

Black Swamp Area Council 2016 Annual Report



Camp Life



Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Black Swamp Area Council to be the leading youth organization in Northwest and West Central Ohio in developing positive values through leadership training and quality outdoor program opportunities.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

A Note from the Black Swamp Area Council 2016 Key 3

Scouting is alive and well in Northwest Ohio! No other youth program provides the leadership, citizenship, character and physical fitness training for our young people, better than the Boy Scouts of America. Scouting makes today's youth 'Prepared for Life'.

Through our 1,902 dedicated registered volunteers and many generous donors we are able to provide Scouting, Exploring and Learning for Life programs to 6,005 youth. As you review this recap of our past year of service and accomplishments, please note:

- Over 26,890 hours of community service were provided to the communities of Northwest and West Central Ohio, including Scouting for Food and Souls for Souls.
- 1,146 Boy Scouts participated in a Summer Camp and 908 Cub Scouts and their families participated in summer activities throughout our territory.
- Membership growth for the 2nd year in a row.
- 37 youth completed National Youth Leadership Training.
- 2,685 youth earned rank advancements and 4,939 merit badges.
- Exploring program (workforce development) continues to grow serving 236 youth in 16 locations.
- 126 Eagle Scout ranks were earned.
- We provided over \$11,176 in direct support in the form of camperships and registration assistance so youth throughout our territory got to experience summer camp and the Scouting program.
- We saw a retention rate of 72.2% and 88.5% of direct contact leaders were trained to deliver a quality program to the youth of our council.

The following pages provide much more detail on what the Council has accomplished, and what we will continue to deliver to families and communities of West Central and Northwestern Ohio.

We look forward to thanking each of you in person at one of our upcoming events. We hope you will join us in helping Scouting grow and prosper for the next generation of leaders! Your support makes the difference for the youth that we serve!

Mark Miller

Council President

Marc Kogan

Scout Executive

Dan Meffley

Council Commissioner



Black Swamp Area Council Executive Board

KEY 3

Council President	Mark Miller
Council Commissioner	Daniel Meffley
Scout Executive	Marc Kogan

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Boy Scout Golf Classic



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In 2016, \$60,786 was raised to support Scouting in the counties we serve.

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In 2016, \$42,800 was raised to support Scouting in the counties we serve.

2016 Silver Beavers

What is the Silver Beaver Award?

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council.

The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.



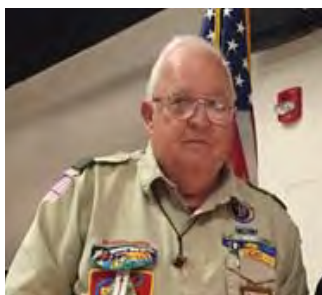
JAN OSBORN – Hawthorn District

Dr. Jan Osborn was involved with scouting when his sons were younger and is a proud Eagle parent. Beginning in 2013, Jan was the District Chairman. Hawthorn achieved membership growth and for the first time in 2015, in its current configuration. The district finished 2015 with Gold status within JTE. Finally in 2016, with the district at a high in strength of manpower and support, Jan helped lead us to another Gold status and to an unheard of 10.5% growth in membership in the three counties.

Outside of the basic function of District Chair, Jan really helped build the positive culture and atmosphere of the team in Hawthorn. One of the biggest changes was getting away from the bland world of focusing on numbers and statistics within the team meetings. Instead, he pushed everyone to focus on all of the positive moments that everyone was able to experience in that month, such as, the kids at camp, the Eagle Scout board reviews,

the training weekends, the friendships formed, and most of all, the positive impact we were all having on the youth. The youth and the experience we provide has always been Jan's concern. Having the strength of Jan's people skills and support of youth helped to shape what was built in the last 3 years, under his leadership.

Jan's positive impact on the Scouting world didn't just happen with what we view as "traditional" Scouting. Through him, the territory was able to bring Scouting to a migrant youth program and to students in the after school sessions at Leipsic, Continental, and Columbus Grove. These programs look to be staples of Scouting in Putnam County in the future. One of the great experiences that the committee was able to have in 2016, was watching a bus load of youth come into day camp to experience a world of opportunities that they otherwise wouldn't likely get. Jan was the force behind these opportunities.

