

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

BLACK SWAMP AREA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



HELPEFUL

FRIENDLY  
LOYAL



KIND

OBEYDIENT

COURTEOUS  
CHEERFUL

REVERENT

BRAVE

TRUSTWORTHY

THRIFTY

CLEAN

# MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



## SCOUT OATH

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

In 2017, the Black Swamp Area Council earned Gold status in Journey to Excellence. This is proof that great Scouting is alive and well in Northwest Ohio. What makes Scouting great? The support and effort that our volunteers give to deliver the program to our movement. Scouting is not a program or an organization, we are a movement that is making an impact on today's youth that will last for generations.

Three-fourths of the word 'Scouting' is 'Outing'. The Black Swamp Area Council is blessed to have two outstanding and unique outdoor leadership centers, Camp Lakota and Camp Berry. The Council is also blessed to have the support of Berry Boy Scouts, Inc., commonly known as the Berry Trust, which continues to support both camps.

At Camp Lakota, construction of a new shower house is underway and the Bonnie Shook Nature Center was dedicated this past summer. At Camp Berry, we are in the second year of our ATV program and continue to update our cabin facilities.

Continuing to work to increase the number of youth that experience our outdoor program is a key priority. As we move into 2018, the Black Swamp Area Council looks forward to maintaining the Gold Journey to Excellence standard in serving our communities.

Yours in Scouting,

Mark Miller  
Council President

Dan Meffley  
Council Commissioner

Marc Kogan  
Scout Executive

**GOLD** status earned by the Council in Journey to Excellence

**787** Cub Scouts and their families participated in summer activities throughout our Council

**70%** retention rate of youth in the Scouting program

**27,339** hours of community service, worth

**\$628,524**, were provided to the communities of Northwest and West Central Ohio, including Scouting for Food and Soles4Souls

**1,836** dedicated volunteers and generous donors helped provide Scouting, Exploring and Learning for Life programs to the youth we serve

**5,910** youth participated in Scouting, Exploring and Learning for Life programs

**126** Eagle Scout ranks were earned

**2,552** youth earned rank advancements

**1,043** Boy Scouts participated in a summer camp experience

**\$18,257** in camperships and registration assistance was provided so youth throughout the Council got to experience summer camp and the Scouting program

**275** youth in **15** posts participate in the Exploring (workforce development) program

**3,972** merit badges were earned by Boy Scouts

**99%** of direct contact leaders have completed Youth Protection Training

**40** youth completed National Youth Leadership Training

**85%** of all direct contact volunteer leaders completed basic training for their position to guide the youth of our council

TO THE PROFESSIONALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS THAT  
PUT FORTH THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO BETTER SCOUTING,  
THANK YOU.

## 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Council President  
Council Commissioner  
Executive Vice President  
Treasurer  
Vice President Membership  
Vice President Development  
Vice President Program  
Vice President Administration  
Vice President District Operations  
Vice President Exploring/LFL  
Vice President Marketing  
Vice President Endowment  
Vice President Properties  
Attorney  
Past President  
Executive Committee Member at Large  
Scout Executive

Mark Miller  
Daniel Meffley  
Sherri Garner Brumbaugh  
Keith Eiden  
Cheryl Parson  
John Swearingen  
Curtis Brookhart  
Matthew Cunningham  
Karl Heminger  
Lynn Child  
Bill Clinger  
Stan Doty  
Phil Havens  
Jeffrey Whitman  
Cary Cox  
Robert Chesebro  
Marc Kogan

## 2017 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Donald Alexander  
Larry Ball  
Jacques Behar  
Matt Black  
Chuck Clapper  
Judy Crawford  
Robert Cupp  
William Finerty  
Richard Flowers  
Peter Gilgen  
Scott Gray  
Linda Hirschfeld  
Ed Ingold

