



# #ADVENTURE4ALL

## Annual Report 2023



BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA®  
SIMON KENTON COUNCIL

# DEAR SCOUTING FRIENDS,

In today's dynamic landscape, young people confront unprecedented challenges, from mental health issues to the pervasive influence of technology. Yet, with your unwavering support and the principles of Scouting, we've made significant strides in empowering youth to navigate these complexities with resilience and courage. Our annual report for 2023 reflects the remarkable milestones achieved through initiatives like our #Adventure4All campaign, ensuring our Scouts can continue to thrive and develop into responsible citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

Throughout the past year, our council has remained dedicated to fostering character development, leadership skills, and a strong sense of community among thousands of youth. None of these achievements would have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, the generosity of our donors, and the steadfast support of our Scouting families. As we look ahead, fueled by your ongoing commitment, we are poised to continue shaping the leaders of tomorrow and making a positive impact on communities for generations to come.

Thank you for your enduring dedication to the Boy Scouts of America and the Simon Kenton Council.

Yours in Scouting,



Jay Jacobsmeyer  
Council President

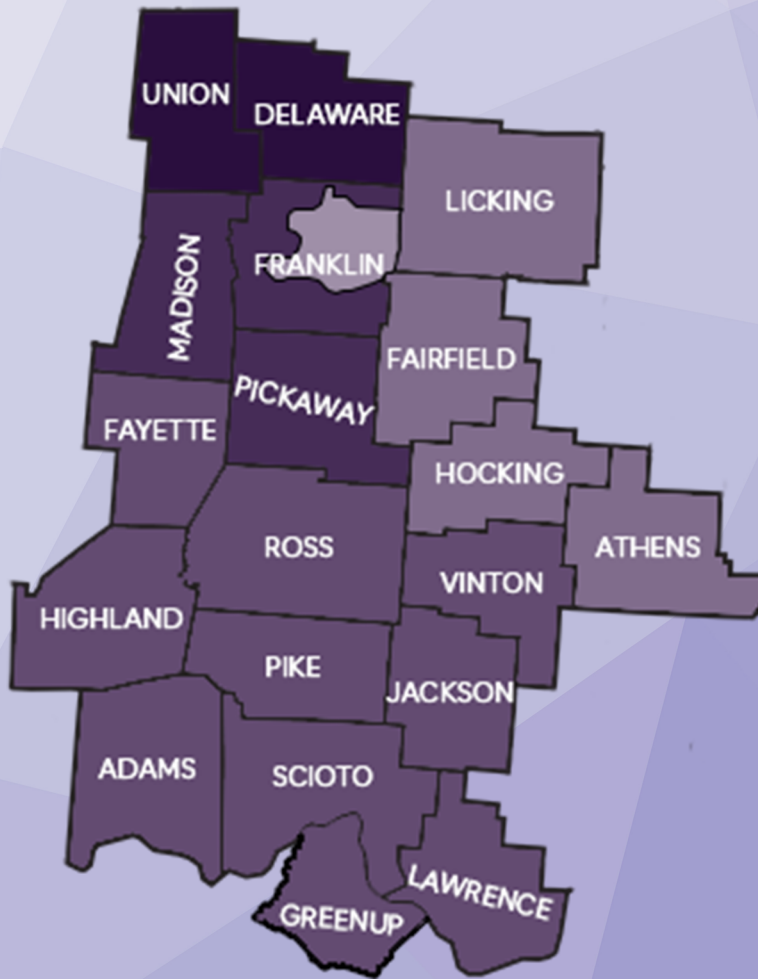


Bob Beasley  
Council Commissioner



Jeffrey R. Moe  
Scout Executive/CEO

# MEMBERSHIP 2023



Cub Scouts	5,073
Scouts BSA	3,168
Venturing	55
Exploring	168
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,464</b>

Packs	146
Troops	168
Crews	12
Posts	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>

## Simon Kenton Council DISTRICTS

- Central Columbus
- Daybreak
- Frontier
- Gateway
- Polaris

Since February 2019, when girls were welcomed into the BSA, their presence has grown significantly, now comprising of 1155 members or 13.7% of our own membership.

This evolution underscores the BSA's commitment to providing equal opportunities for all youth.

# ABOUT US



The Simon Kenton Council, Boy Scouts of America stands as a beacon of opportunity and growth for youth across central and southern Ohio, as well as Greenup County in northern Kentucky. With a dedicated team of over 25 professional and administrative Scouters, supported by a robust network of 3,700 adult volunteers, we serve over 8,000 youth in our community. Through the dedication of our volunteers and the support of our 339 partner organizations, we aim to be the premier leader in youth development, providing impactful experiences that shape the leaders of tomorrow.

Our commitment to youth development extends beyond traditional Scouting activities. With three year-round camps spanning over 1,152 acres of diverse terrain, we offer immersive outdoor experiences that foster personal growth and leadership skills. These camps serve as a hub for adventure, providing a space where boys and girls aged 5-20, from urban, rural, and suburban backgrounds, can come together to learn, explore, and grow.

In our unwavering dedication to inclusivity and diversity, the Simon Kenton Council proudly offers the ScoutReach program. Designed to support at-risk youth in our most challenged areas, this initiative ensures that all children, regardless of socioeconomic status, have access to the transformative power of Scouting. Through partnerships with Columbus City Schools, community centers, and other youth-serving organizations, we provide the full Scouting experience at little to no cost to the Scout's family, empowering them to build a brighter future.

