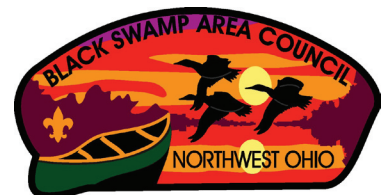




Black Swamp Area Council 2012 Annual Report



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Camp Life



Mission Statement



It is the mission of the Black Swamp Area Council to be the leading youth organization in Northwest and West Central Ohio in developing positive values through leadership training and quality outdoor program opportunities.



Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

A Note from the Black Swamp Area Council Key 3

As we reflect on what individuals have done in support of scouting the past year, we are once again humbled. It makes us feel good to see both families and our corporate friends realize how scouting is still valuable to our current and future generations of youth. And yet, we have so much still to do. Like many non-profits, several funding streams have flattened or even decreased, and yet, just like our business associates, costs of insurance, supplies, and many items continue to go up.

Each year, many of you are at the forefront of helping us meet the increasing needs for programs like ours. As you review this recap of our past year of service and accomplishments, please note:

- The encouraging start of the Council's \$4,000,000 Capital Campaign
- 1500+ Boy Scouts and 1000+ Cub Scouts participated in Summer activities throughout our territory
- Our Learning for Life programs grew by over 50% to a level not seen in over 10 years.
- We provided over \$17,000 in direct support for camperships so youth throughout our territory got to experience summer camp.

The following pages provide much more detail of other results the Council has accomplished, and will continue to deliver to families and communities here in West Central and Northwestern Ohio.

We look forward to thanking you each in person at one of our upcoming events or social gatherings. And we look forward to once again sharing our next great achievements because of things people like you will do this year! We hope you will join us in helping Scouting succeed for the next generation of leaders!

Stan Doty	Scott Gray	Vic Pooler
Council President	Council Commissioner	Council Executive



Black Swamp Area Council

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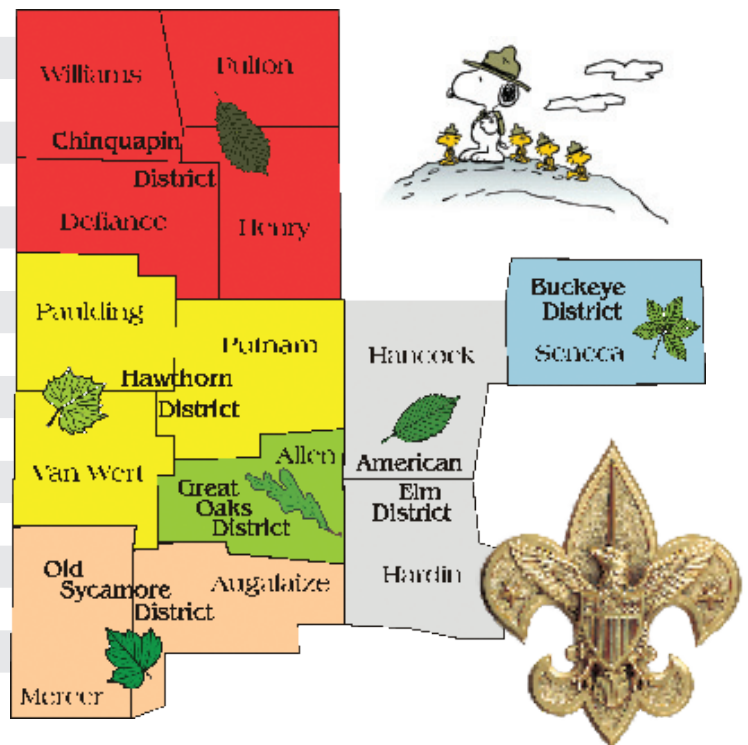
Council President	Stan Doty
Scout Executive	Victor Pooler
Council Commissioner	Scott Gray

2012 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Treasurer	John Pinski
Vice President, Properties	Lynn Radabaugh
Vice President, Program	Chris Crawford/Curt Brookhart
Vice President, Administration	Mike Wolfe
Vice President, Membership	Cary Cox
Vice President, Endowment	Robert Chesebro
Vice President, Finance	Steve Wilder
Vice President, Development	
Vice President, Marketing	Craig Burnside
Vice President, District Operations	Bill McCleave
Council Attorney	Jeff Whitman
Immediate Past President	Karl Heminger

