

OPENING THE DOOR TO POSSIBILITY



THREE FIRES COUNCIL, BSA

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

KEY THREE MESSAGE

Walking Through The Doorway Of Adventure

A defining trait of a Scout, is his or her ability to persevere even when the circumstances seem impossible. During the peak of the Covid pandemic, our Scouts and council found a way to take social distancing and isolation and safely continue Scouting. In 2022, the doorway to adventure was re-opened and our Scouts, leaders and staff were able to return to a more consistent state of normalcy.

Events such as Merit Badge University, our Family and Flashlight Egg Hunt, Day Camp, Family Camp, Webelos Camp, National Youth Leadership Training, Sporting Clays Classic, Cubscicle, Okpik Cold Weather Training and more were all hosted in-person garnering the attendance of thousands of Scouts and non-Scouts alike.

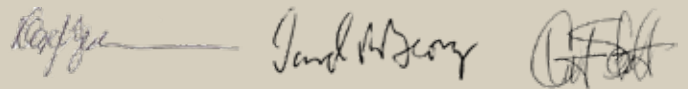
We boasted a youth retention rate of 78.5%, outranking the national average and landing us in the top 5% of councils in the nation. 7,720 Scouts were enrolled in Scouting programs including 238 female Scouts BSA members in 18 troops. 278 Scouts earned the rank of Eagle Scout including 9 female Eagle Scouts who were part of our second Eagle Class to ever include female Eagles.

Financially, we were able to achieve a budget surplus and provide \$2,353,490 worth of programs and services to our Scouting community.

It has been truly amazing and heartwarming to see how the hard work and consistent support of our donors, volunteers and staff has made it possible to facilitate a safe, fun, supportive and engaging community for thousands of youth throughout our council. We are so thankful for everyone who has played a role in Scouting with Three Fires Council and for the lives we are able to positively impact because of each and every one of you.

2022 was quite an incredible adventure and we look forward to all that 2023 has in store. We can't wait to make memories that will last a lifetime and continue sharing the mission of Scouting with as many people as possible.

Yours in Scouting,



Daniel J. Zedan
PRESIDENT



David George
COUNCIL COMMISSIONER



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SCOUT EXECUTIVE/CEO

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MEMBERSHIP



7,720

youth were enrolled in Scouting programs



710

female members were registered with our council



78.5%

of youth from 2021 continued Scouting with Three Fires Council in 2022

CHIPPEWA

Members Served:

4,497 Scouts

Units: 159

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, Merit Badge University is hosted in DuPage County at York High School. This event serves nearly 1,300 youth and helps expose them to various skills, some of which might become their future career.



We rank in the **Top 5%** for member retention in the nation!

POTAWATOMI

Members Served:

1,065 Scouts

Units: 57

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, hundreds of adult Scouting Leaders and youth Scouts attend Training Academy. This one day in-depth training ensures all leaders are trained to provide safe, educational and fun programs to young people

TOTAL YOUTH

4,040 Cub Scouts

3,379 Scouts BSA

195 Explorers

103 Venturers

5 Sea Scouts



OTTAWA

Members Served:

2,158 Scouts

Units: 94

DID YOU KNOW?

Ottawa hosts our largest population of Explorers who are ages 14-18 learning about their potential future career.



ADVANCEMENT

CUB SCOUTS SCOUTS, BSA

3,419 Cub Scouts advanced a rank or more
94% unit advancement

2,102 Scouts BSA members advanced a rank or more
95% unit advancement
8,671 Merit Bages earned

P R O G R A M



CAMP BIG TIMBER

Camp was in use 46 out of 52 weekends in 2022
Camp activities ranged from traditional program events for Scouts like sports, archery, BB gun, climbing wall, nature/conservation, flag ceremonies and cooking to community events including dog training, camp-wide garage sale, craft fair and fundraising events for Three Fires Council



