



# Black Swamp Area Council 2014 Annual Report



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# 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 Key 3

Since 1910 Scouting has been preparing youth to become tomorrow's leaders. We extended that tradition in 2014 in the Black Swamp Area Council as we continue making today's youth **PREPARED FOR LIFE**.

Through our 2,118 dedicated volunteers and many generous donors we are able to provide a Scouting program to nearly 5,854 youth. As you review this recap of our past year of service and accomplishments,

- Over 23,000 hours of community service were provided to the communities of Northwest and West Central Ohio.
- 1276 Boy Scouts and 1299 Cub Scouts participated in summer activities throughout our territory.
- 4 Crews made up of 44 total Scouts participated in Philmont Treks.
- 47 youth completed National Youth Leadership training.
- 3,170 youth earned rank advancements.
- Our Learning for Life programs served 437 young people.
- 97 Eagle Scout ranks were earned and 1 National Certificate of Merit was awarded.
- We provided over \$5,000 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.
- In the fall, we began construction to expand and improve the Donnell Lodge at Camp Berry. The project was under roof at the turn of the year and will be ready before camp opens this summer. The Lodge dining hall will be able to house up to 300 scouters!

In 2014, our new Scout Executive, Marc Kogan, came aboard. We welcome Marc and his family to our communities and embrace their enthusiasm.

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!

Cary Cox  
Council President

Marc Kogan  
Scout Executive

Scott Gray  
Council Commissioner



# Black Swamp Area Council

## KEY 3

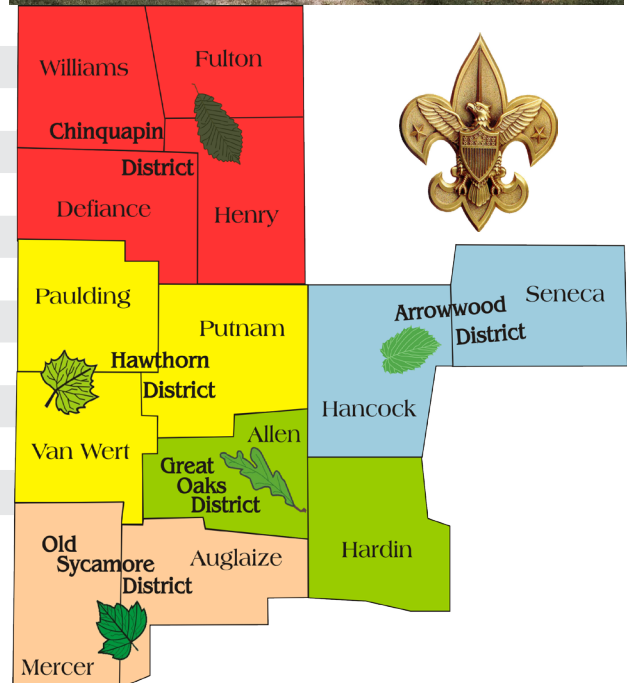
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Council Commissioner	Scott Gray
Scout Executive	Marc Kogan

## 2014 COUNCIL OFFICERS

Past President	Dr. Stan Doty
Vice President of Endowment	Robert Chesebro
Vice President of Program	Curt Brookhart
Vice President of Membership	Dave Heppner
Vice President of Finance	Steve Wilder
Vice President of Development	John Swearingen
Vice President of Properties	Chuck Clapper
Vice President of Administration	Mark Miller
Vice President of Marketing	Sharinda Welton
Vice President of District Operations	Karl Heminger
Legal Counsel	Jeff Whitman
Treasurer	John Pinski