Jeffrey Iten  
Dale Laws  
Tom Masterson  
Walter Poffenbaugh  
Mike Resar  
Doug Saul  
Mike Saxton  
Robert Shrider  
Dave Staffieri  
Dan Vennekotter  
Michelle Waggonner  
Steve Wilder  
Mike Wolfe

Chip Wood  
Michael Yammine

### DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

Richard Altman  
Peter Berton  
Marty Borchers  
Mike Metzger

### OA REPRESENTATIVE

Cory Johnson





# CLASS OF 2017 EAGLE SCOUTS

The 2017 Eagle Scout class consisted of 126 Eagle Scouts. This year, the Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award was received by Levi Baus from Troop 63 in Archbold. The recipient for the Paul M. and Lucy Gillmor Scholarship was Andrew Borkosky from Troop 314 in Mt. Blanchard.



According to a Baylor University Study, Eagle Scouts are more likely to do the following:



HAVE HIGHER LEVELS OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION SKILLS.



BE GOAL ORIENTED.



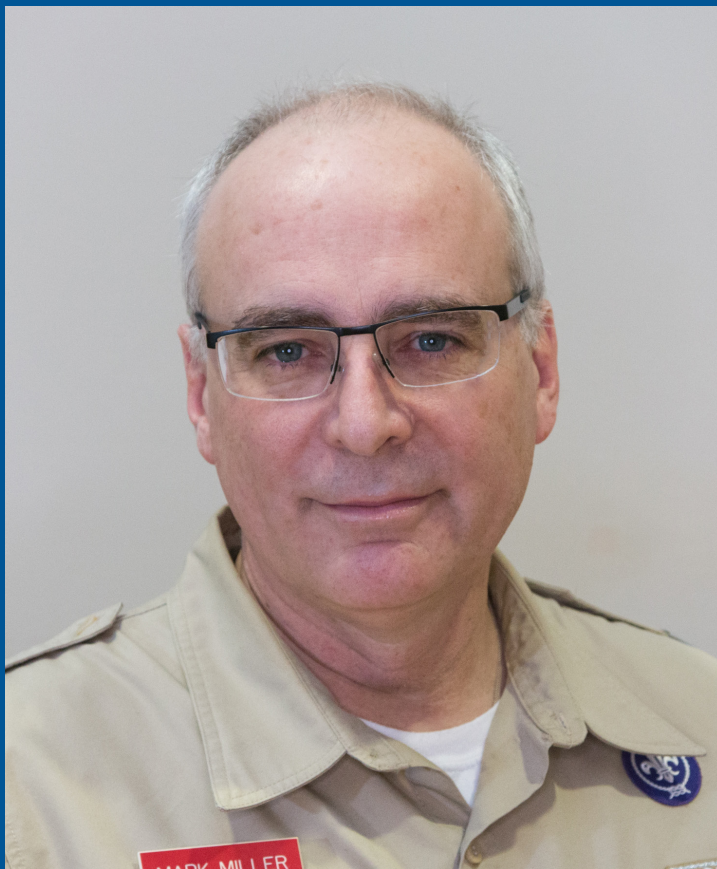
NETWORK WITH OTHERS

# WHAT IS THE S

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is the council's highest honor. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made a significant contribution to the Boy Scouts of America. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scout Oath and Law through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017



MARK MILLER  
Findlay, OH



DENNIS LAMB  
Lima, OH

# SILVER BEAVER?

...council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. ...made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the ...ent the Scouting program and perform community service through ...service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.



## SILVER BEAVER AWARD RECIPIENTS



DAVID HUCKERIEDE  
Lima, OH



JODY TAYLOR  
Van Wert, OH



# BOY SCOUT GOLF CLASSIC

In 2017, \$69,565 was raised to support  
Scouting in the counties we serve.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

### EAGLE SPONSORS

Magellan Midstream Partners, Marathon Petroleum Co. LLC, NGL Energy Partners

### FIRST CLASS SPONSORS

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### ADDITIONAL DONORS AND SPONSORS

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# BOY SCOUT SPORTING CLAYS

In 2017, \$55,525 was raised to support  
Scouting in the counties we serve.

## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:

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ACI Construction Co., Inc, Blanchard Valley Health System, Rich & Beth Flowers, Garner Trucking, K & L Ready Mix, Miami Industrial Trucks, Rowmark, Jeff Iten, John Swearingen





## 2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

In 2017, 36 youth and 4 adults attended the National Scout Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The contingent had the opportunity to experience whitewater rafting and zip lining prior to arriving at Jamboree.

While at Jamboree, Findlay radio station WFIN 1330 AM interviewed some members of the contingent about what is offered at Jamboree and what makes the Jamboree experience so great for Scouts. Contingent member Travis Yammine stated, "The Jamboree is such a large gathering of Scouts from all over the country and even from around the world...where everybody shares the same anchor as a way to connect."



# BONNIE SHOOK NATURE CENTER

Last summer, the Bonnie Shook Nature Center was completed and was ready for the 2017 summer camp season. The Nature Center is dedicated in honor of Boonie Shook, one of Black Swamp Area Council's long time Scouters. The building was donated to the Council and was deconstructed, moved to Camp Lakota and then reconstructed at camp. The ribbon cutting ceremony was on June 27.

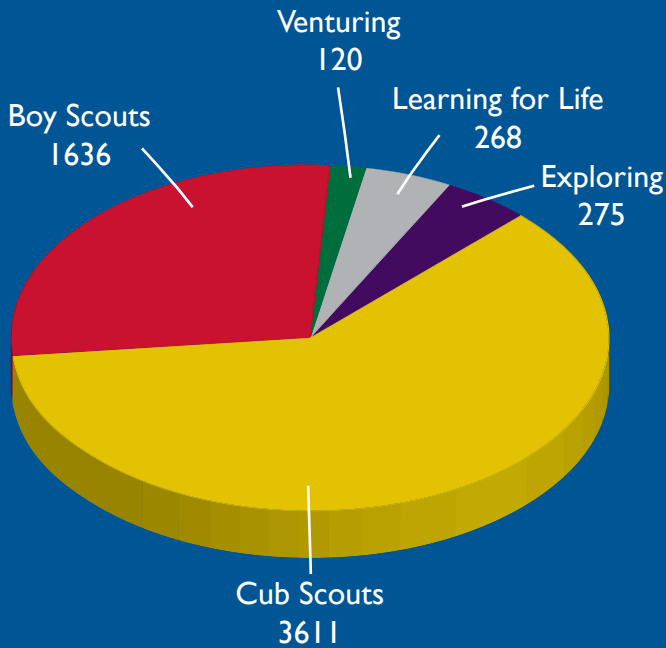
This large project could not have been completed without all of the efforts of our volunteers who donated their time and sweat equity.