2012 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Donald Alexander	Roger (Dale) Laws
Greg Allen	Mark Line
Mike Ayers	Craig Marks
Lawrence Ball	Daniel Michel
Jacques Behar	Mark Miller
Brian Burkett	Larry Musser
Larry Busdeker	Chris Press
Phillip Caris	Lynn Radabaugh
Lynn Child	Paul Schmelzer
Chuck Clapper	Robert Shrider
Robert Cupp	Ralph Stelzer
Brian Dicken	Steve Walker
William Finerty	Nathan Weaks
Richard Flowers	Jeff Whitman
Mason Fox *	David Woodruff
Amaris Haley *	Paul Worstell
Phil Havens	Dan Vennekotter
David Heppner	
Doug Hiegel	
Linda Hirschfeld	
Dee Huston	
Ed Ingold	
Jason Kimmet	
Paul Kramer	





2012 Pinewood Derby Council Finals



Black Swamp Area Councils 2012 Pinewood Derby Finals were held on Saturday, May 19th at St. Michaels Church. We would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who helped make it a great event.





BRENDA SHINN– Great Oaks District

Currently, Brenda is registered as the United Commissioner and Troop Committee Member with Troop and Pack 176. She started her Scouting career in 2005 as a member of the Pack Committee and served two years as a Den Leader.

On a District level, Brenda serves as a Unit Commissioner starting in 2007. Brenda helped with the Scouting for Food Drive, Pinewood Derby and Day Camp where she served as a member of the committee (training chair)

for five years. She has served in the district fish fry and helped with the August Kickoff for Scouting.

On the Council level, Brenda is a staff member of the University of Scouting and has also served as an instructor for six years. She holds a Doctoral Degree of Boy Scouts. She also helped with Resident Camp, Mom & Me, assisted in the Friends of Scouting and the United Way Fund Drive. She is now working on her Beads for Wood Badge in 2012-2013.



BILL CHESTER– Chinquapin District

Bill began his Scouting career as a Tiger Cub Leader in 1996, and the Unit Commissioner. He was a Wolf, Bear, Webelos 1 and Webelos 2 Leader and attended Cub Day Camp and Dad and Lad each year with the Pack. During this time he received the Cub Scout Den Leader Award. Presently, Bill is registered as the Chinquapin District Commissioner and in 2001 he attended the Philmont Training Center for the Commissioner Service Training. He has also served as the Friends of Scouting Chair. Bill received his Wood Badge Beads in 2003,

the District Award of Merit and the President's Award. From 2005-2011, Bill was the Camp Lakota Staff Medical Officer. Bill is a Funeral Home Assistant at the Grisier Funeral Home in Stryker, and EMT/Firefighter on the Delta Fire Department, First Aid/CPR Instructor, and is the Red Cross Disaster Chair. Bill has done much for his District and is always there to help.



BOB SCHRINER– American Elm District

Bob's unit involvement in Scouting began with Pack 388 as Cubmaster. He also served with Troop 388 at the same time, eventually becoming the Scoutmaster in 2003. During his tenure, 9 Boy Scouts received their Eagle rank. Bob has 2 Eagle Scout Mentor pins.

Presently, Bob is the Unit Commissioner for Troop and Crew 338 and is a member of the Council Endowment Committee. He has assisted with the Council web site development, and staffed Mom and Me.

During his Cub Scout years, achieved the Masters level at the University of Scouting, and has participated in 3 Black Swamp Area Golf Outings. His awards include the American Elm Cubmaster Award of Merit, earned in 2000; the Scoutmaster Award of Merit; and the District Award of Merit, received in 2012.

Bob has been active as a parent with the Findlay First Edition, Music Boosters, Athletic Boosters, Trojan Club, and was a youth soccer coach.



DAN VENNEKOTTER– Hawthorn District

Dan is currently registered as a Committee Member as well as the Hawthorn District Camping Chair. Dan has been a Unit Committee Member, Assistant Cub Master, Assistant Scout Master and a Merit Badge Counselor for over 15 years.

