



**Scouting
America**

Great Rivers Council



ANNUAL REPORT



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



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» MISSION

The mission of the Great Rivers Council, Scouting 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, SCOUTING AMERICA

The Great Rivers Council provides youth programs of character development and values-based leadership training. The Council serves **2,500 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 2024



Membership Growth, including **21% female** membership and **16% minority**



Friends of Scouting campaign surpassed its goal and **increased 5% over 2023**.



Additions to camp including the **Hillard Family Amphitheater**, **E.M. Burger Pavilion**, **Feger's Flight Zipline**, **Sinquefield RV Campground** and remodeled **Trading Post**.



Launch of **Eagle Scout Scholarships** with Missouri Valley College and William Woods University.



Completion of **3-year strategic plan**.

» TRAINING IN THE GREAT RIVER COUNCIL



100%

Volunteers Completing Youth Protection Training



49.2%

Leaders completing position specific training





MEET OUR 2024 LEADERSHIP



Allan Moore
President & Chair of the Board



Sid Popejoy
Council Commissioner



John K. Fabsits
Scout Executive/CEO

This year has been extraordinary as we strengthened the Scouting program, expanded membership, and enhanced our facilities, all thanks to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and board.

Scouting continues to thrive, with overall membership and unit growth across the council. Black Diamond, Boonslick, Kinderhook, and Mark Twain districts achieved membership gains, and 21% of our members are now female—a historic milestone. Seven new units launched in 2024, bringing the Scouting experience to more youth than ever.

The Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation welcomed Scouts with new merit badges and innovative programs at the Sinquefield Invention Campus. Meanwhile, the Scouting Adventure Center engaged 3,000 youth and adults through activities like drones, coding, and climbing.

Camp improvements continue with the Hillard Family Amphitheater, E.M. Burger Pavilion, a remodeled Trading Post, and a new Sinquefield RV Campground. The Guardians of Hohn have been instrumental in adding program pavilions, a fishing dock, and more.

The Friends of Scouting campaign exceeded its goal, raising 5% more over 2023. Key milestones included our second Legacy Retreat at Philmont, five new board members, and the launch of an Eagle Scout Scholarship with William Woods University.

