



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

2015 Report to the Community

Great Trail Council



“I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country”



“...that the purpose of this corporation shall be to promote, through organization and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred virtues...”

- Section 3, federal charter Boy Scouts of America, June 15, 1916, by the United States Congress

Teaching young people the skills to do things for themselves. Teaching “kindred virtues” - lessons for life.



It's been our mission since 1910 and it was spelled out for the nation and the world as a result of our Congressional Charter presented almost 100 years ago.

Here, within the pages of this *Report To The Community*, our mission is likewise spelled out for the cities, towns and villages in the 3 1/2 counties served by the Great Trail Council.

And so, on behalf of our volunteers and career staff, we take pride in presenting you with this, our *Report To The Community*.

J. Michael Jones
Scout Executive

Joseph Mako
Council Commissioner

Thomas Geopfert
Council President

It all began as one man's experiment...

More than 100 years ago, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, a hero of the British Boer War, conducted an experiment.

It was an encampment of 21 boys on Brownsea Island, off the coast of England, designed to teach teamwork, woodcraft skills, self-reliance and character. In short, it was an experiment focused on helping boys become better men, based on an oath and law bounded by a sense of duty to God, country and others.

From that experiment, where boys of different backgrounds and means learned to become blind to their differences, was born the foundation that today is the Boy Scouts of America and the Great Trail Council.

The undying principles of the Scout Oath and Law are the Movement's guideposts — as relevant today as ever despite our changing world. That Oath and Law leads the council in its never-ending mission of serving young people throughout Summit, Portage, Medina and Northern Wayne counties.



The 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.

Teaching Scouting's "kindred virtues" happens one step at a time

Our Congressional Charter charges us with teaching young people character and values — something the BSA has done since 1910 — through weekly meetings, events in the outdoors and by the example of great volunteer leaders who, in all of Scouting's programs, show the value of participating citizenship.



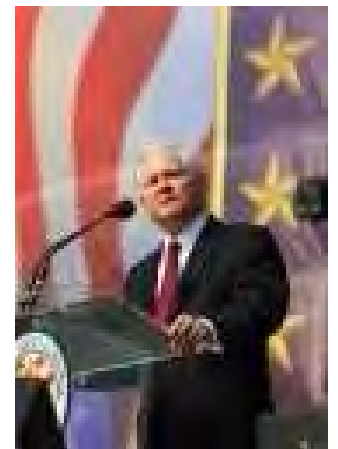
Cub Scouting

A family and home centered program for boys in grades 1 through 5, focused on family programs at the local neighborhood level.



Boy Scouting

A program for boys 11 to 18 designed to achieve Scouting's aims through a broad outdoor program and peer group leadership experiences.



Venturing

A program for young men and women age 14 to 21 that provide activities to help them pursue lifetime interests and become good citizens.



Exploring

A career-only education program for young men and women age 14 to 21 with hands-on experiences in the law enforcement, fire & rescue and other governmental career fields in the Great Trail Council.



Special Needs and Inner-City Scouting

Providing specialized Scouting programs and services to special children — those with physical and mental challenges and those at-risk. More than 400 children each year receive the services of these two programs.

Great Trail Council Yearly Program Highlights

- More than 5,000 youth are involved in a summer camping experience at the camps of the Manatoc Scout Reservation.
- Camps Manatoc and Butler record more than 65,000 year-round camper nights.
- More than 175 Scouts are awarded the Eagle Scout rank, Scouting's highest honor — and they provide more than 4,000 volunteer hours in Eagle Scout community service projects.
- Scouts collect more than 12,000 bags of clothing for Goodwill Industries.
- Scouts collect almost 50,000 cans of food for local food pantries in the Scouting For Food campaign.
- The council receives the Gold Level in the National Council's Journey To Excellence quality measurement program.
- Scouts throughout Summit, Portage, Medina and Northern Wayne counties **carry out more than 1.1 million Daily Good Turns without reward or recognition.**



Promoting “the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others...” happens best in the outdoors

Building character and the “ability of boys to do things for themselves and others” is not a simple proposition. In the Great Trail Council, we make the charge delivered to our Movement in the Congressional Charter come alive through exciting activities that challenge our young people to reach further, to try harder, to work toward success.

Activities like:

- 8 weeks of long-term Boy Scout and Webelos Scout Summer Resident Camp at Camp Manatoc
- 5 weeks of Cub Scout Summer Day Camp at Camp Butler and at off-site, local locations
- 2 weekends of Cub Scout Parent/Son camping
- Week-long National Youth Leadership Training
- District-run year-round events — winter, spring and fall encampments, Cub Scout pinewood derbies, conservation projects, fishing derbies and more





*“...to train them in Scoutcraft...”
happens at the Manatoc Scout
Reservation*



Located within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the camps of the Manatoc Scout Reservation provide the perfect place for our young people to learn those skills of “Scoutcraft” and a lot more — the principles of teamwork and responsibility, the lessons of preparedness and preparation — the lessons of life.



Camp Manatoc

Dedicated in 1930, Manatoc features 36-dedicated buildings for youth and their adult leaders to spend a weekend year-round. Rustic and modern facilities provide the best in Scout camping. Manatoc is the site of our 8-week Boy Scout and Webelos Scout summer camping programs and features a new in-ground pool and shower house, archery, rifle and shotgun ranges, a lakefront aquatics instruction center with kayaks, rowboats, canoes, motor boats and sail boats, a 25-foot-high climbing tower, a mountain biking barn, as well as the historic Dining Hall.



Camp Butler

Butler features rolling fields and sports field activity areas, its own lake for waterfront activities, a recently-renovated in-ground pool, new BB-gun and archery ranges, a bouldering wall, three separate pavilions, one capable of seating 300, and the 52-bed Atwater Lodge Retreat and Conference Center. Butler is home to the council’s Cub Scout Day Camp programs, year-round tent camping and leadership training programs .

The Great Trail Council's Statistics

Average Total Youth Membership *

Cub Scouts	-	5,569
Boy Scouts	-	3,365
Venturers	-	852
Explorers/Others	-	301

TOTAL YOUTH - **10,087**

Average Total Units*

Cub Scout Packs	-	147
Boy Scout Troops	-	127
Venture Crews	-	43
Explorer Posts/Other	-	16

TOTAL UNITS - **333**

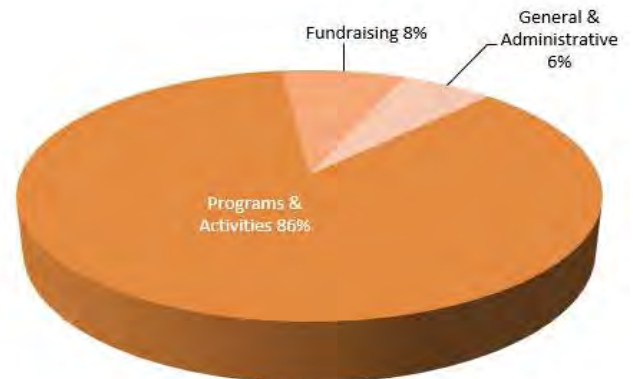
*figures represent Total Youth Served



The Great Trail Council's Finance Statistics



Revenues



Expenses

Our United Way partners are: Summit County, Medina County, Portage County and the Aurora One Fund. We gratefully thank them for their continued support.

Annual statements are subject to audit review by Bober, Markey, Fedorovich, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of their final report is made available upon request.

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All One Year Terms—Expire Annually

*Denotes District Chairman

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The Scout Law

A Scout is

Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave,
Clean and Reverent.



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