinner into a Board of Review and Court of Honor event for Scouts and their families from various partner sites. Innovative ideas like this are what help Scoutreach make Scouting accessible for as many youth as possible regardless of their circumstances.

For a list of program sites and information about the Program Staff, visit our District website <https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/sr>.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

January

- Weekend Campouts
- PSR Camp Alaska & Breakfast
- Klondike Derbies

February

- Scout Sunday Celebrations
- Scout Anniversary Month
- Cross Country Skiing @ PSR
- Order of the Arrow Banquet
- Friends of Scouting Kickoff
- Walleye Scout Nights

March

- Pinewood Derby Races
- Youth Honors Banquet

April

- Dad & Me/Mom & Me Overnights
- Spring Camporees
- Scouting for Food
- SPL Weekend @ PSR
- Order of the Arrow Ordeals

May

- Arrow of Light Recognition
- Confident, Unstoppable and Brave Event
- Memorial Day Parades
- District Banquets

June & July

- National Youth Leadership Training Course (NYLT)
- Scouter Recognition Dinner
- Cub Day Camp Programs
- Tiger & Webelos Overnights
- Mud Hens Sleepovers
- High Adventure Treks
- Boy Scout Summer Camp

August

- Webelos Resident Camp
- Join Scouting Night Events

September

- Boy Scout Half Marathon
- Council Popcorn Sale
- Sporting Clays Classic
- New Scout Family Fun Day
- Wood Badge Course

October

- Camp Frontier 50th Anniversary Camporall
- Miakonda Halloween Party
- UT Football Scout Night

November

- University of Scouting

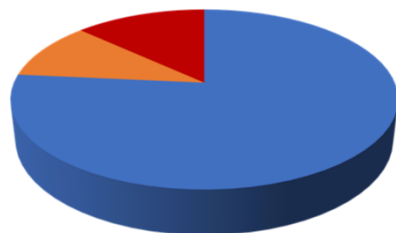
December

- Weekend Camporees
- Merit Badges at Miakonda

FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNCIL INVESTMENT IN FUTURE LEADERS

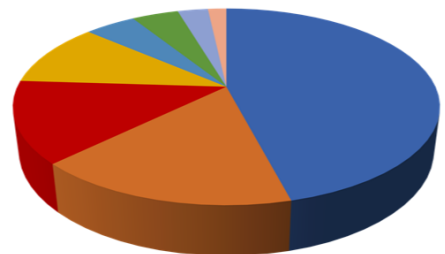
- Program 76.5%
- Fundraising 10.4%
- General & Administrative 13.1%



Investments \$3,355,103

COUNCIL SOURCE OF INCOME

- Camping & Activities 46.0%
- Investments 16.6%
- Popcorn Sales 13.4%
- FOS 10.5%
- Misc 4.7%
- Special Events 4.3%
- Scout Shop 2.8%
- United Way 1.7%



Total Income \$3,292,169

HONORS & AWARDS

SILVER BEAVER

The highest honor a council can bestow on a volunteer adult Scouter. Five Scouters will be honored in 2019....

- *Christopher Cufur*
- *David Jex*
- *Bert Latuch*
- *B. Robert Schneider*
- *Alan White*

TORCH OF GOLD

A council-level distinguished award of the Boys Scouts of America to recognize adults for exceptional service and leadership working with Scouts who have disabilities.

- *Joseph Lochotzki*

DISTINGUISHED COMMISSIONER SERVICE AWARD

The highest recognition that can be given to a commissioner who has consistently engaged in distinguished and exceptional commissioner service.

- *David Dean*
- *Dennis Fairchild*
- *Richard Kotz*

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT — A district award presented to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

- *Commodore Perry District: David Stephenson*
- *Eagle Bay District: Charles Cheek, Jr. and Diana Pfaff*
- *Northwest District: Jeff Earley and Daniel Malloy*
- *Scoutreach District: Donald Lynn*
- *Swan Creek District: Roger Burke, Kasey Tucker-Gail and Todd Welborn*
- *Wood District: Steven Beck and Joanna Kleman*



VETERAN UNITS — A council recognition for units that, at the end of 2018, have reached a milestone of 75 or more years in service to youth.