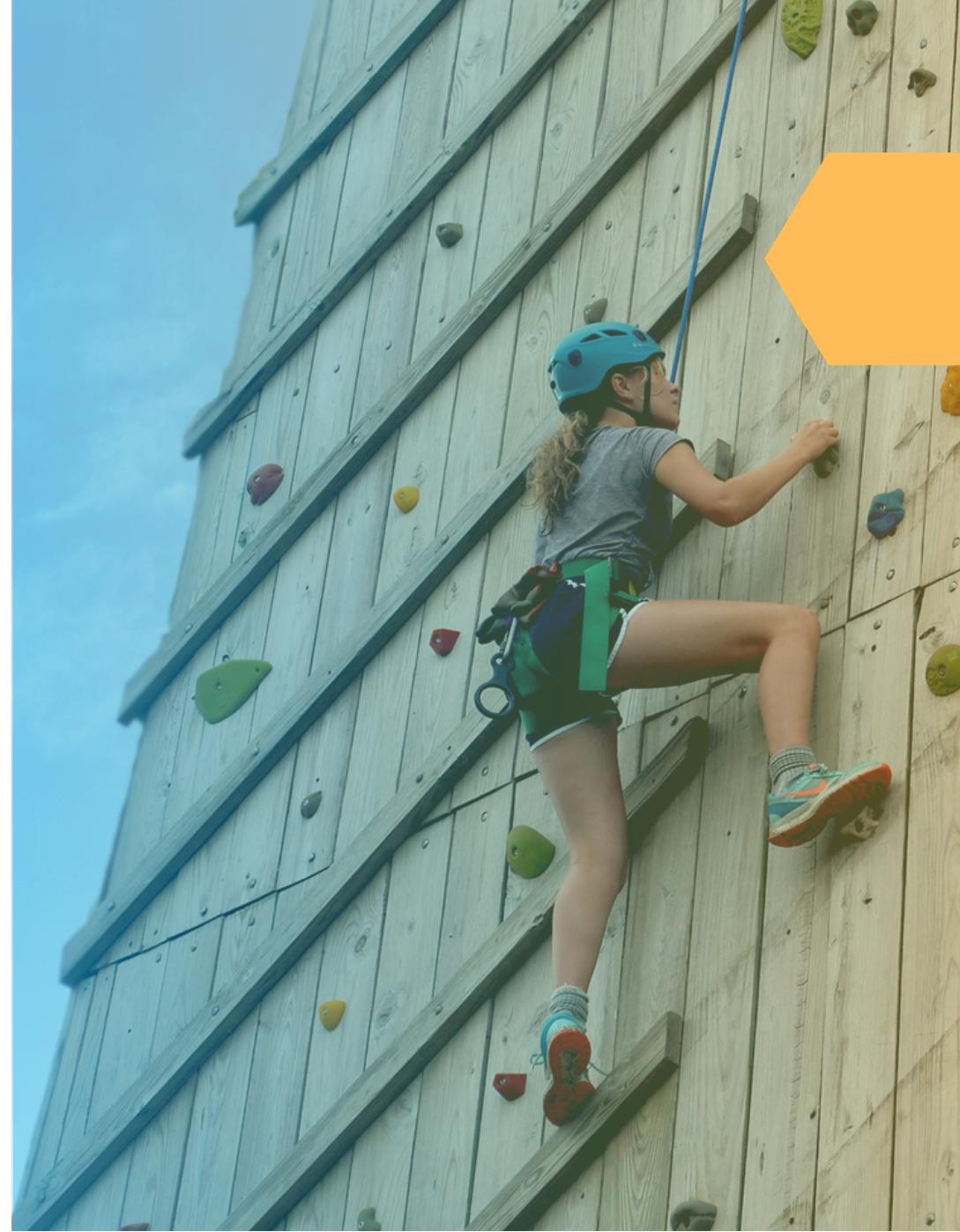
Membership growth remains a top priority, with plans to hire a Membership and New Unit Director. Facility upgrades continue, including the Mazzocco Family Friends of Scouting Pavilion, Fleming Scouting Museum, a new swimming dock at the Cameron Family Waterfront, and plans for additional restrooms and showers.

With a clear vision and dedicated leadership, the best days of Scouting in Great Rivers Council are ahead. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our mission!

EXECUTIVE BOARD



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David Keller	Robert Ziehmer
Tamara Kopp	





» LAKE OF THE OZARKS SCOUT RESERVATION

Located on the 44MM at Lake of the Ozarks, the Scout Reservation offers 450 acres, a mile and one-half of shoreline amid spectacular natural beauty and extreme rocky terrain. 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.



859

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



342

Cub Scouts in Camp
Resident, Family and Day Camps



3,200 Merit badges earned at camp



1,687 Scouts BSA attended merit badge college workshops



20 Different Councils had Scouts attend camp from 11 different states

» ADVANCEMENTS



865 Cub Scout Rank Advancements



2,967 Merit Badges Earned



75 Eagle Scouts

» ACTIVITIES



1,985
Campouts including
4,448
nights camping



3,054
Miles Hiked



WHO WE SERVE

Because of you, our volunteers, new families feel welcome. 2024 was a good year for Scouting. 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.

2,439 Youth Served



1,451
Youth Served
(Grades K-5)



934
Youth Served
(Ages 11-17)



54
Venturing/
Exploring
(Ages 11-20)



1,287
Adult
Volunteers

142 Scouting Units

Representing partnerships and collaborations with businesses and community & religious institutions

Over
\$23,000
of financial assistance awarded to area youth to participate





TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE



Scouting teaches the importance and rewards of service to others. Scout units bond together many times a year to perform Community Service Projects. The advancement to Eagle requires a Scout to plan, develop and give leadership to their own service project.