In his District, Dan has held positions such as the District Chairman, District Committee Member, District Commissioner and he has served the last 5 years as District Camping Chair.

Dan has been a member of the Council Board

since 1988 and has served as Klondike Derby Mayor many times. He is an instructor of Leave No Trace and the University of Scouting. Dan helped start the Council golf outing. He received the Council President's Award.

Dan is the Owner and Operations Manager of Hometown Mortgage Brokers, LLC and has Vennekotter Farms. In his community, Dan is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Ottawa's Kiwanis, Kalida Lions Club, Kalida Fish and Game Club, and Kalida Pioneer Days.

MARK BADEN – Chinquapin District

Mark is currently the Chinquapin's District Commissioner, Pack's Charter Representative and Troop Committee Chairman. In 1978, Mark began his adult involvement in Scouting as a Webelos Den Leader and Assistant Scoutmaster. In 1983, he became the Scoutmaster Unit Commissioner, and the Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, which he maintained until 1998 when he took on his current position.

Mark has attended 3 years of Cub Camp,

20 years at Boy Scout Summer Camps, and countless District Camporees. His extensive awards consist of the District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Cub Scout Den Leader Award, National Lamb Award, Arrowhead Honor Award, Scouter's Key, Scouter Training Award, Arrow of Light (1958) Order of the Arrow 1960, District Scoutmaster of the Year, Commissioner Key and the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award. He received his first set of Wood Badge Beads in 1979 and he also received Beads in 2010.



NATHAN WEAKS– Chinquapin District

Nathan attained his Eagle Scout award in 1973. He began his adult Scouting career by starting a Cub Pack, serving as the Cubmaster for 2 years. He then started a Troop serving as the Scoutmaster and as a committee member. During that time, Nathan led his Troop to Isle Royale in Lake Superior for a week of High Adventure. Also, for 8 years he led his Troop to Kentucky for cave spelunking and served as a Cave Guide for other Troops.

On the District level, Nathan organized a

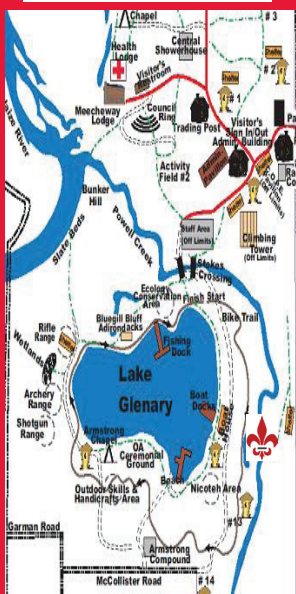
District Scout concert band, which became a Venturing Crew; he organized the District level Merit Badge component of the monthly Roundtables, and serves as a Merit Badge counselor. Nathan received the District Award of Merit in 2008, the Fellowship of Boy Scouting at the University of Scouting in 2010; he received the Cubmaster Award of Merit, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, and the Scoutmaster of the Year.




What is the Silver Beaver Award?

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.





 Site of the new Chief White Hair Camp Site; named in honor of Chris Crawford for his dedication to serving the youth of the Black Swamp Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.



Dr. Chris Crawford
1940-2012

To say that Dr. Crawford had Scouting Spirit would be an understatement to his character. He truly cared and believed in the Scouting movement. Doc, as most Scouters called him, was a man with Scouting running through his veins. Scouting occupied a major part of his life from his days as a young Scout and camp staff member right up to his service as the President of two Councils!! He was an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He received the Silver Beaver recognition and was a James E. West Fellow. He proudly wore the Wood Badge beads that he earned as a participant in the 2001 Wood Badge course in our Council. Most recently, Doc was recognized by everyone as the Vice President of Program for the Council.