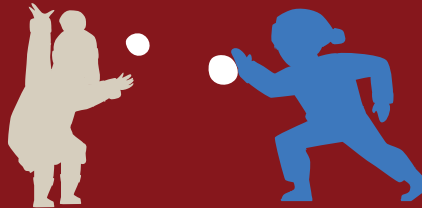
FAMILY CAMP
65 Youth Served
59 Adults Served
2 Sessions



**NOVA AWARD
UP AND
AWAY AT IFLY**
128 Youth Served
2 Sessions



DAY CAMP
461 Youth Served
7 Sessions



CUBSICLE
333 Youth Served
3 Sessions



MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY
2,167 Merit Badges earned
1,655 Youth Served
2 Locations



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

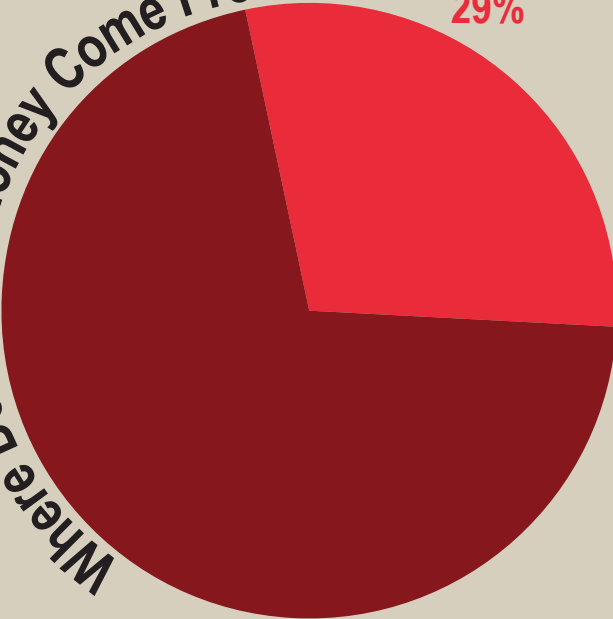
Elgin School District U-46
293 Youth Served

Three Fires Council partnered with School District U-46 to provide an exciting outdoor enrichment summer program for students. Youth participated in an outdoor education with an experiential learning program which included STEM activities, team building, sports, fitness, nature, games and more.

FINANCE

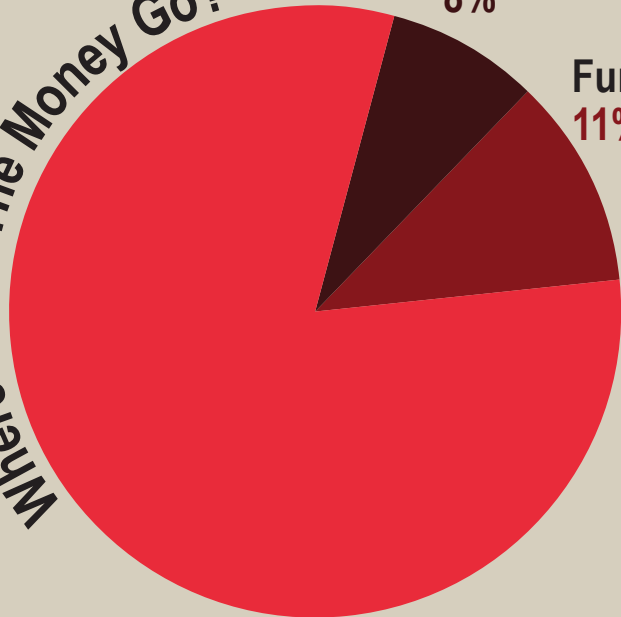


Where Does The Money Come From?



Direct & Indirect Support
71%
 \$2,959,260

Where Does The Money Go?



