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GREAT RIVERS COUNCIL

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Working together to build
the future of Scouting
for youth in central
and northeast
Missouri.



▶▶▶ MISSION

The mission of the Great Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime and to achieve their full potential by teaching them life skills and instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

▶▶▶ GREAT RIVERS COUNCIL

The Great Rivers Council provides youth programs of character development and values-based leadership training. The Council serves **2,600 youth and families** and **1,000 adult volunteers** in **33 counties in central and northeast Missouri**. Our mission is to provide character development, citizenship training, and growth in physical, mental and spiritual fitness, to help create the next generation of leaders.

▶▶▶ TOP MOMENTS OF THE COUNCIL | 2023



Opened the **Scouting Adventure Center** and began offering programs



Scouting for Peanut Butter collection in frigid temperatures **provided meals for thousands of community youth in need**



Raised **\$552,681** in capital for support of the Scouting Adventure Center



Sinquefield Skills & Trades Lab began offering instruction



The thrifty ticket, popcorn & sausage sales achieved a **10% increase**, reaching **\$516,631**, with units earning 50%+ commissions



Eagle Scout College scholarship with Missouri Valley College

▶▶▶ THANK YOU TO AWARD RECIPIENTS | 2023

Silver Beavers: Alan Hillard, Jim Dallas, Matt Pigg

BSA Alumnus: Amanda Hayes

Duty to God: Chris Harper, Cliff Olsen

Americanism Hero: Mike Chidster, Shawn Merrill

Eagle Project of the Year: Carlton W., Troop 708

Golden Beavers: Wayne Clark, George Kopp, Donny Ince

Doroghazi Eagle Scout: Brendan Fish, Dallin Vorkink,

Ernest Thompson Seton: David Thorne



▶▶▶ MEET OUR 2023 LEADERSHIP



Allan Moore
*President &
Chair of the Board*



Sid Popejoy
*Council
Commissioner*



John K. Fabsits
Scout Executive/CEO

At the core of Scouting lies the spirit of discovery. Whether embarking on a campout, participating in a derby car race, or trekking along a trail, each adventure offers an opportunity to unearth new aspects of ourselves. Through Scouting, we prioritize character development, leadership, and outdoor exploration, all of which are grounded in the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. Our aim is to equip youth with the essential qualities needed for a lifetime of leadership, Prepared. For Life.

For over a century, the Boy Scouts of America has been a beacon of excellence in youth development, preparing local youth annually for adulthood. This achievement is made possible by the dedication of volunteers who create a safe, enriching environment for growth and success.

We are proud of the contributions made towards the opening of the Scouting Adventure Center and the Sinquefield Skills & Trades Lab, as well as the establishment of new partnerships like the Eagle Scout Scholarship with Missouri Valley College. Significant attendance growth in our summer camp programs and the countless hours of volunteer and donor support further highlight our commitment to Scouting's mission.

Your dedication to Scouting is invaluable. Let's continue nurturing youth, fostering their potential, and building a community where every young person thrives. Thank you for your continued support of the Great Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America.

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ADVENTURE





▶▶▶ LAKE OF THE OZARKS SCOUT RESERVATION



The Guardians of Hohn offers a unique opportunity to provide lasting stewardship for Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation.

\$55,966

was raised in 2023 for projects specifically designated by the **136** Guardians of Hohn members.

Located on the Lake of the Ozarks at mile marker 44 near Laurie, Missouri, amid spectacular natural beauty and rocky terrain, the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation boasts 450 acres and a mile and one-half of shoreline.

With a **zero-entry pool**, **Welcome Center**, **boating** and **fishing facilities**, **shooting sports facilities**, **cabins**, and home to the **Sinquefield Invention Campus** that consists of the **Invention Lab**, **Program Building**, **Metalworking Building**, and the **Skills & Trades Lab**, Scouts will never be short of finding adventure.



880

Scouts BSA in Summer Camp at Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation



3,200

Merit badges earned at camp



23

Different Councils were represented by Scouts at Summer Camp

10

Different states were represented by Scouts at Summer Camp



168

Cub Scouts in Summer Camp at Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation



1,096

Scouts BSA attended merit badge college workshops

▶ **IN 2023, SCOUTS...** Logged **5,507** Days Camping
Tracked **1,056** Miles Hiking



INNOVATION





▶▶▶ WHO WE SERVE

With over **1,925 volunteers**, 2023 was a good year for Scouting. Because of you, our volunteers, new families feel welcome. You are helping our new Scouts and families jump into Scouting. From leading new dens to organizing a family's first camping trip, you are the heart of Scouting. Over **\$20,000** of financial assistance was awarded to area youth to participate in Scouting!