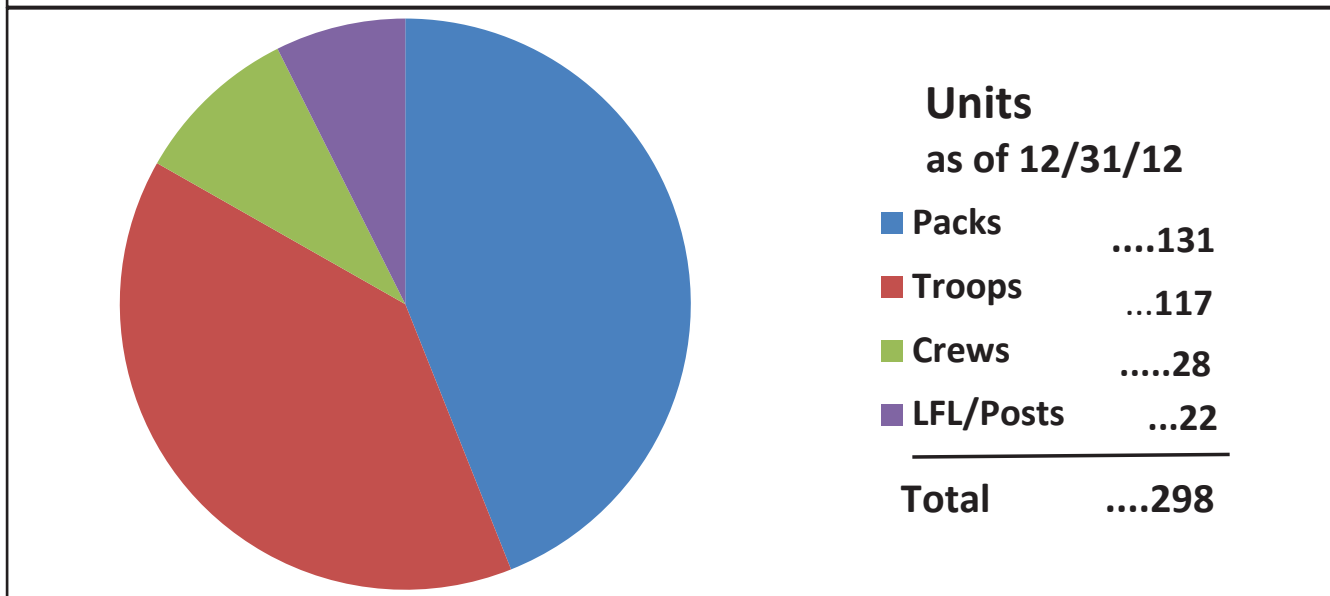
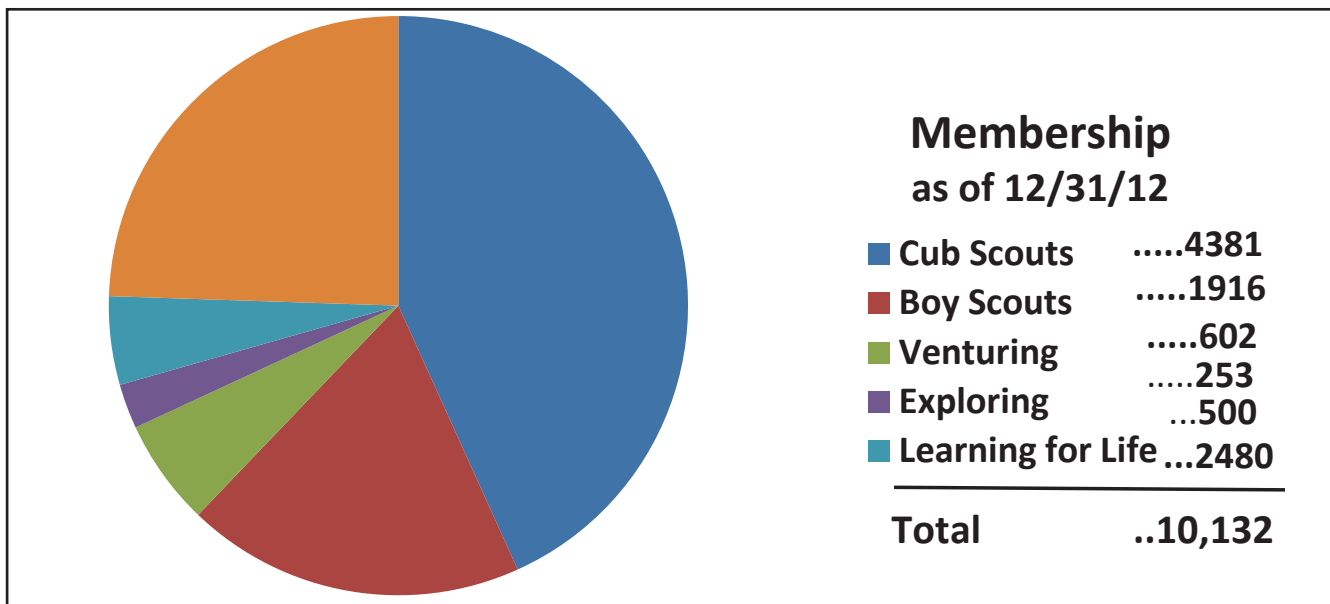
Doc had an unparalleled passion for the development of young people in all ways and even more so with making sure that they had access to the opportunity of Scouting! He had “the juice” as he would refer to it.