Program
81%
 \$2,942,498

MARKETING



Produced monthly newsletters updating community on upcoming events, programs and sales within the council



Created video content for outreach to community through social media



Grew our marketing committee of volunteers to help with branding and promotion of Scouting to the community



927
 Instagram Followers

6,394
 people reached on Instagram

124.3%
 reach increase from 2021



5,552
 Facebook Followers

147,634
 people reached on Facebook

142.8%
 reach increase from 2021

FUNDRAISING & SPECIAL EVENTS



Family Egg Hunt
219 participants
2 sessions



Flashlight Egg Hunt
507 participants
2 sessions



Sporting Clays Classic
110 participants



Corporate Pinewood Derby
54 participants



Brewfest
80 participants



Barrels and Bones
84 participants



Murder Mystery
52 participants



Halloween Experience
2,728 families attended



Holiday Auction
410 items



Galactic Breakfast With Santa
163 participants
2 sessions



Holiday Tree Auction
15 community organizations
donated trees

\$352,035 RAISED IN 2022

T R A I N I N G



Trained Adults

45% trained Cub Scout Leaders
59% trained Scouts BSA Leaders
3,191 Adults completed Youth Protection Training



National Youth Leadership Training

51 Youth participants

Training Academy

188 Adult participants
85 Adult staff
46 Introduction To Leadership participants
43 Senior Patrol participants
30 Den Chiefs participants
9 Venturing Youth Leadership participants



CPR/AED Training

113 Adult participants
19 Youth participants
7 sessions



Wilderness First Aid Training

124 Adult participants
10 Youth participants
7 sessions

Okpik Cold Weather Camping Training

46 Adult staff
21 Adult participants
14 Youth participants
7 Youth staff
3 Sessions



12

Community Education Projects
2,194 Hours



22

Food/Supply Collection Projects
2,729 Hours



177

Construction/Renovation Projects
28,114 Hours



67

Ecology-Conservation Projects
8,623 Hours



278

Eagle Scouts



9

Female Eagle Scouts

2022 Eagle Class
Representative
Tim Treacy
Troop 510



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jason Ball
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*Executive Committee Members

PRESIDENT ELECT: BRIAN W. CAPUTO



In his youth, Brian W. Caputo, PhD., C.P.A., was involved in Scouting and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Throughout his life, he has stayed close to Scouting serving in various adult leader roles over the years and was honored with the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award in 2021.

As an adult, Brian served in the military and local government. Currently, he works in higher education. Some highlights of his career include: graduating from West Point, retiring from the Army Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel and holding the position of CFO / City Treasurer of Aurora. Since 2019, Brian has served as the President of the College of DuPage.

In April of 2022, Brian was selected as the President Elect for Three Fires Council. Brian's vision for the council as President is to reacquaint the community with the values of Scouting and position local Scouting to benefit more youth. According to Brian, "We need to increase our outreach in the council's service area and engage more young people. We must take a strategic approach to creating more units and aggressively marketing the program." He added, "There is no other youth development program that is as holistic as Scouting. As more youth and parents come to understand what today's Scouting movement has to offer, the program will naturally expand."

We wish Brian well in his new role and look forward to helping him achieve this vision.

TOP REGIONAL AWARD: SILVER ANTELOPE ANNA TUOHY



For years, Anna Tuohy has faithfully and humbly served Three Fires Council through countless volunteer roles. From serving on a troop level to serving as our previous Council Commissioner to now serving with Scouting on a national level, Anna is a true representation of what service with a smile looks like.

Anna shows up to every meeting, event and service opportunity with incredible joy and enthusiasm. Her positivity and passion for Scouting are contagious and she makes everyone she encounters believe in the mission of Scouting. In fact, Scouting runs in her family. Her parents were long time Scouting volunteers and now her children are Scouts BSA members with Three Fires Council.

Throughout her time with our Council, she has served as Council Commissioner and as a member of our Executive Board and received the Silver Beaver award for exceptional Scouting on a council level. She has earned her Doctor of Commissioner Science Degree and the Doctor of Commissioner Science Award.

In the Spring of 2023, Anna received the Silver Antelope Award which is a distinguished award presented by the Boy Scouts of America for outstanding service by exemplary volunteers on a regional level.

She continues to serve on our Executive Board while also serving as a volunteer on the BSA's National Commissioner Development Group on the Empowering the District Commissioner Team. We are so proud of all of the wonderful work she has done and will continue to do and are honored to have her as a member of our council.



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