2,429

Youth Served in 2023



1,447

Cub Scouts (K-5th Grade)



930

Scouts BSA (Ages 11-17)



52

Venturing/Exploring (Ages 17-20)

▶
140
Scouting
Units

▶ To Help Other People

Scouting emphasizes service to others, with Scout units collaborating on community projects multiple times yearly. Achieving the rank of Eagle entails planning, developing, and leading a personal service project.

Scouts completed **1,695 service projects** totaling **5,145 hours**, including projects involving:

- + Children/Education: **800 hours**
- + Disabled/Elderly: **153 hours**
- + Environmental: **1,347 hours**
- + Food/Shelter Insecurity: **872 hours**
- + Veterans: **625 hours**
- + Community Beautification: **218 hours**

Scouting Adventure Center

Located just off I-70 in Columbia, the Scouting Adventure Center spans 13,000 square feet and offers practical office space, an enhanced Scout Shop, and storage for essential equipment.

It is also for the profound – space for modular activities our youth can utilize throughout the year to master new skills, make connections and move toward the future.

Facilities include:

- New 26-foot high climbing wall
- Science & Nature Lab
- Engineering & Programming Arena
- Audio, Visual & Design Studio
- Health & Safety Arena
- Outdoor Cooking Pavilion

▶ ADVANCEMENTS

1,565 Rank Advancements
3,485 Merit Badges Earned
89 Eagle Scouts

Sinquefield Skills & Trades Building

The latest addition to the Invention Campus. Scouts will focus on trades such as electricity/electronics, plumbing, automotive maintenance, and a fully functioning sheet metal shop.



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▶▶▶ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Golden Eagle Club consists of individuals who have contributed \$750 or more to support Scouting.

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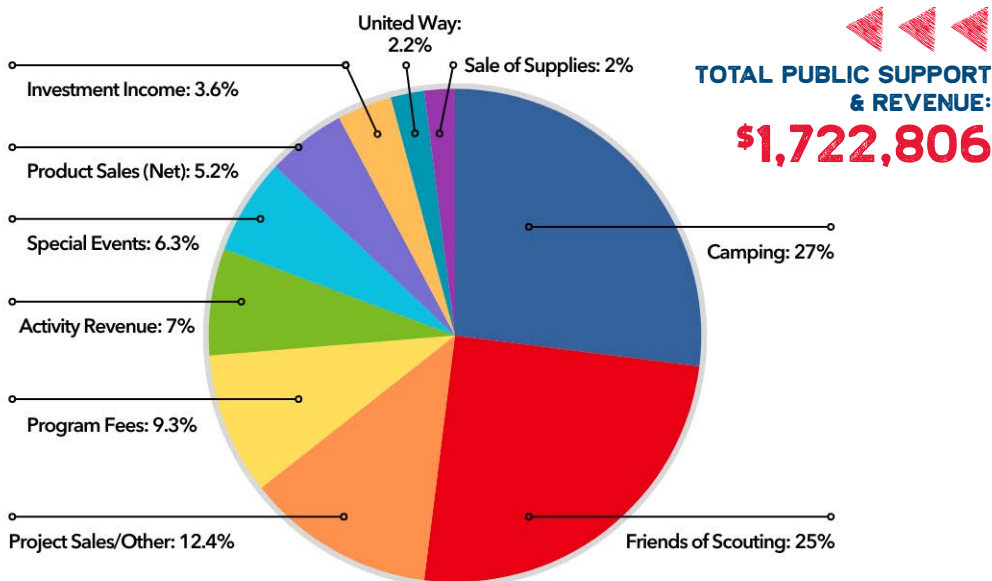


