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SIMON KENTON COUNCIL

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

DEAR FRIENDS,



With the successful launch of new all-girl Troops into Scouts BSA, 2019 was a year of rewarding transition in Simon Kenton Council. Nationally over the last two years, this transition was met with a wide variety of opinions and judgement. Our society, so frequently confronted by the uncertainties of change and its debate, will soon recognize Scouting remains true to its mission. There was no retreat from more than 100 years of Scouting tradition moving forward without compromise, on the foundation of timeless values, serving our daughters as well as our sons, and the whole Scouting family.

In 2019, we welcomed hundreds of new families into Scouting, and the daughters of many existing Scout families. We now serve nearly 1,200 girls in our Cub Scout program, and have 31 new Scouts BSA all-girl Troops serving more than 300 young ladies. With dedicated Scouts and leaders, boys and girls units alike, our programs flourished in 2019 with strong totals in rank advancement, increased camp attendance at all levels, and 335 Scouts achieving the rank of Eagle. Our Scouts earned more than 13,000 merit badges including nearly 4,000 in STEM categories, up more than 600 from 2018.

All these favorable outcomes include continued growth serving our Scouts and communities. Our ScoutReach and after-school programs are valued and staged for long-term success, particularly thanks to our volunteers and great donor support. We are also grateful for business partners and sponsors who supported significant investments in our camp properties to meet the needs of all our Scouts and visitors. Details of these crucial camp improvements are highlighted in this annual report.

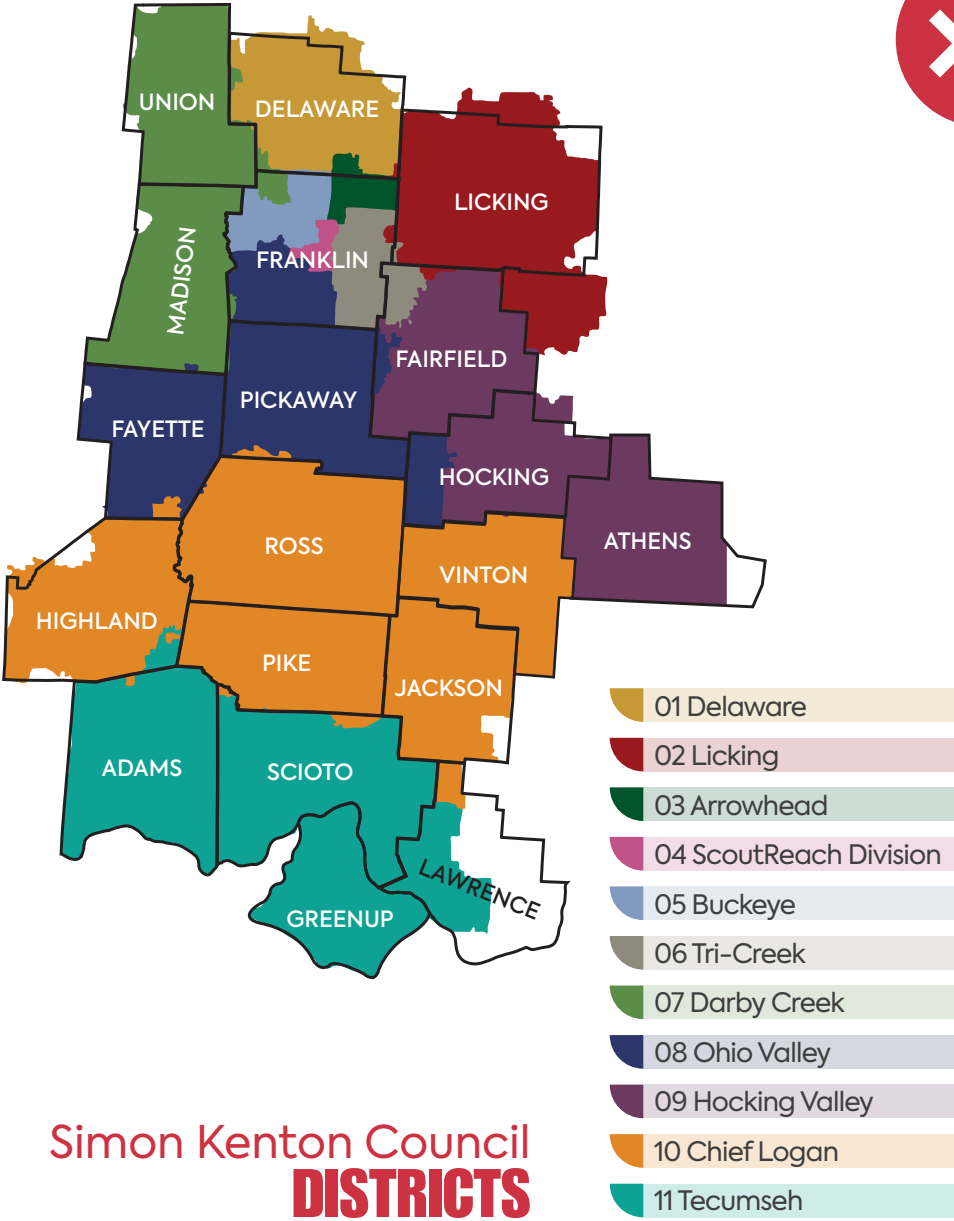
Thankfully, through a time of challenging but rewarding transition, Scouting is healthy and vibrant in Simon Kenton Council. Our success is only made possible thanks to you; our volunteers, donors and partners. We are Scouting forward... and it's more about fulfillment than change. Guided by timeless values, we are making a positive impact on the lives of youth along their journey through Scouting.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Moe
Scout Executive/CEO

