

BOY SCOUTS
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PATHWAY TO
ADVENTURE COUNCIL

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

About **PATHWAY TO ADVENTURE COUNCIL**

Pathway to Adventure Council provides the nation's foremost youth program for character development and values-based leadership training to more than 13,600 youth, from kindergarten through high school in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. Over 5,400 adult volunteers deliver Scouting's impactful programs to help young people be "Prepared. For Life.®" Last year, local Scouts and adult volunteers provided 110,503 hours of community service valued at \$3,514,000. Our programs include Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Exploring, Sea Scouts, Restoring the Village, Soccer in Scouting, and STEM in Scouting.

MISSION STATEMENT

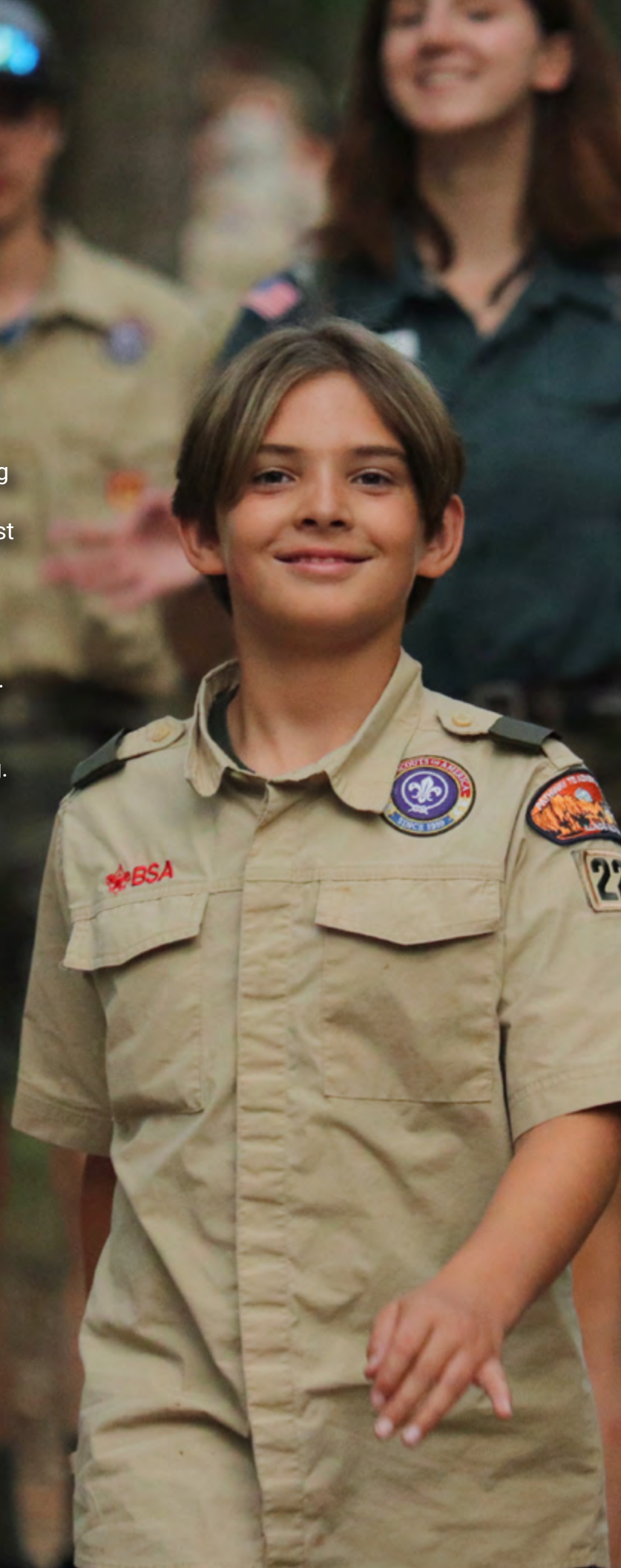
To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

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.