# 2017 MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

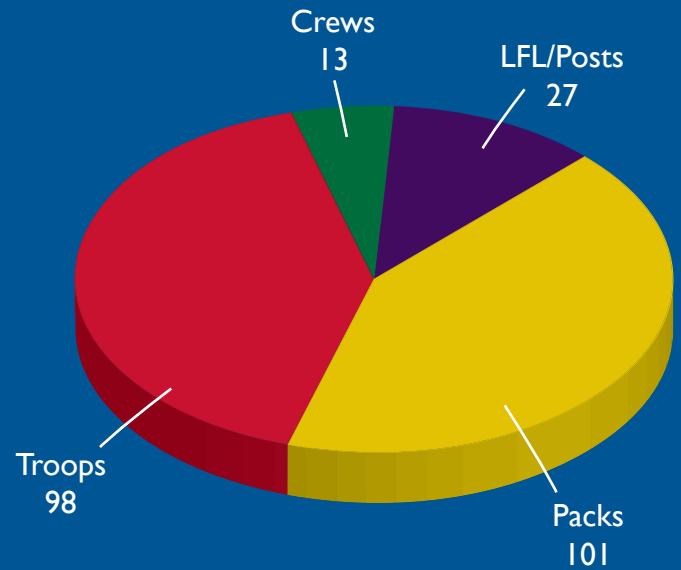
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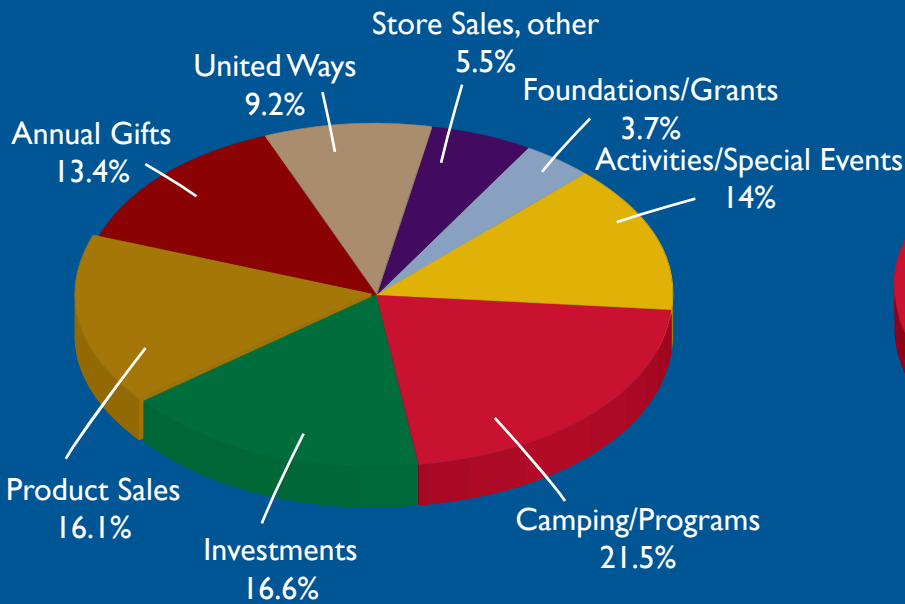


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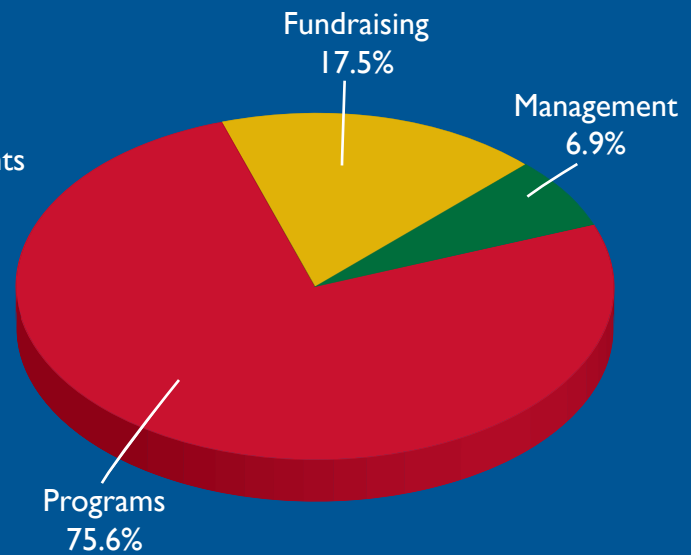
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## HOW WE ARE FUNDED



## HOW WE INVEST



**Operating Revenue** **\$2,034,625**

Activities/Special Events	\$285,131
Camping/Programs	\$438,362
Investments (Endowment)	\$338,474
Product Sales (Popcorn)	\$328,789
Annual Gifts (Friends of Scouting)	\$271,678
United Ways	\$186,349
Store Sales, other	\$111,090
Foundations/Grants	\$74,752

**Operating Expenses** **\$1,898,004**

Management	\$130,599
Programs	\$1,435,379
Fundraising	\$332,026

These are unaudited results

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