2,248
Service Projects

Consuming
6,421
Hours

INCLUDING PROJECTS FOR:

 **Children/Education**
751 Hours

 **Conservation/Environmental**
1,352 Hours

 **Disabled/Elderly**
102 Hours

 **Food/Shelter Insecurity**
673 Hours

 **Veterans**
557 Hours

 **Community Beautification**
701 Hours

 **Literacy**
73 Hours

UNIT FUNDING

Through the **Thrifty Tickets** and fall product sale of popcorn and sausage & cheese units earn a high commission on every item sold. Units can generate enough income to financially support their Scouting program for the entire year. Money from sales is used to cover the cost of camporees, pinewood derby races, field trips, equipment, badges and advancement, and summer camp.

\$439,626
in gross sales with
\$222,392
remaining in the units





AWARDS

Alumnus of the Year

David Keller

Americanism Hero

Benjamin Comer
Rich Green

Distinguished Conservationist

Brenda Potterfield

Duty to God

Kirk Boyer
Cynthia Gray

Eagle Project of the Year

Samantha Simkins

Ernest Thompson Seton

Richard Mendenhall

Golden Beaver

Steve Erdel
Nicholas Gray
Cliff McBride
Jim Roller
Jeanne Sinquefield

North Star

Brad Eiffert

Silver Antelope

Kirk Boyer

Silver Beavers

Lucinda Allin
Frank "Rod" Ellis
Tom Nield

» A CASE FOR SUPPORT

GUARDIANS OF HOHN



The Guardians of Hohn offers a unique opportunity to provide lasting stewardship for Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation. In this past year, \$54,000 was raised for projects specifically designated by the Guardian members.

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GUARDIANS OF HOHN MEMBERS



SCOUTING ADVENTURE CENTER

Located in Columbia just off I-70 the Scouting Adventure Center is a 13,000 square foot facility for practical – much-needed office space, an improved Scout Store, and storage for key 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.

Sinquefield Innovation Space includes:

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





Special Thanks

2024 DONATIONS

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

James E. West Fellowship

Greg Baker Patrick Nolan
David Harris Richard Green
Monica Harris Carolyn Green

Golden Eagle Club

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MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FUND

We are deeply honored by the decision to name Great Rivers Council as the recipient of memorial contributions. Connections to Scouting leave a lasting legacy, inspiring others to embrace the principles of service, leadership, and community. These contributions will be put to meaningful use, creating opportunities for scouts to learn, grow, and thrive through the council endowment fund.



In memory of:

Tim Coyle

Andrienne Fairly

Zach Fletcher

Sam Flowers

Tim Morrow

Richard Parkhurst

Mary Jane Schultz

Tim Morrow

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With Deep Gratitude for the Kindness and Support