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Council President

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Council Commissioner



MEMBERSHIP 2019

Cub Scouts	11,936
Scouts BSA	4,957
Venturing	262
Exploring	414

Total Membership 17,569

Cub Scouts (girls)
who joined in 2019:
1,181 in 145 Packs

Scout BSA (girls)
who joined in 2019:
312 in 31 Troops

Total 1,493

Through an exciting year of transition for Scouting, Simon Kenton Council experienced nine consecutive months of growth. As a marker of this growth, SKC is now serving 48 new units and Dublin recently added an all-female Muslim Pack. Donor support for our ScoutReach program continues to increase and established partnerships for recruitment with the Columbus Blue Jackets, OhioHealth Chiller Ice Rinks and Columbus Clippers further accentuate how important Scouting is across our region.

SCOUTING FORWARD In Our Communities... With Great Support And Dedicated Scouts



Greif, Inc. Grant Gives Inner City Kids New Outdoor Opportunities

Thanks to a generous grant from Greif, Inc., our community-focused program Project: Camp continues to provide an immersive day in nature at Camp Lazarus for the entire population of students from select inner-city schools. While at camp, students study natural sciences in our “Classroom in the Woods,” join in team-building activities, and engage in hands-on STEM learning. While just a one day experience, the teachers and principals report that the effects are far reaching. It is a day filled with real moments of awe and wonder inspiring students who may have never experienced this much nature in their lives. Project: Camp is offered each spring and fall, serving two to three schools each season.

Scouts Across Our Council Helped Move Scouting Forward

Here are just a few highlights from this year's community outreach efforts.

Arrow of Light Scouts built wood duck boxes for Delaware Preservation Parks during day camp. The wooden structures allow hens to nest in relative safety from predators.

Scouts from Red Arrow Day Camp donated 180 containers of peanut butter and jelly to Athens County Job & Family Services during their annual PB&J drive, doubling last year's efforts!

November marked another successful Scouting for Food campaign, with Scouts throughout the Simon Kenton Council collecting non-perishable items for food pantries. Throughout our 19-county area Scouts collected thousands of pounds of food, making a difference in the lives of many families.

Sea Scouts placed wreaths on veterans' graves over the holiday season to remind families that their loved ones were remembered.

Camp Improvements— To Move SCOUTING FORWARD

With the addition of young women to the Scouting program, much needed improvements were made to the shower facilities at Camp Falling Rock, Chief Logan Reservation and Camp Lazarus. Creating new shower spaces wasn't the only improvement made to our camps this year...

Camp Falling Rock

Camp Falling Rock has a new visitor center! Through a capital campaign spearheaded by Park National Bank and local community leaders, the Park National Bank Visitor Center opened June 2019. The Visitor Center is home to the trading post, camp master quarters and visitor restrooms. This addition is a welcomed improvement to the camp and offers our guests and campers an improved camping experience.

Camp Oyo

Wagner Lodge experienced major renovation in 2019. Through donations and the hard work of the Camp Oyo Alumni Association, Wagner Lodge has new mattresses, new lighting, new bunk beds and a new concrete floor. These welcomed additions help preserve this historic lodge, making it available for years to come.

