

In 2023, Central Minnesota Council Served...

2,017
TOTAL YOUTH SERVED

109
UNITS

46 TOTAL BOY TROOPS

46 TOTAL CUB SCOUT PACKS

675 BOYS

1,030 BOYS & 180 GIRLS

10 TOTAL GIRL TROOPS

107 LIONS

184 TIGERS

489 CUB SCOUTS

430 WEBELOS

75 GIRLS



VENTURING, SEA SCOUTS, & EXPLORING

- 1 VENTURE CREW - 4 GIRLS, 5 BOYS
- 1 SHIP - 3 YOUTH MEMBERS
- 5 EXPLORER POSTS - 19 GIRLS, 29 BOYS

COUNTIES WE SERVE
Stearns, Benton, Sherburne, Mille Lacs, Kanabec, Crow Wing, Cass, Aitkin, Hubbard, Wadena, Todd & Morrison.

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

SCOUT LAW
A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous,
Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent.

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

As we reflect on the past year, it is with immense pride and gratitude that we share the highlights and achievements of our Scouting community. The dedication and spirit of our volunteers, leaders, Scouts, and their families have truly made this year a remarkable journey of growth and accomplishment.

Celebrating Achievements: We are thrilled to report on the numerous accomplishments of our council, highlighted by being the only council in Minnesota with growth in 2023! The commitment of our Scouts and volunteers has not only enriched lives but has also made a positive impact on the communities we serve.

Gratitude for Volunteers: Our heartfelt thanks go out to the unsung heroes of our community – the dedicated volunteers. Your selfless commitment, countless hours, and unwavering support have been the bedrock of our success. Each of you plays a pivotal role in shaping the future leaders of tomorrow, and for that, we are profoundly grateful.

Navigating Challenges Together: These past few years have provided challenges, but our Scouting community has demonstrated resilience and adaptability. Your collective efforts have ensured that the spirit of scouting perseveres.

Looking Forward: As we move forward into the coming year, we want to build on our key priorities of membership growth, volunteer leadership, financial sustainability, Parker Scout Camp, and to create a marketing campaign ensuring every family in Central Minnesota knows the value of a quality Scouting program and how they can be involved.

There is much more to achieve, and with your continued support, we are confident the Central Minnesota Council will reach new heights.

2023 CENTRAL MINNESOTA COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

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Programs

204 SCOUTS

ATTENDED CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

671 SCOUTS

ATTENDED AN OVERNIGHT OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE AT PARKER SCOUT CAMP

41 SCOUTS & LEADERS

ATTENDED NATIONAL JAMBOREE AT THE SUMMIT IN WEST VIRGINIA

968 SCOUTS & VOLUNTEERS

ATTENDED THE AREA WILD RIPLEY RENDEZVOUS IN EARLY JUNE

949 UNIT CAMPOUTS

3,030 NIGHTS OF CAMPING LOGGED



Developing Leaders



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

OUR VISION

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

Priorities for 2024:



Provide all young people within the council service territory an opportunity to attend camp and join Scouting through camperships and scholarships. In addition, provide a gently used uniform to all who need it.



Build school relationships and partnerships to ensure every family may join a pack, troop, crew or post in their neighborhood or community.



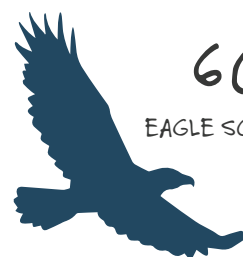
Provide adequate training opportunities for all adults and youth members to ensure quality programming across the council territory.



Create safe, fun, and adventurous Scouting experiences for all youth of the Central Minnesota Council.

Impact

- Studies show that positive youth development programs like Scouting are needed now more than ever to address the impact the COVID pandemic has had on youth
- Camp experiences have been shown to have a significant impact on at-risk youth and their belief in a positive future for themselves
- Endowment Match - \$1 Million Dollar Endowment Match Challenge by Cross Works Foundation completed



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EAGLE SCOUTS



LAUNCHED NEW CAREER EXPLORER POSTS IN HEALTH CARE, AVIATION, AND ENGINEERING



8,992

TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS



6,477

EAGLE PROJECT SERVICE HOURS

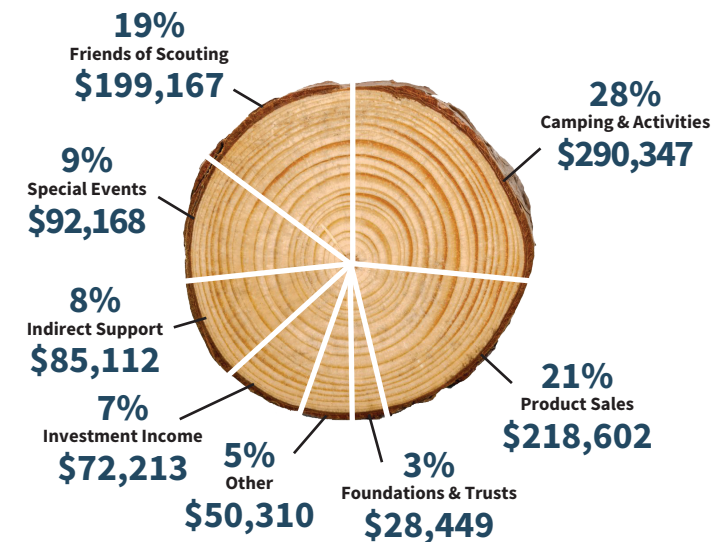


874 UNIT SERVICE PROJECTS FOR 2,515 HOURS



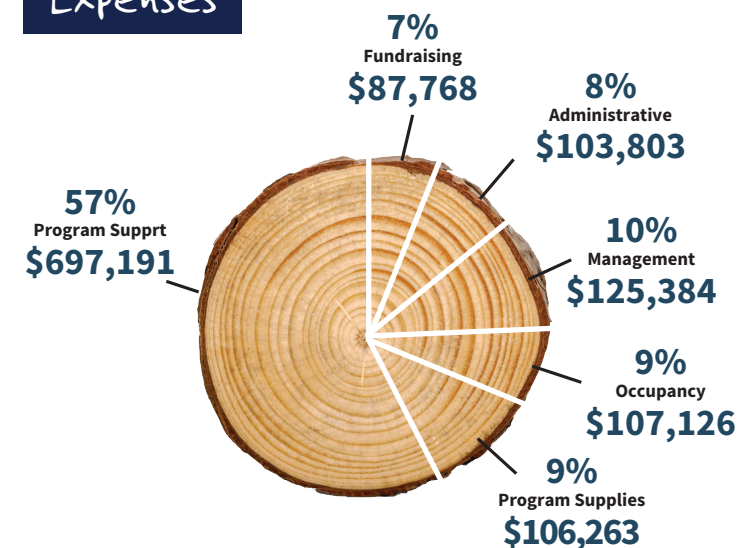
BSA LIFESAVING AWARD PRESENTED TO SCOUTS GAVIN AND CALLUM OF SARTELL FOR HELPING SAVE THEIR BROTHER'S LIFE FROM A HEAD INJURY

Income



Total Income: \$1,036,368

Expenses



Total Expenses: \$1,227,535