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ADVENTURE**

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# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT





**DAVID GROOMS**  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Scouting Friends,

The high quality of Scouting programs offered by the Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America continues to make a significant positive difference in the lives of youth, families and communities. Relevant, exciting and family-oriented programs allow our Council to boast one of the highest member retention rates in the nation. Further, these programs enabled 327 young men to earn the rank of Eagle Scout in 2018.

For the first time, we welcomed young women into Cub Scouts and we will welcome more in the years to come. We are equally excited that girls ages 11-17 will have the opportunity to join Scouts BSA Troops and begin their own trail to Eagle Scout in 2019.



**DANIEL J. ZEDAN**  
COUNCIL COMMISSIONER

This past year, 1,438 Cub Scouts participated in our local day camps. In addition, 1,459 Scouts spent a week under the stars at Camp Freeland Leslie and 2,886 local Scouts attended week-long summer camps all across the Midwest.

We are nearing completion of a \$3.5M renovation and expansion at Camp Big Timber in Elgin. The newly renovated and reimagined Lodge will dramatically expand our ability to deliver outdoor and STEM activities for Scouts. The Lodge will include a 200-seat dining hall, eight shower rooms, a commercial kitchen, dry and cold storage, and a gathering room for meetings that celebrates the heritage of the camp. Our new maintenance compound will include an 8,500-sq. ft. maintenance and storage building with program space for merit badges such as welding and woodworking, as well as a 4,800-sq. ft. open-sided garage for storing seasonal equipment and vehicles.

We could not think of a more exciting time to Build the Adventure with the Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America. Thank you for being a volunteer, a patron and a supporter of Scouting in our community.



**CLINT SCHARFF**  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE/CEO



**327** Scouts  
earned the rank of  
**Eagle Scout**



**11,471**  
Merit Badges  
earned



**5,783** attended  
our summer  
camps



**115,729** hours of  
community service



**6,106** adults are  
trained in youth  
protection

**A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL,**

## By the Numbers



### 2018 Revenue \$3,510,587

- Direct Support \$884,118
- Investment \$161,448
- Scout Shop Sales \$340,533
- Camping & Activities \$1,099,971
- Net Product Sales \$889,000
- Other \$135,517



### 2018 Expenses \$3,649,831

- Program Services \$2,968,043
- Management & General \$378,852
- Fundraising \$302,936



## Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award

From joining Cub Scouts in kindergarten (Pack 521, Den 8) to crossing over to Troop 81, Rohin S. Kartik-Narayan was the first in his family. And the first to become an Eagle Scout.

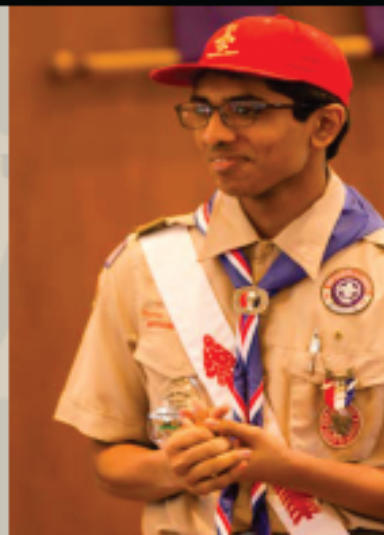
*"Being an Eagle Scout to me means that I have proven that I can be a leader and an example to others," said Rohin. "It means that I have a responsibility to essentially uphold the ideals that describe an Eagle Scout."*

Rohin is the 2018 recipient of the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. The award recognizes valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, school, community or another entity, while completing their Eagle Scout service project.

Rohin's Eagle project was a dedication garden at his high school, Metea Valley High School in Aurora, to honor fellow alumni who have joined the armed services. The project consisted of a 20-ft. flagpole, a 10' by 15' patio, stones representing the five branches of the military (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard) and two stone benches on either side of the patio.

The project had its obstacles to overcome, from imperfections in design and inconsistencies in bricks, to large rocks in the ground, clearing away the dirt around them and working together holding the ankles of people hanging upside down to scoop the dirt. The project and planning took 327.5 hours to complete, and as Rohin said, "needless to say it was an adventure."

When he aged out of Scouting in May 2018, Rohin had earned 84 merit badges. Rohin currently attends the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and plans to study music education and physics.



## NATIONALLY ACCREDITED CAMP CAMP FREELAND LESLIE

The Council's Camp Freeland Leslie in Oxford, WI, received a 100% score from the National Camp Accreditation Program. Our staff, volunteers and donors ensure a quality, safe and memorable outdoor experience is delivered to our members year-round.

More than 1,400 Scouts attended Camp Freeland Leslie (CFL) in 2018 and reaped the benefits of many renovations completed at the camp. The CFL Maintenance Committee has completed several projects thanks to the generous donations made by our community.

The west shower house was renovated before camp started in June. The entire structure was repaired and now includes an open-air shower, new paint and plumbing, as well as shelving and clothing hooks. Throughout the summer, new picnic tables and patrol boxes were installed. Trees are being cut down to ensure the campsites are program safe and a new sign was posted at the entrance of the camp to help families locate CFL more easily.



### DAY CAMP 2018 MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURES



**Awarded \$10,725  
in campership  
assistance funding  
to 104 Scouts**



**Day camp attendance:  
1,438 youth; 20% increase**



**Activities at our Day Camps  
include: STEM, archery,  
climbing tower, field sports and  
conservation**



# VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THREE FIRES COUNCIL

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\*=Executive Committee



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## SCOUT ME IN

In January of 2018, the Boy Scouts of America offered an early adopter program for girls, and more than 10,000 girls nationwide joined Cub Scouts.

The Three Fires Council, Boy Scouts of America opened its doors to welcome girls, inviting the whole family to participate in the renowned program of character building and adventure. In the fall, we welcomed 220 girls in 69 Cub Scout packs.

Through adventures, both big and small, Scouting embraces the outdoors and helps our communities through service projects, STEM development and building confidence through a wide range of activities.

Each Cub Scout den (made of boys or girls of the same age) is single gender. Cub Scout packs (made of multiple dens) can include all-boy and all-girl dens. This unique approach allows the BSA and our partners to maintain the integrity of the single gender model while also meeting the needs of today's busy families.



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**387** high school youth served in our co-educational career Exploring programs in the fields of law enforcement, fire safety and healthcare



**5,303** volunteers played a significant role in designing and delivering BSA programs



**13,827** families served

FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEDIANT, CHEERFUL