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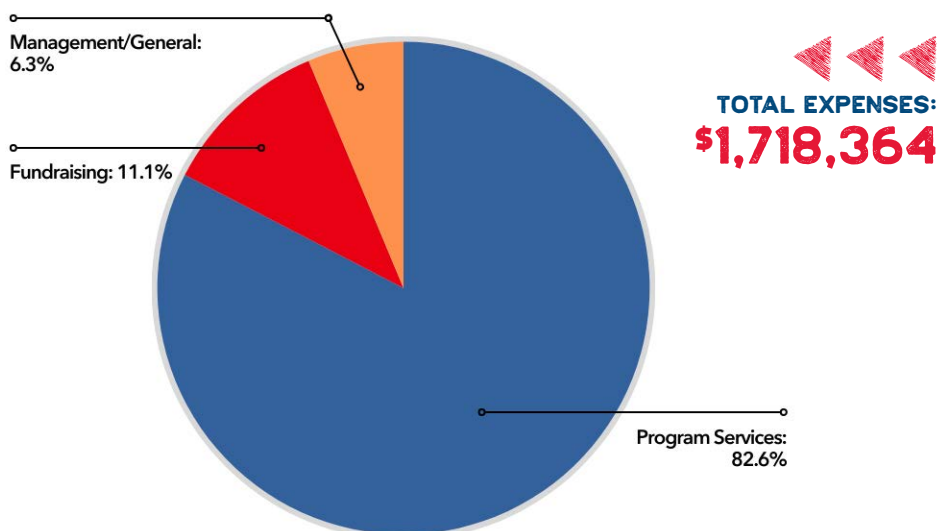


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The Great Rivers Council, Inc. Boy Scouts of America is an independent 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. Our assets are held locally, and we are financially independent. We own and control our properties including Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation and the Scouting Adventure Center, bank funds, and investments. Our supporters should remain confident that their past and future charitable contributions are secure.



**Based on 2023 actual revenue and expenses, unaudited financials.*



Support & Revenue

Camping Revenue
\$465,593

Friends of Scouting
\$432,063

Project Sales/
Sale of Supplies/
Other Direct
\$213,884

Program Fees
\$160,608

Activity Revenue
\$120,869

Special Events
\$106,974

Product Sales
\$90,687

Investment Income
\$62,000

United Way
\$38,380

Sale of Supplies
\$31,748

Expenses

Program Services
\$1,418,509

Management
and General
\$109,460

Fundraising
\$190,395

Revenue
How We
Are Funded

Expenses
How We
Invest In
Our
Youth



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ADVENTURE AWAITS

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Macon, and Shelby

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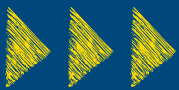
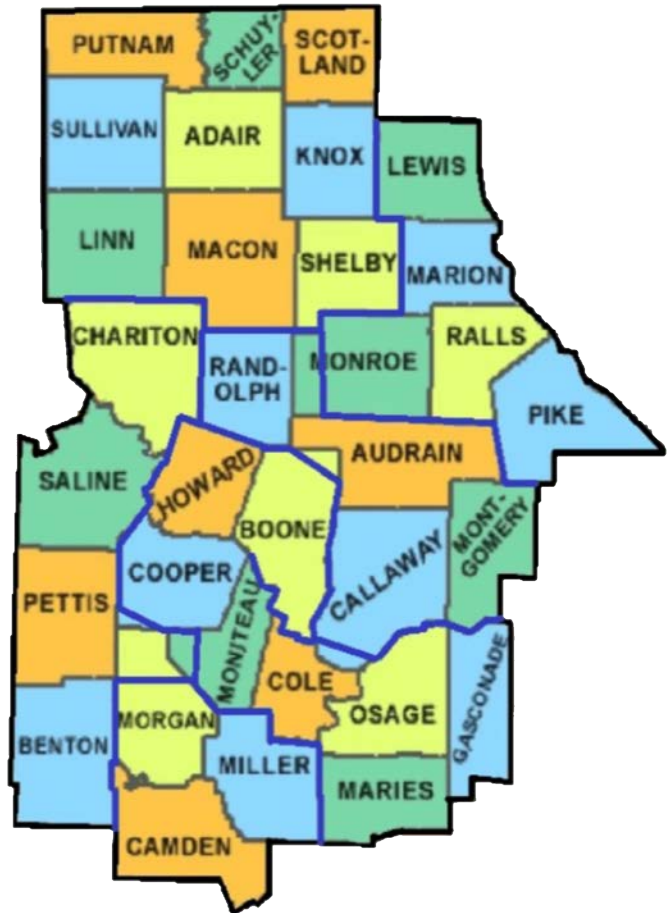
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Moniteau, and Maries

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Marion, and Pike

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