Although Chris lived a very busy and active life, he always found time to go the extra mile when it came to Scouting; whether it was showing up to an NYLT banquet, summer camp leader’s meeting, a Wood Badge course, a district event, or even just a phone call to check in on how things were coming along. He was passionately concerned that we, as a Council, were doing everything that we could to positively impact the lives of more young people.



The new Chief White Hair Site under construction.

Membership & Financial Reports



INCOME

Activities/Special Events	\$ 372,005
Camping/Programs	\$ 428,867
Investments	\$ 273,346
Product Sales	\$ 376,514
Annual Gifts	\$ 230,468
United Ways	\$ 156,954
Store Sales,other	\$ 141,949
Foundations/Grants	\$ 76,477
TOTAL	\$2,056,580

EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 226,026
Programs	\$1,767,111
Fundraising	\$ 61,643
TOTAL	\$2,054,780

INCOME OVER EXPENSES

\$1,800

Class of 2012 Eagle Scouts

AMERICAN ELM DISTRICT

Daniel	Baumgartner	Troop 319
David	Savino	Troop 124
Chase	Wilson	Troop 318
Michael	Loughman	Troop 335
Rodney	Park	Troop 319
Mitchell	Stahl	Troop 324
Michael	Ulrich	Troop 342
David	Van Atta	Troop 318
Matthew	Wehrly	Troop 412
Michael	Gardner II	Troop 319
Jacob	Rodenberger	Troop 318
Kevin	Keefe Jr.	Troop 316
Sean	McAdoo	Troop 338
Jasveer	Sandhu	Troop 338
Luke	Schaffer	Troop 412
Mark	Ruehle	Troop 318
Austin	Corey	Troop 319
Benjamin	Book	Troop 164
Christopher	Laswell	Troop 327
Thomas	Riley	Troop 308
Noah	Walter	Troop 342
Eric	Fintel	Troop 164
Andrew	Lotz	Troop 318
Thomas	Stennett	Troop 302
Ryan	Brauneller	Troop 338
Grant	Cole	Troop 164
Philip	Vance	Troop 319
Brad	Couchot	Troop 338
Aaron	Long	Troop 308

BUCKEYE DISTRICT

Douglas	McDonald	Troop 443
Timothy	Pariseau	Troop 450
Scott	Bryant	Troop 443
Jacob	Schalk	Troop 435
Robert	Parker	Troop 400
David	Smith	Troop 450
Allister	Phillimore	Troop 447

CHINQUAPIN DISTRICT

Colin	Blosser	Troop 79
Jack	Wallace	Troop 70
Joshua	Flint	Troop 1222
Nicholas	Post	Troop 216
Jarid	Jones	Troop 87
Seth	Eitnrear	Troop 75
Brandon	Gambler	Troop 1222
Joseph	Stough	Troop 13
Nathan	Lamore	Troop 1222
Andrew	Markley	Troop 167
Luke	Grisier	Troop 8
Derek	Healy	Troop 87
Zachary	Gorsuch	Troop 1125
Hunter	Clingaman	Troop 79
David	Hench	Troop 8
Kyle	Zumfelde	Troop 46
Austin	Pickering	Troop 46
Jonathon	Frost	Troop 166
Robert	Lautar	Troop 46
Noah	Buchenberg	Troop 46
Zachary	Lockmiller	Troop 70

