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In Simon Kenton Council

SCOUTING IS REAL

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Simon Kenton Council
Boy Scouts of America

Dear Friends,

With technology and social media taking center stage in the daily life experience of our youth, the real life experience of Scouting is more relevant and crucial than ever before. Technology has revolutionized the way we interact with people and the world around us. It has provided a window to the globe; a profound gateway to information, events, diversity of life and perception. For all its benefits, one needs only see the face of a child experiencing camp and nature first hand to realize the gateway can share life experience. It cannot create or replace it. Our children need to know the real experience of childhood, in community and in nature. To this purpose, Scouting is important. Scouting is Real.

The real experience of childhood is why the Simon Kenton Council continues to identify and invest in opportunities that provide youth in our 18 counties the best we can offer. In 2016, our $35,000 in direct financial support to Project: Camp days afforded over 1,000 youth in hard-to-serve urban areas the real day camp experience of Scouting. Increasing membership, our Lion Pilot Program engaged 378 new kindergarten Scouts in their age-suitable, first year Scouting experience. And thanks to dedicated STEM partner companies, science was an enhanced priority feature for Scouts and advancement at our camps.

With help from Columbia Gas, IGS Energy, and other contributing companies, we provided science-focused education at Cub Scout Day Camp, a STEM merit badge weekend for Cub and Boy Scouts at Camp Oyo, and STEM merit badge workshops at our summer camps. Along with significant improvements completed and underway at all four of our camp properties, not the least of which is the new Honda Nature & Conservation Education Center scheduled to open in Spring 2017, we are poised to serve our youth at an important time for our communities and our future. Scouting is real, counted on to foster strong, timeless values; an appreciation for nature and one another, responsible leadership and citizenship skills, and healthy lifestyles to prepare youth for adulthood. Thank you for being a partner in our efforts, and helping us deliver the real experience of Scouting.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Moe, Scout Executive

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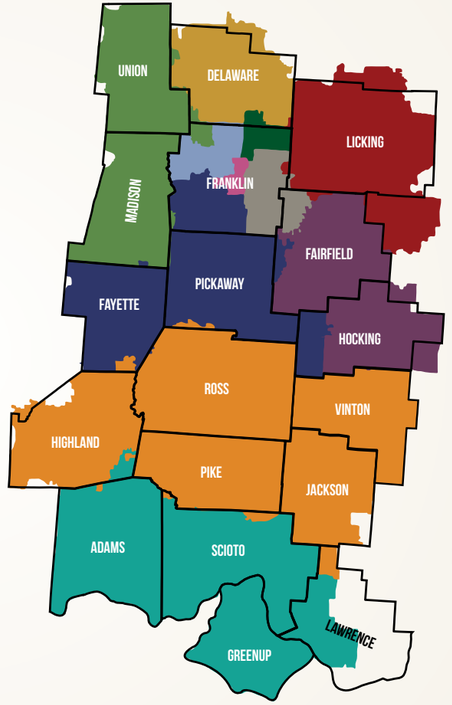

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SIMON KENTON COUNCIL DISTRICTS

MEMBERSHIP 2016

Cub Scouts	11,881
Boy Scouts	5,200
Venturing	357
Exploring	352
In-School Scouting	470

Total Membership 18,260

In 2016, the Simon Kenton Council continued to thrive in membership thanks to our recruitment partnership with the Columbus Blue Jackets, OhioHealth Chiller Ice Rinks, and the Columbus Clippers. With their support and a major philanthropic investment from the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation, we were able to launch the Lion Pilot Program, adding an additional 378 Cub Scouts to our council. The Lion Pilot Program expanded our reach to provide kindergarten-age boys with a Scouting experience that is suitable for their age, skills, and experience levels.

REAL GOALS, MEANINGFUL INCENTIVES, LASTING ACHIEVEMENTS...
...ALL MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO STRONG PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORT

Groundbreaking!
The New Nature Center at Camp Lazarus

In October of 2016, Simon Kenton Council, Honda of America, Mfg. and Delaware Area Career Center (DACC) celebrated the groundbreaking on the new **Honda Nature & Conservation Education Center** at Camp Lazarus in Delaware County. Grant funding from Honda and a partnership with DACC has made the 3,456 square foot building possible. The new facility includes a large classroom, which will be home to DACC's Environmental Management course, an activity lab for hands-on learning, and an attached outdoor pavilion.

The center will serve as a tremendous resource for Scouts, local schools, church and community groups, and families. Programming inside the center will include hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) related resources focused on conservation, recycling, energy and nature study. We look forward to opening the new Honda Nature & Conservation Education Center in the spring of 2017.

Major 2016 *Camp Improvements*

Our four camp properties are certainly priorities for long-term investment and priceless reward to our Scouting mission. While improvements are engaged through the capital fund, they are made possible thanks to the generous support of high-level donors. Here are just a few examples:

Krebbs Lodge at Camp Falling Rock: new electric, new and re-framed interior walls, insulation, hand-built bunks with new mattresses, updated exterior siding and a new concrete base to the brick exterior.

Messer Lodge coming soon at Camp Lazarus: replacing the removed Oak Lodge, will feature a multi-purpose room, kitchenette, restrooms, and bunk house.

Camp Oyo Dining Hall: new electric lines installed.

Chief Logan Reservation: six new staff cabins installed.

