



**Scouting  
America**

**Great Rivers Council**



# ANNUAL REPORT



**20  
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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



Larry Bahr	Jason Lamb
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Kirk Boyer	Cliff McBride
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Matt Clervi	Steve Nagel
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Randy Coil	Sid Popejoy
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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 Sinquefeld 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.



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

# 859



**Cub Scouts in Camp**  
Resident, Family and Day Camps

# 342



## 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



Veterans

**557** Hours



Conservation/  
Environmental

**1,352** Hours



Community  
Beautification

**701** Hours



Disabled/Elderly

**102** Hours



Literacy

**73** Hours



Food/Shelter Insecurity

**673** 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







## »» 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.

# 131

GUARDIANS OF HOHN MEMBERS

### 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



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





## 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

232 Downtown  
AmerenUE-Kirksville  
American Outdoor Brands  
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Philip Baker  
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Bass Pro Shops  
Jon Bequette  
Andrew Blunt  
Les Borgmeyer  
Chris Bouchard  
Kirk Boyer  
Peter Boyer  
Aaron Bradshaw  
Mark Bramon  
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Raymond Brown  
Brock Bukowsky  
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Central Bank of Audrain County  
Central Bank of Boone County  
Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks  
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Clean + UniFirst  
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Coil Construction  
Columbia Pool & Spa  
Commerce Bank - Columbia  
Connell Architecture  
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Diane Cook  
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Courtyard Marriott - Jefferson City  
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First Midwest Bank  
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David Glick  
Richard Green  
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Kent Hillman  
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Robert Hunter  
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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**

Lisa Harrison  
Richele Thwing  
Kathy Akyol  
Richard West  
Laura Perkey  
Hyunmi Cha  
Tony Seiling  
April Stringer  
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Genie Rogers  
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Richard Grossman  
Dianna Cassidy  
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### **Sam Flowers**

Lisa Bowman  
Merc Mazzocco  
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### **Zach Fletcher**

Carol Headley

*With Deep Gratitude for the Kindness and Support*



## **FUNDRAISING AND FINANCES**

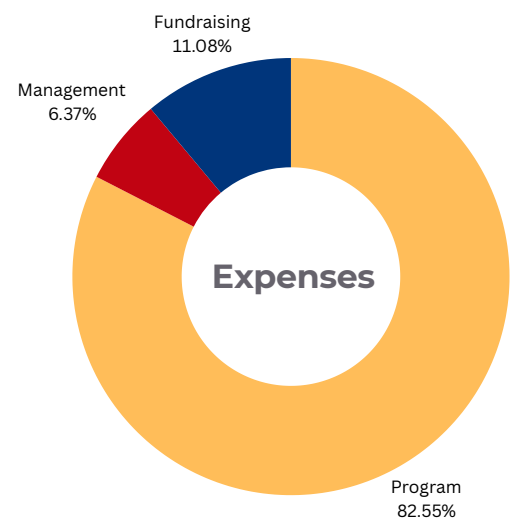
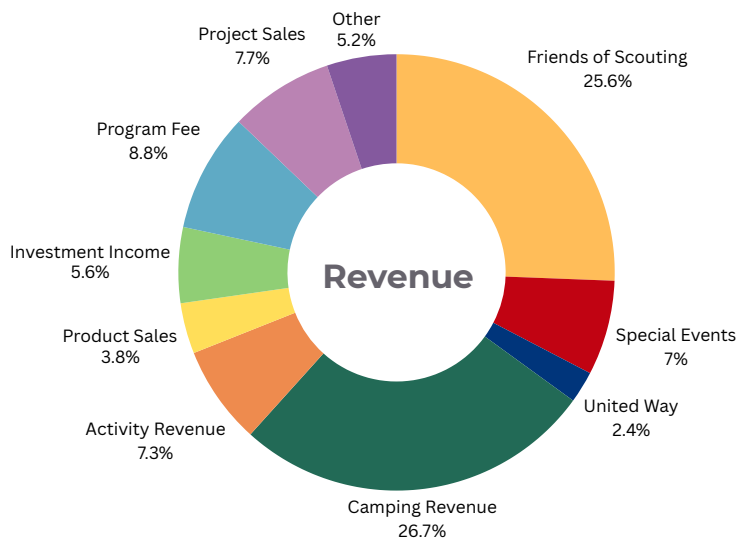
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**Support:** Money raised or given in support of the mission of Scouting (*FOS, events, major gifts, grants, etc.*)



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



## **2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

### Revenue

**\$1,766,572**

*Based on 2024 Actual revenue*

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





# Scouting America™

## Great Rivers Council



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### Districts & Service Areas

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

**Boonslick:** Boone, Cooper, and Howard

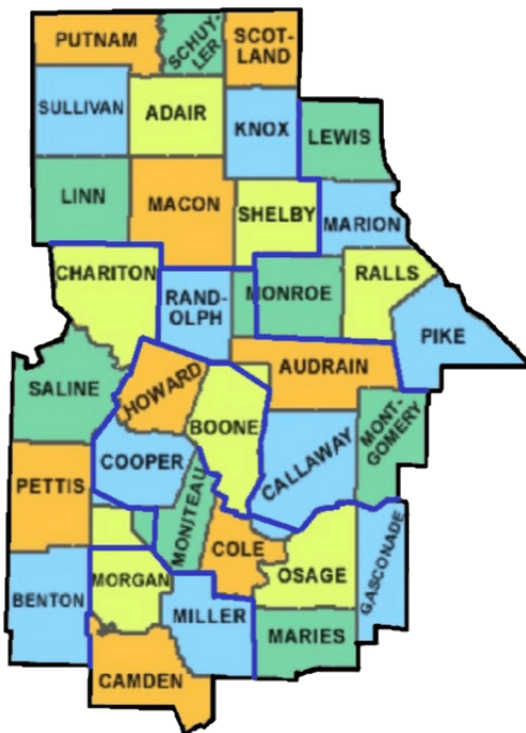
**Five Rivers:** Cole, Osage, Gasconade, Moniteau, and Maries

**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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