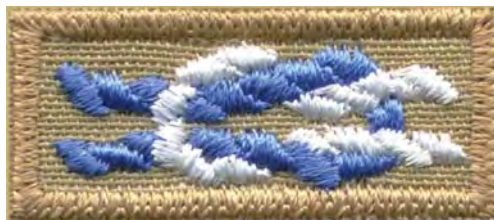


THOMAS EVANS – Great Oaks District

Tom is currently the Scoutmaster for Troop 84 and the Cubmaster of Pack 84. He has been involved with the Boy Scouts for many years and continues to be active with his Troop and Pack, long after his boys were out of Scouting. Tom is very respected by others and is always on top of his advancements.

Tom has been a registered Cubmaster for

25 years and has served 36 years as both a Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster. In all, Tom has recorded an amazing 40 years as a volunteer in the local Scouting program. He has received numerous Scouting honors, including the 2016 Great Oaks District Dr. Chris Crawford (Good Scouter) Award.



JON SCHUMM – Old Sycamore District

Jon is currently the Committee Chair for Pack 69 in Celina, OH. Previously he has served as the District Commissioner in Old Sycamore District and as a Troop Committee member for Troop 98 in Rockford. Jon began his Scouting journey as a cub scout in Rockford with his mother as his den mother. He later became a member of Troop 98 where in 1986 he was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. While a Scout he was also a member of Ketchikeniqua Lodge serving one term as

lodge chief and being awarded the Vigil Honor. He also worked two summers at Camp Lakota teaching rowing and canoeing.

Jon works for the City of Celina fire department and also works casually as a nurse in a local emergency department. He is a member of the Immaculate Conception Parish and serves on the Parish Council. He is married to Nicole and they have two children, Eli and Cora.



JAMES WALLACE – Chinquapin District

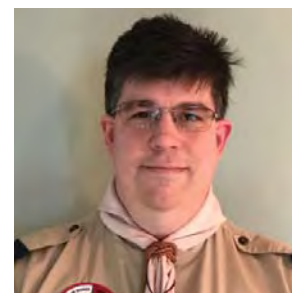
James Wallace began his Scouting career in 2003 when he moved to Defiance and signed up his oldest son Jack, with Pack 70. While he immediately began helping out, it took about 2 years before Jim assumed his first official scout role. This role was the Treasurer of Pack 70, and he was a Tiger parent with his next oldest son, Connor. The same year, Jack crossed over to Troop 70 and Jim began learning about life in the Troop, as well.

During the time that Connor spent in Cub Scouts, Jim spent an increasing amount of time helping and learning the Scouting way. After his arrival in 2006, youngest brother, Nick became a staple of meetings and was involved even before he was old enough to join as a Tiger in 2013.

Over the last several years, Jim held the ranks of Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Cubmaster, Cubmaster, and Assistant Scoutmaster. Jim is also a member of the Roundtable staff for both

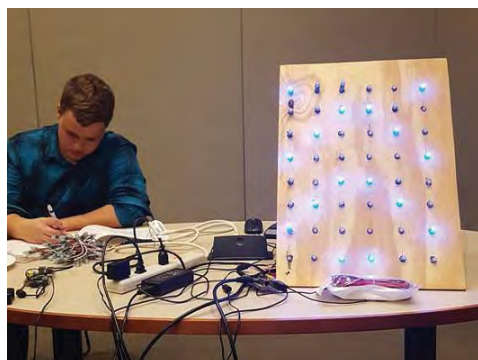
Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. He was awarded the Scouter's Training Award in 2007, he attended Wood Badge in 2008. He was awarded the Scouter's Key in 2009, the Unit Award of Merit in 2014 and the District Award of Merit in 2015.

Jim doesn't stop his commitment to Scouting at the District level, though. He is an integral part of the University of Scouting. From 2010-2012, Jim was on the University of Scouting Board as a Participant Recruiting Director, he has expanded on that role. He has developed the tracking program that is used for all levels of bachelors through doctorate degrees used for the University of Scouting. His work tracks classes, instructors, levels of education and more. He has spent countless hours over the last several years improving this system. Currently, he is the University of Scouting Board Registrar and Historian.



Exploring

Exploring exists to teach important life and career skills to young people from all backgrounds through immersive career experiences and mentorship provided by community and business leaders. In 2016, there were 14 Explorer Posts that focused on the career fields of law enforcement, engineering, informational technology, medical, dental, and construction. Exploring hosted its first Career Fair, bringing in over 30 companies to discuss the importance of workforce development to students from several area high schools.