Special thanks to The American Legion! Their $10,000 gift purchased new mattresses for Camp Lazarus; a gift that will go a long way in providing quality camp experiences for our Scouts and Scouting Families.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

In-Council Resident Camp	1,176
Out-of-Council Resident Camp	451
High Adventure (Philmont, Sea Base, etc.)	301
Total Attendance	**1,928**

CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMPING

Cub & Webelos Resident Camps	276
Cub Scout Day Camp	1,723
Total Attendance	**1,999**

Camp Days with Columbus City Schools

The ScoutReach program's goal is to provide youth in hard-to-serve urban areas of Columbus with a safe, quality Scouting program where they can learn leadership skills, gain an appreciation for the outdoors and prepare themselves for cutting edge careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). As part of the ScoutReach mission and the generous support from Battelle and American Electric Power, Simon Kenton Council was able to host three Columbus City Elementary Schools at Camp Lazarus in the spring and fall. More than 1,000 students from Parkmoor Urban Academy Elementary School (Columbus City School), Noble Academy (Charter School) and A+ Arts Academy (Charter School) spent time in our "classroom in the woods."

For many of the students, this was their first time at a camp, engaged in learning outside their classrooms and neighborhood. In addition to providing camp days for these students, the Simon Kenton Council provided about $35,000 annually in direct financial assistance to deliver Scouting to those in need. This assistance comes in the form of membership fees, uniforms, books, transportation and camp scholarships so that every youth is delivered a quality Scouting experience regardless of financial ability.

IGS Energy Merit Badge Workshop

IGS Energy serves to develop entrepreneurial minds and spirits in local youth. The company also looks to promote sustainability in a way that makes young people think about their personal responsibility for sustainable choices. A new partnership with IGS Energy made it possible for Boy Scouts to accomplish these objectives through an Entrepreneurship and Sustainability Merit Badge Workshop. Scouts visited the IGS Energy headquarters in Dublin, Ohio to take part in this workshop. Throughout the day, Scouts discussed the meaning of entrepreneurship and the many types of skills it takes to be a successful entrepreneur. They also learned about sustainable practices in business while touring IGS Energy's LEED certified facility.

Columbia Gas Visits Summer Camp

More than 500 Simon Kenton Council day campers watched a demonstration from Columbia Gas of Ohio this summer. The presentation taught the Cub Scouts about the properties of natural gas, including pressure and flammability, inspiring a love of science and learning important rules of safety. Scouts were taught the importance of "Smell and Tell" and calling 8-1-1 before you dig.

New Eagle Scouts Recognized

More than 400 people gathered to celebrate the achievement of more than 300 young people who make up our most recent class of Eagle Scouts. The night's honoree, Alex Fischer, President & CEO of the Columbus Partnership was joined by many of our corporate partners in congratulating our Eagle Scouts!

COUNCIL ADVANCEMENT

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- 307 Scouts earned the Eagle Award
- 867 Webelos Scouts completed the Arrow of Light Award
- 2,506 Boy Scouts advanced in rank
- 8,734 Cub Scouts advanced in rank
- 13,354 merit badges earned

MERIT BADGE HIGHLIGHTS

- 4,987 STEM & environmental stewardship badges earned
- 4,140 health & fitness badges earned
- 2,253 civic engagement & business badges earned
- 1,974 arts & culture badges earned

The Simon Kenton Council is dedicated to improving the lives of local youth by addressing issues related to general education, public health, and quality of life. Scouts are directly engaged in programs that target environmental conservation, childhood obesity, and boosting math and science aptitude. Through merit badge programs and advancements, Scouting youth develop self-worth, become environmentally conscious and more civically engaged, learn healthy habits, and are better prepared for studies in math and science.

FINANCIAL REPORT

(UNAUDITED)

2016 REVENUE

Direct Public Support	$1,356,075
United Way Support	$330,328
Activity & Camping Fees	$1,083,440
Sale of Scout Supplies (Net)	$22,832
Popcorn Sales	$1,002,057
Investments & Other Revenue	$502,676
Total Revenue	**$4,297,408**

2016 EXPENSES

Program	$3,771,293
Management	$241,798
Fundraising	$170,262
Charter & National Service Fees	$72,859
Total Expenses	**$4,256,212**

THANKFUL RECOGNITION FOR A HIGH-FLYING EAGLE

For one local dad, getting his son involved in Scouting was only natural. After all, Nathan Weber is an Eagle Scout! Now the Cubmaster of his son Logan's pack, Nathan has jumped back into Scouting as an adult with both feet, and that includes giving of his time, talents and treasure. Earlier this year, Nathan, an Anesthesiology Assistant, took a big step in paying it forward by committing to a gift of $25,000 to the council's endowment fund, a gift to be paid in monthly installments over a five-year period.

As a parent volunteer, Nathan appreciates the quality time he is able to spend with Logan through Scouting, and thanks to those experiences, has been a regular supporter of the council's annual operating campaign, Friends of Scouting.

"As a Scout, I was fortunate to have a number of experiences and fond memories that only happened because I was in Scouting," said Nathan. "As a Scouter now sharing experiences with my son, taking tours of different places and getting behind-the-scenes access, is special. I felt that making a pledge to the endowment would help provide all Scouts and Scouters the opportunity to make long lasting memories of their own."

The BSA recognizes donors in the Second Century Society for an outright gift of $25,000 or more payable over five years, or a deferred gift of $100,000 or more to the operating, capital or endowment funds.

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