Chief Logan Reservation

Through a round of donations and corporate matches totaling \$18,500, Mead Lodge, the iconic former dining hall, received a new roof! This long-needed improvement gave new life to the building, further extending its year-round usage. As the summer camp home for field sports and STEM lab, Mead Lodge will continue to serve youth and adults.

In addition to the new roof, CLR also updated the zipline, installed electric for the staff cabins, and added an additional staff cabin.

Camp Lazarus

Completion of the sewer connection for Camp Lazarus eliminated several capacity and environmental issues plaguing the camp for the last several decades. Replacing the oldest wastewater treatment facility in the state was a major improvement solving contamination issues for Lazarus Run and ultimately the Olentangy River.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



SKC Launches New All-Girl Troops Into Scouts BSA

SCOUTS BSA SUMMER CAMP ATTENDANCE

In-Council Resident Camp	1,616
Out-of-Council Resident Camp	1,314
High Adventure (Philmont, Sea Base)	154

Total Attendance 3,084

CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMPING

Cub & Webelos Resident Camp	312
Cub Scout Day Camp	1,712

Total Attendance 2,024



February 2, 2019 launched a historic time in the Boy Scouts of America – young ladies were welcomed into our older youth program, Scouts BSA (formerly known as Boy Scouts).

To celebrate this exciting time, Simon Kenton Council hosted a launch party at Vertical Adventures in Columbus where more than 300 Scouts and their families spent the evening climbing, and our newest young ladies spent the night.

News outlets from Columbus came out and interviewed our Scouts, capturing their excitement of the occasion. When the common question was asked as to why they are joining the Boy Scouts of America, the responses included: “Because I want to be an Eagle Scout!” and “Because I want to be able to do all the things my brother gets to do!”

To date, SKC has 31 all-girl Troops serving more than 300 young ladies. At the Pack level, we are serving nearly 1,200 girls!



COUNCIL ADVANCEMENTS

Summer Camp Made Possible For Outreach Program

For Scouts in Simon Kenton Council’s after-school program in Ross County, the Scouting journey has advanced to a new Scouts BSA Troop and a week of camp life thanks to the generous support of The Gray Foundation. Most of these Scouts participated in the after-school Cub Scout program for years, so the transition to a Scouts

BSA Troop begins an exciting new adventure in Scouting. Five Scouts from the new troop enjoyed their first week-long residence camp, earning merit badges and making new friends, who together tackled the challenges of rainy Ohio weather while camping at Chief Logan Reservation.

Scouting Forward With More Financial Assistance For Camp

Experiencing summer camp is an integral part of a young person’s Scouting journey. Simon Kenton Council believes family finances should never hinder a Scout’s ability to participate in the Scouting experience, including camp. We encourage families with financial need to apply for camperships to help make camp possible. This year we experienced the highest level of need ever for camp financial assistance, and provided more than \$34,000 to help 300 Scouts attend summer camp. They are Scouts who might otherwise, without our financial support, never have the opportunity to experience

one of the most meaningful weeks available in nature and the outdoor classroom through Scouting.



COUNCIL ADVANCEMENTS

- 335 Scouts earned the Eagle Award
- 833 Webelos completed the Arrow of Light Award
- 3,365 Scouts BSA advanced in rank
- 8,650 Cub Scouts advanced in rank
- 13,137 merit badges earned

MERIT BADGE HIGHLIGHTS

- 3,982 STEM & environmental stewardship badges earned
- 3,719 health & fitness badges earned
- 3,478 civic engagement & business badges earned
- 1,958 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, more civically engaged, learn healthy habits, and are better prepared for studies in math and science.



Simon Kenton Council Scout Selected for Report to the Nation



Only 12 Scouts from across the country are selected each year to represent Scouts BSA for the annual Report to the Nation. This year, one of the twelve is our own Simon Kenton Council Scout, 11-year old Te'Lario Watkins II.

The report was delivered to the biggest names in politics including Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and President Donald Trump in the oval office.

Te'Lario is most known locally for the business he started as a Tiger Scout in 2015 after working on the Scout requirement to "grow something." Tiger Mushroom Farms was born, and since then Te'Lario has appeared on the Steve Harvey Show, is a COSI STEM Star, a Hunger Hero, and a published author. Te'Lario sells his mushrooms at farmers' markets, grocery stores, and to a local restaurant and hospital.

The mushroom business is booming according to Te'Lario. What's next on his radar? Becoming President of the United States, of course! As one of just 12 Scouts selected nationally, this young Scout has earned the pride of our Council.



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