GREAT OAKS DISTRICT

Ryan	Harner	Troop 3
Kyle	Klausing	Troop 65
Gilbert	Campbell	Troop 82
William	Foster	Troop 49
Jacob	Violet	Troop 65
Wesley	Patton	Troop 82
Austin	Etzler	Troop 65
Timothy	Calderwood	Troop 106
Eli	Tucker	Troop 176
Ian	Dukehart	Troop 84
Dakota	Clark	Troop 11
Benjamin	Leis	Troop 11
Lars	Neu	Troop 106
Jaegar	Schlumpberger	Troop 103
Jacob	Hale	Troop 82
Ethan	Degen	Troop 82

HAWTHORN DISTRICT

Randell	Collins	Troop 19
Isaiah	Ross	Troop 64
Justin	Vorst	Troop 229
Ryan	Smith	Troop 229
Adam	Siefker	Troop 229
Logan	Diemer	Troop 224
Noah	Edwards	Troop 31
Jacob	Young	Troop 230
Jared	Hoersten	Troop 230
Luke	Recker	Troop 229
Colin	Sickels	Troop 230
Logan	Sickels	Troop 230
Ian	Munger	Troop 315
Caleb	Mead	Troop 64
Jacob	Turnwald	Troop 266
Zachary	Closson	Troop 229
Colton	Haselman	Troop 229
Noah	Leatherman	Troop 19
Tyler	Metzger	Troop 224
Cody	Sheets	Troop 224
Timothy	Schroeder	Troop 224
Travis	Lippi	Troop 35
Benjamin	Dwyer	Troop 35

OLD SYCAMORE DISTRICT

David	DiGiovanni	Troop 4
Jared	Fox	Troop 9
Joshua	Sturgill	Troop 4
Alexander	Speelman	Troop 95
Austin	Drake	Troop 162
Jonathan	Eaton	Troop 14
Aaren	Hemmelgarn	Troop 95
Mark	Moeller	Troop 97
Grant	Garmann	Troop 97
Nicholas	Schmitz	Troop 97
Bennett	Staton	Troop 95
Trent	Severt	Troop 96
Christopher	Heitkamp	Troop 97
Jordon	Berry	Troop 98
Jeffrey	Brogan	Troop 1444
Michael	Greer	Troop 162
Daniel	Baughman	Troop 98
Spencer	Kramer	Troop 97
Alexander	Bowler	Troop 96
Tyler	Rose	Troop 360
Nathan	Heeb	Troop 69
Christopher	Cowdery	Troop 71
Mason	Haney	Troop 44
Justin	Pietrzak	Troop 360

Venturing Awards for Advancement 2012



SILVER AWARD

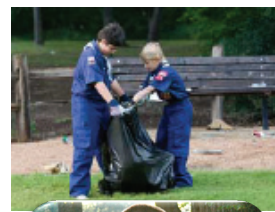
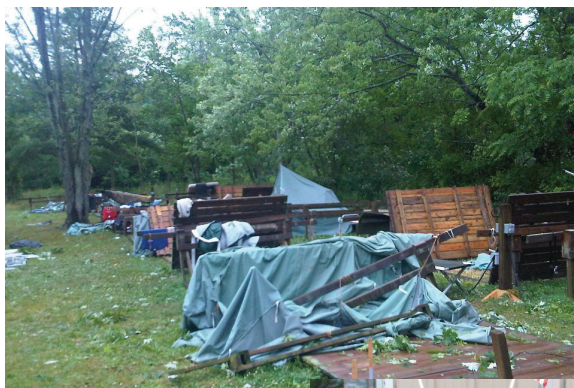
Katie Myers of Crew 35
Amaris Haley of Crew 164

VENTURING LEADERSHIP AWARD

Shelby Adkins of Crew 601



Adventure & Excitement



Scout Law: A Scout is...



trustworthy



loyal



helpful



friendly



courteous



kind



obedient



cheerful



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