SCOUT LAW

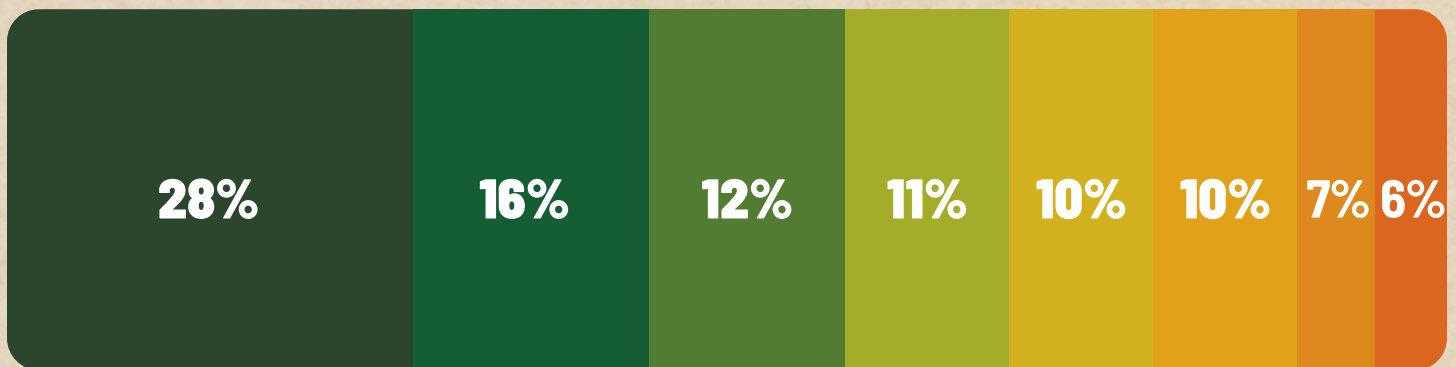
A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

13,603 YOUTH SERVED	5,400 ADULT VOLUNTEERS	110,503 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
4,977 TOTAL SCOUTS BSA	16,007 COMPLETED MERIT BADGES	383 EAGLE SCOUTS
7,706 TOTAL CUB SCOUTS	3,198 NEW CUB SCOUT FAMILIES	75,000 PIECES COLLECTED FOR SFF (SCOUTING FOR FOOD)
519 STEM IN SCOUTING YOUTH	3,567 YOUTH ATTENDED PTAC CAMPS	\$62,074 CAMPERSHIP AID PROVIDED
408 EXPLORING YOUTH	4,940 VENTURING YOUTH	634 SOCCER IN SCOUTING YOUTH

FUNDS



28%	Camping	\$1,549,521	10%	Other	\$548,112
16%	Special Events	\$903,307	10%	Foundations	\$543,430
12%	Activities	\$681,813	7%	Investments	\$416,475
11%	Popcorn Sales	\$584,987	6%	IIC	\$309,028

UNAUDITED DATA FROM 2023

AN EAGLE TAKES ACTION



Christian G., an Eagle Scout from our Checaugau District, exemplified the key values instilled by our program when he acted in an emergency situation the day after he passed his Eagle Board of Review. Christian was on the CTA bus after leaving DePaul Prep High School when he

noticed a passenger in distress, possibly experiencing a seizure. Without hesitation, Christian approached the individual to assess the situation.

The passenger, a 25-year-old male, struggled to speak and managed to mumble "ambulance." Remaining composed, Christian provided stabilizing assistance and promptly alerted the bus driver. A 911 call was made, and an ambulance arrived on the scene shortly after. Throughout the entire ordeal, Christian supported the person, briefed the paramedics upon their arrival, and continued assisting until the passenger was safely transported to the hospital before heading home.

Christian's keen observance, quick recognition of a potential emergency, and decisive actions serve as a powerful reminder of the impacts of our program. Scouting not only teaches essential skills but also empowers our youth to confidently respond in emergency situations, honing their ability to make a real difference when it matters most.

"Anyone who has been through the Scouting program, like I have, would've done the same."



“Seeing a fellow passenger on the CTA bus uncontrollably shaking, while turning pale and purple, alerted me to something serious and the need to take action. The various skills Scouts learn, practice, and teach, helped me to react instinctively. I’m thankful to those who taught me and for the quick response from Chicago’s first responders.”





NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

In the scenic hills of Southern West Virginia, PTAC proudly stood as the third-largest contingent at the 2023 National Scout Jamboree, hosting six troops and around 240 Scouts and leaders.

For Restoring The Village (RTV) Troop 3108, led by Assistant Scoutmaster Hector V., the Jamboree was a historic milestone. A “Once in a Lifetime” experience, the RTV Scouts conquered high-adventure activities, from zip-lining to white-water rafting. Even through patch trading, it unlocked opportunities the Scouts had never dreamed of, fostering friendships with Scouts from across the nation!