- *75 Years: Swan Creek Troop 101—Waterville United Methodist Church*
- *100 Years: Eagle Bay Troop 337—Bloomdale Knights of Pythias Lodge 278*
- *105 Years: Northwest Troop 14—Aldersgate United Methodist Church*

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARDS

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 **Celia LaBenne** as the recipient of this year's Gregory Hendel Lifetime Service Award.

JOHN C. HAAR LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

The John C. Haar Lifetime Service Award was established to honor John C. Haar, an Eagle Bay District volunteer, unit leader and past District Chairman, who served his community through exemplary lifelong volunteer service. This award is intended to honor Scouters who have provided lifelong service to their community, including having served in leadership roles in civic and community organizations.

We honor **Tedd Long** as this year's John C. Haar Lifetime Service Award recipient.

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 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 **Charles Horne, Jr.** with the Glenda M. Bowman Lifetime Inspirational Leadership Award.

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS



Youth Served:

Cub Scouts	3,793
Boy Scouts	1,720
Venturing	115
Exploring	191

Total Youth Served: 5,819

Cub Scout Ranks Earned:

Lion	134
Bobcat	961
Tiger	384
Wolf	419
Bear	371
Webelos	311
Arrow of Light	618

Total Ranks Earned: 3,189

Boy Scout Ranks Earned:

Scout	243
Tenderfoot	186
Second Class	162
First Class	106
Star	111
Life	123
Eagle	95

Total Ranks Earned: 1,026

**Total Merit Badges Earned:
4,279**

**Total Reported Community
Service Hours:**

29,560

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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, rifle and shotgun ranges, obstacle courses, Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE), 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 160 acres of outdoor adventure in Sylvania Township. There are 13 historic cabins available for rental, 4 Adirondack sites (3-sided cabins), many tent campsites, swimming pool, fishing 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 is a prime location for Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA Troops, and Venturing Crews to host their weekend campouts and outdoor adventures. Summer day camps, year-round overnights, and district camporees are very popular events, plus many trainings offered year-round including National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) each June. "Merit Badges at Miakonda" is held in December, with other merit badges classes throughout the year. Special programming includes Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE), Wildlife & Nature Center, shooting sports, fishing, outdoor cooking, and more. Non-Scout group rentals include Camp Noah (church camp) each July, Camp Mason each August, school field trips, UT, BGSU, faith-based organizations, and even weddings.

CAMP FRONTIER

Camp Frontier at the Pioneer Scout Reservation (PSR) is located in Williams County, Ohio (55 miles west of Toledo) and boasts 1,100 acres of primitive tent camping year-round; fall, winter, and spring cabin camping; Camp Alaska; Cross Country Skiing, hiking, backpacking, fishing and more.

The Pioneer Scout Reservation camps approximately 3,000 youth, 700 adult leaders and 100 staff during the Summer Camp Program. PSR has three lakes, a pool, dining hall, trading post, health lodge, six cabins, climbing tower, Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE), Archery, Rifle and Shotgun ranges, amphitheater, telescope for Star Parties, outdoor pavilion and more.



On October 5-7, PSR held the 50th Anniversary Camporall hosting approximately 1,500 overnight participants and many more visitors during the day. Over 50 events ran during the day, two evening campfires, a hot dog lunch with chips provided by Ballreich's and ended the Saturday activities with a Root Beer Float Cantina and 10-minute firework show. It was an event not to miss and will surely go down in everyone's memory as one of the most fun, wet, and muddy campouts ever!

LEADERSHIP CENTER

The Jadel Leadership Center is 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 hundreds of historical artifacts. Don't forget to stop by the Iott Scout Shop to find that special gift for your favorite Scout.