Class of 2016 Eagle Scouts



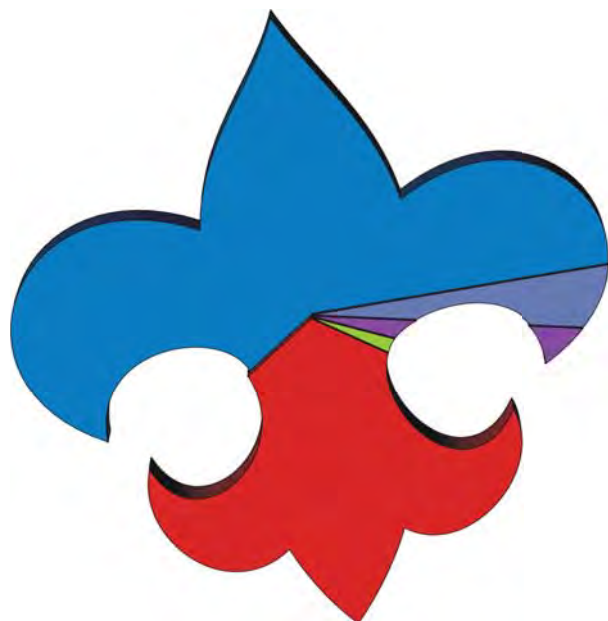
The 127 Eagle Scouts recognized in the Class of 2016 was the largest Black Swamp Area Council eagle class to date. Receiving both the Adam's Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award (NESA recognition) and Paul M. and Lucy Gillmor Scholarship was Jacob Moll from Troop 46, sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church in Napoleon. Jacob's essay on 'What It Is To Be An Eagle Scout' was well written and he presented it well at the dinner. The Black Swamp Area Council was also honored to present the Honor Medal to Ronnie Kimmey, Troop 35, sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church of Van Wert. This recognition is one of the rarest in scouting. Ronnie's meritorious action was to save a fellow scout from drowning. His story is to be published in the May 2017 edition of Boys' Life.

Troop 72	Hunter Allen	Troop 19	Robert Goshia	Troop 103	Quentin Potempa
Troop 84	Dylan Ammon	Troop 139	Adam Grant-Gubbins	Troop 224	Aaron Powell
Troop 97	Tyler Applegate	Troop 338	Kordell Harr	Troop 98	Joshua Puthoff
Troop 338	Jonathan Baker	Troop 69	Zachary Harting	Troop 131	Alexander Ramsey
Troop 82	Jackson Barnes	Troop 97	Jordan Heitkamp	Troop 256	Kaden Reneker
Troop 98	Andrew Baughman	Troop 777	David Hirschfeld	Troop 335	Aaron Rode
Troop 447	Eric Bell	Troop 318	Jonathan Hoorman	Troop 99	Cameron Romer
Troop 224	Zachary Bellman	Troop 19	Aaron Horstman	Troop 319	Brendan Roszman
Troop 46	Brenon Berry	Troop 101	Gregory Howe	Troop 224	Benjamin Schaub
Troop 14	Austin Birkemeier	Troop 224	Daniel Hughes	Troop 97	Caleb Schemmel
Troop 46	Andrew Birkhold	Troop 72	Jacob Imre	Troop 224	Samuel Schmenk
Troop 312	Andrew Blackburn	Troop 313	Seth Johns	Troop 32	Charles Sherer
Troop 167	Frederick Blankenship	Troop 316	Austin Jones	Troop 308	Zachary Short
Troop 98	Nathan Boroff	Troop 229	Jacob Karhoff	Troop 229	Derek Siefer
Troop 221	Bryce Brinkman	Troop 304	Ian Kennedy	Troop 14	Edward Smith
Troop 44	Ryan Brown	Troop 318	Colton Kidd	Troop 304	Harrison Smith
Troop 97	Lance Brunswick	Troop 1222	Robert Kimble	Troop 44	Richard Snyder II
Troop 97	Logan Brunswick	Troop 44	Aaron Kitzmiller	Troop 103	John Sreenan
Troop 13	Timothy Buck	Troop 229	Peyton Klass	Troop 304	Joseph Staschiak
Troop 224	Nicholas Buckland	Troop 221	Austin Klausung	Troop 14	Alex Stinebaugh
Troop 266	Alexander Burgei	Troop 450	Ben Kleinfelter	Troop 304	Ryan Strzesynski
Troop 87	Andrew Cain	Troop 97	Jonathan Knapschaefer	Troop 13	Daniel Sullivan
Troop 338	Alexander Canaday	Troop 314	Zakery Koehler	Troop 103	Kurtis Swygart
Troop 224	Reid Carr	Troop 315	Michael Kohart III	Troop 319	Luke Taylor
Troop 70	Andre Ciccotelli	Troop 103	Logan Korzan	Troop 335	Robert Taylor
Troop 319	Louis Cira	Troop 65	Kevin Kramer	Troop 256	Jacob Thompson
Troop 19	Arlyn Cooper	Troop 224	Drew Kuhlman	Troop 137	Noah Waggoner
Troop 44	Dane Dahlinghaus	Troop 304	Nicholas Kuhlman	Troop 9	Adam Walter
Troop 224	Hayden Dean	Troop 75	Caleb Kuhn	Troop 9	Alex Walter
Troop 318	Samuel Diller	Troop 137	Samuel Ladd	Troop 224	Lucas Wank
Troop 72	Lucas Ducat	Troop 230	Justin Liebrecht	Troop 435	Caleb Welly
Troop 338	Michael Dudash	Troop 101	Matthew Mescher	Troop 230	Alex Wieging
Troop 44	Austin Dwenger	Troop 256	Brice Metzger	Troop 327	Avery Wirt
Troop 302	Nathan Elliott	Troop 96	Benjamin Meyer	Troop 8	Gabriel Witt
Troop 435	Andrew Faber	Troop 97	Reid Moeller	Troop 308	James Wittenmyer
Troop 230	Nicholas Fields	Troop 65	Evan Mohler	Troop 447	Jarett Woodall
Troop 266	Trevor Fischer	Troop 46	Jacob Moll	Troop 176	Noah Woodruff
Troop 226	Ethan Fleming	Troop 224	Tyson Niese	Troop 221	Trevor Wurth
Troop 310	David Forwalder III	Troop 308	Jacob Norvell	Troop 97	Alan Wynk
Troop 304	Richard Fox	Troop 338	Alexander Partee	Troop 139	Nicholas Yenser
Troop 1222	Dakota Freeman	Troop 338	Nicholas Partee	Troop 302	Austin Young
Troop 131	Wayne Geissinger	Troop 99	Riley Pearson	Troop 46	Jacob Zumfelde