Participating Scout, Quin M., grew up hearing about the Jamboree from his Uncle who attended and watched the moon landing on a big screen in 1969! Quin declared this as the best experience of his life. From patch trading to ziplining, Quin’s time there was a whirlwind of joy. His enthusiasm even sparked a flame in his home troop, encouraging younger Scouts, especially his younger brother, to join in the next Jamboree.

As the sun set over the West Virginian hills, the 2023 Jamboree became a celebration of PTAC’s commitment to Scouting excellence. This experience lit a flame for adventure that would burn brightly in the hearts of Scouts for years to come.





IGNITING POSSIBILITIES THROUGH EXPLORING

In 2023, PTAC's Fire Explorer program flourished, introducing three new posts that have garnered community support and endorsement from the city. These posts in Skokie, the Village of Maywood, and Clarendon Hills, quickly reached maximum capacity!

Our Fire Explorer posts offer a range of experiences, from community initiatives to comprehensive training in first aid, CPR, fire equipment usage, and the necessary steps toward becoming EMS and fire professionals. This hands-on learning environment covers engineering, fire science, safety procedures, and character development, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience for participants.

Skokie's Fire Explorer Advisor, Timothy T., reflects on the impact of this program, sharing his journey that began in 1978! As a young Scout, his participation in the Paramedic Explorer Program opened doors for hands-on training and active involvement in EMS activities. This invaluable experience fueled his career, showcasing the impact these programs can have.

Timothy's own daughter, driven by a passion for firefighting, also joined the program! She not only fulfilled her own career dreams but also became an advisor for multiple Explorer posts, embodying the spirit of mentorship and community service.

As the flames of success continue to flicker brightly within our Fire Explorer program, we witness the emergence of a generation prepared to face the challenges of emergency services with unwavering dedication. These young explorers, guided by experienced advisors like Timothy, are not just learning the ropes; they are forging a path towards a safer and more resilient community.





CUB SCOUTS
GRADES K-5

Cub Scouts is a program where youth develop the foundations for leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness through fun activities. Activities include exploring the outdoors, building projects, making friends, and developing a lifelong love of learning!



SCOUTS BSA
AGES 11-17

Scouts BSA is where youth develop outdoor skills, self-confidence, and ethics through youth planned activities focused in service, community engagement, and leadership. Scouts earn merit badges and work towards Scouting's highest rank—Eagle Scout.

About **OUR** **PROGRAMS**



EXPLORING
AGES 10-20

The Exploring program connects youth with mentors, businesses, and agencies within their communities to help them discover future career paths. Explorers step out of the classroom and into real-world work environments to gain hands-on experience and learn more about potential career paths.



SEA SCOUTS
AGES 14-20

Sea Scouts is a maritime program that offers activities including paddleboarding, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, and even SCUBA. Scouts earn certifications in SCUBA, boating safety, lifesaving, CPR—credentials that mark their growth throughout the program.



VENTURING
AGES 14-20

Venturing is a youth-led program where Scouts experience positive mentorship and develop leadership skills like decision making, communication, and organization by choosing activities they are most interested in performing.



STEM IN SCOUTING
GRADES 3-12

PTAC's STEM in Scouting program partners with leaders in STEM education and local schools to provide a fun and interactive program focused in science, technology, engineering, math, and arts. The program continues through middle and high school.



**RESTORING
THE VILLAGE**
AGES 5-20

The RTV program is a partnership between Scouting, community leaders, and at-risk youth. It gives young people in embattled neighborhoods the values, tools, opportunities, and mentors needed to build a brighter future.



**SOCCER IN
SCOUTING**
AGES 5-18

Soccer in Scouting is a unique program that blends Scouting's benefits with the fun of soccer. The families that connect to the Soccer in Scouting program come together to have fun, bond with their community, and offer their children new opportunities.

LOCATIONS

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
CENTER FOR SCOUTING**

617 E. Golf Rd., Suite 101
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(312) 421-8800 ext. 208

**CHICAGO
CENTER FOR SCOUTING**

106 N. Aberdeen St., Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60607
(312) 421-8800 ext. 201

**LA GRANGE
CENTER FOR SCOUTING**

811 W. Hillgrove Ave.
La Grange, IL 60525
(312) 421-8800 ext. 325

**ROBERT J. WELSH
CENTER FOR SCOUTING**

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Munster, IN 46321
(312) 421-8800 ext. 251

CAMPS

OWASIPPE

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Twin Lake, MI 49457

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Berrien Springs, MI 49103

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