▶▶ FUNDRAISING AND FINANCES

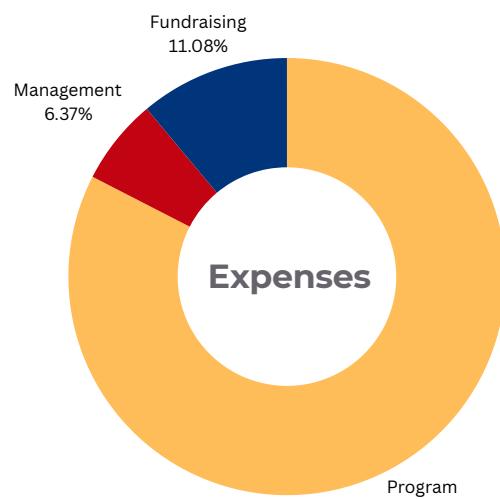
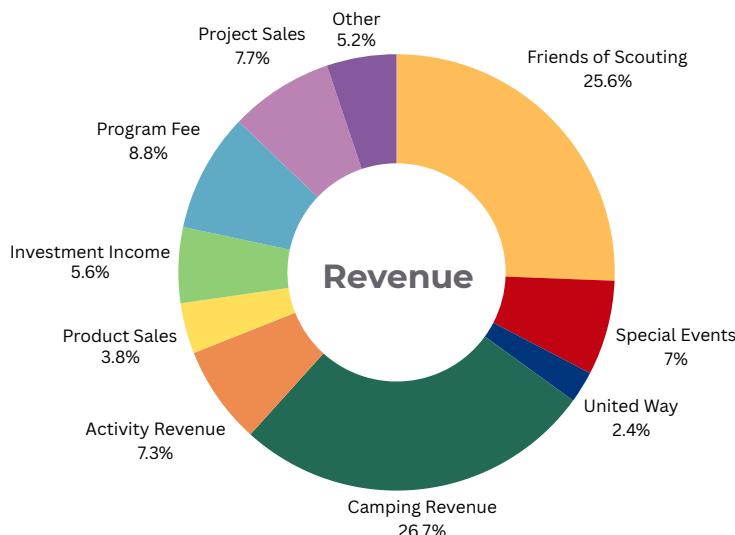
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Support: Money raised or given in support of the mission of Scouting (FOS, events, major gifts, grants, etc.)



Revenue: Money collected through participation in activities, camps, sale of supplies, etc.



▶▶ 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Revenue

Based on 2024 Actual revenue

\$1,766,572

Friends of Scouting – \$452,446

Special Events – \$124,177

United Way – \$41,585

Camping Revenue – \$471,400

Activity Revenue – \$128,936

Product Sales – \$66,391

Investment Income & Short Term – \$99,048

Program Fee – \$155,371

Project Sales/Sponsorships – \$135,969

Sale of Supplies & Other Contributions – \$91,249

Expenses

\$1,739,833

Program – \$1,436,232

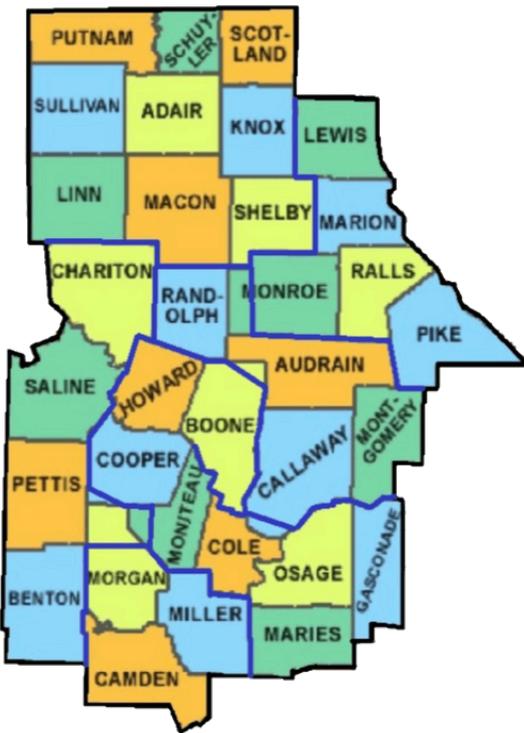
Management – \$110,827

Fundraising – \$192,774



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Districts & Service Areas

Black Diamond: Schuyler, Sullivan, Putnam, Adair, Scotland, Knox, Linn, Macon, and Shelby

Boonslick: Boone, Cooper, and Howard

Five Rivers: Cole, Osage, Gasconade, Moniteau, and Maries

Grand Prairie: Western Monroe, Callaway, Audrain, Randolph, and Montgomery

Kinderhook: Morgan, Miller, and Camden

Mark Twain: Ralls, Lewis, Eastern Monroe, Marion, and Pike

Osage Trails: Chariton, Saline, Pettis and Benton



**ADVENTURE
AWAITS**



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