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Membership & Financial Reports

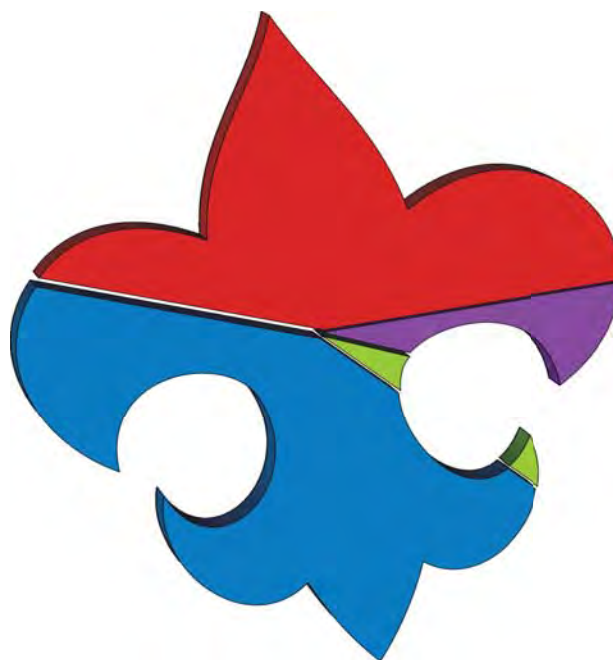


Membership
as of 12/31/16

Cub Scouts	3622
Boy Scouts	1753
Venturing	134
Exploring.	248
Learning for Life. . .	248
Total	6005

Units
as of 12/31/16

Packs	103
Troops.	104
Crews	13
LFL/Post.	26
Total	246



OPERATING FUND

INCOME as of 12/31/16

Activities/Special Events	\$ 268,344
Camping/Programs	\$ 447,571
Investments	\$ 336,220
Product Sales	\$ 330,565
Annual Gifts	\$ 323,390
United Ways	\$ 166,062
Store Sales,other	\$ 88,967
Foundations/Grants	\$ 66,210
Total	\$2,027,329

EXPENSES as of 12/31/16

Management	\$110,590
Programs	\$1,486,720
Fundraising	\$393,138
Total	\$1,990,448

*These are unaudited results

A Scout is...

Trustworthy

Friendly

Obedient

Brave

Loyal

Courteous

Cheerful

Clean

Helpful

Kind

Thrifty

Reverent



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