# SCOUTING IMPACTS

## Project CAMP

In May, the Simon Kenton Council orchestrated Project Camp, welcoming seventy Westside Academy students to Camp Lazarus for an immersive nature experience. Supported by Greif, these diverse youths, often from immigrant families, discover the joys of outdoor exploration, guided by volunteer staff and dedicated educators. With the thrill of fishing and mastering archery, they dive into the possibility of a Scouting adventure, fueled by the transformative impact of nature.



## Refugee Support

John Laing, a Scout from Troop 166 in Ohio, led an Eagle Scout project constructing 40 beds for resettling refugee families, showcasing the impact of Scouting in action. Inspired by his community involvement, John's initiative provided comfort to those fleeing violence and persecution, exemplifying the values of Scouting through leadership and compassion.



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



3722

Rank Advancements  
earned by Cub Scouts



394

Arrow of Light Awards  
earned by Cub Scouts



2,466

Rank Advancements  
earned by Scouts



10,274

Merit Badges earned  
by Scouts

35,052

Total Service Hours for Class of 2023 Eagle Scouts



Over  
3,000

Scouts in attendance at our  
camps



Surpassing  
8,500

Total nights camped by all  
Scouts



More Than  
800

Scouts supported by donor  
generated assistance



# CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

## Camp Falling Rock

At Camp Falling Rock, new restrooms were added to the dining hall for enhanced convenience, while Legend Lodge's basement was transformed into a leader lounge, offering a space for leaders to refresh and connect during their time at camp. These improvements demonstrate our dedication to providing quality camping experiences for all participants.

## Camp Oyo

In 2023, significant campsite improvements were made by Simon Kenton Council, Boy Scouts of America. At Camp Oyo, 48 new commercial picnic tables were acquired through donor generosity, honoring Becky Lewis, a dedicated Scouter. The Camp Oyo Alumni Association assembled these tables. Additionally, the Simon Kenton lodge, trading post building, and campmaster cabin received a fresh coat of paint, and a conservation day focused on removing invasive species like autumn olive and bush honeysuckle. The Camp Oyo Alumni Association also installed leaf guards on all gutters, further enhancing the camp's infrastructure.



## Camp Lazarus

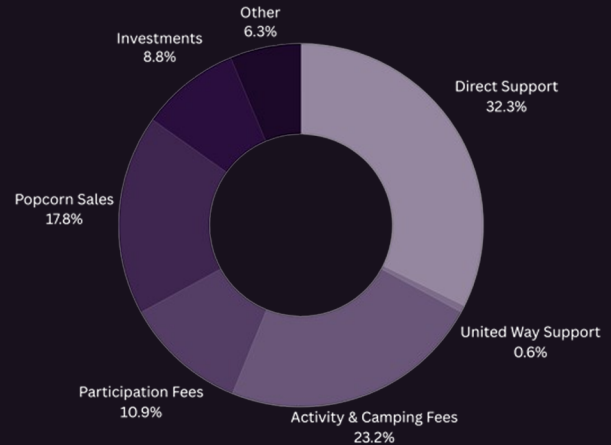
At Camp Lazarus, the completion of Messer Lodge enhances camper experiences, providing a comfortable space for activities. We're replacing the aging Kit Carson cabin with a new picnic shelter, improving amenities and safety. These developments underscore our commitment to camping excellence, ensuring memorable experiences for all.



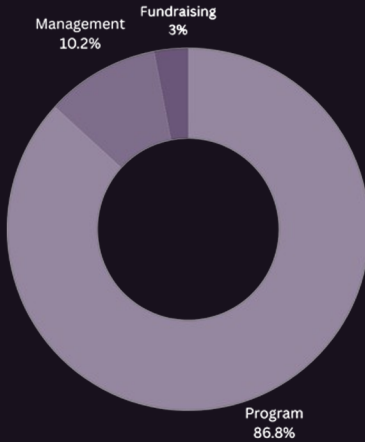
# FINANCIAL RECAP

## 2023 Revenue

Direct Support	\$ 1,280,909
United Way Support	\$ 24,222
Activity & Camping Fees	\$ 920,121
Participation Fees	\$ 431,770
Popcorn Sales	\$ 706,748
Investments	\$ 349,826
Other	\$ 249,994



**Total Revenue** \$3,963,590



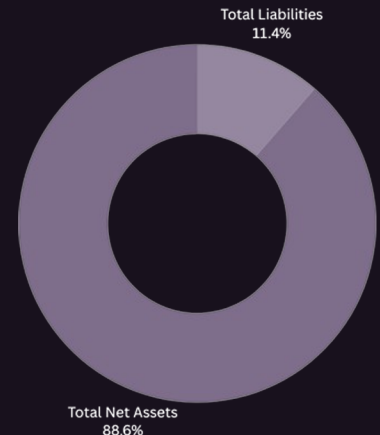
## 2023 Expenses

Program	\$ 3,670,753
Management	\$ 469,515
Fundraising	\$ 128,049

**Total Expenses** \$4,268,317

## Financial Position

Total Assets	\$11,458,454
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,308,272
Total Net Assets	\$ 10,150,182





# EXECUTIVE BOARD AND LEADERS

**Bold** Denotes New Member  
\* Denotes Members Elected  
in their position as District Chair  
\*\* Denotes Youth Member elected  
as Order of the Arrow  
Lodge Chief

## 2023 Executive Board Members

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