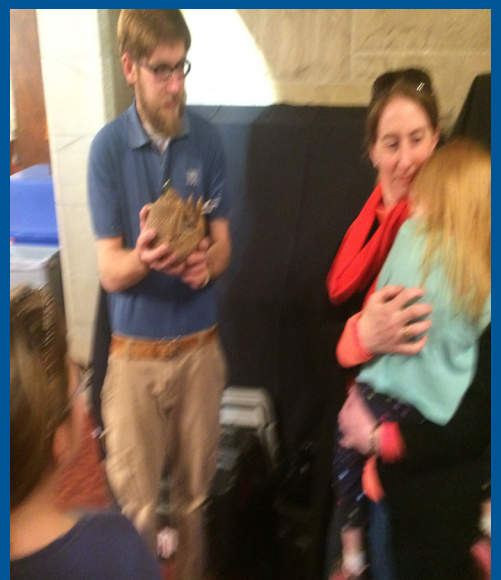
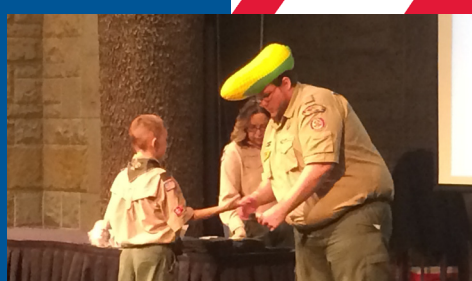
## 2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Adam Wehrman-OA Lodge Chief	Jeffrey Iten
Amaris Haley- VOA President	Jason Kimmet
Donald (Don) Alexander	Roger (Dale) Laws
Michael Ayers	Craig Marks
Jacques Behar	David Mikesell
Dena Best	Mark Miller
Sherri Brumbaugh	Brad Newman
Brian Burkett	Jan Osborn
Phillip Caris	Cheryl Parson
Lynn Child	Walt Poffenbaugh
Judy Crawford	Lynn Radabaugh
Robert Cupp	Mike Saxton
Matthew Cunningham	Paul Schmelzer
Brian Dicken	Robert Shrider
William Finerty	Ralph Stelzer
Richard Flowers	Dan Vennekotter
Phil Havens	Steve Walker
David Heppner	Sharinda Welton
Linda Hirschfeld	Mike Wolfe
Dave Huckeriede	Chip Wood
Ed Ingold	





## 2014 Product Sale Highlights





## CATHERINE CRAFT – Arrowwood District

For the last 13 years, Cathy Craft has dedicated much of her free time to supporting Scouting in various ways. Cathy was Pack and Troop 449's Unit Commissioner from 2001-2012. During this time, she also served as a Committee Member for 4 years, a Webelos Den Leader for 2 years and a Crew Advisor for 1 year. Additionally, Cathy was the Buckeye Day Camp Director for 4 years; from 2005-2008.

Cathy works as a library aid for Mohawk Schools and is the lead cook at Camp Lakota in the summers. Her family is also very involved in Scouting. Cathy's husband Tod is the Arrowwood District Commissioner, her son

Ethan was a dedicated Scout and her daughter Tabitha earned the Silver Award, the highest honor in Venturing. So, there is no surprise that they earned the Scout Family of the Year award in 2006.

From 2011-2013, Cathy held the position of NYLT Course Director but her involvement began far before that, dating back to 2006. She is a Vigil Honor recipient of the Order of the Arrow in 2012 and earned the District Award of Merit in 2006. Cathy has also been active in the University of Scouting, as staff in 2006, 2009, and 2014 and she is the Order of the Arrow chapter advisor dating back to 2014.



## DAVE SIELSCHOTT– Arrowwood District

Dave is currently registered with Troop 318 and is Arrowwood District's Advancement Co-Chair. He has spent most of his life dedicating time to Scouts. He started his Scouting career with Pack 82 in Lima in 1964. He followed the path from Cub Scout to Boy Scout and joined the Order of the Arrow with Troop 82 in 1970.

Dave began his involvement in adult leadership as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 310 in Findlay from 1979 until 1983. During his career with Marathon Petroleum, Dave was transferred to Greenwood, IN. While in Greenwood, his son Adam joined Pack 621. Dave then served as Den Leader from 1991-1994. After Adam crossed over in 1994, Dave attended summer camp with the Troop. Soon after, he took a position in the Findlay office of Marathon and he and his wife and kids moved to Arlington.

Upon returning to the area, Dave's son, Adam

joined Troop 318 and Dave became the Assistant Scoutmaster. His younger son, Jon followed them to their Troop in 1997 after he crossed over. Dave continued his role of Assistant Scoutmaster until 2008 when he became Scoutmaster, which he kept until 2012. After leaving his Scoutmaster role, he became a Troop Advancement chair and District Advancement Co-chair, where he remains today.

Dave also has a very notable camping history. He has led his Troop to Camp Berry every year since 1995 when he returned to the area. That marks 20 years of Camp Berry camping history! Dave also has had the unique opportunity to host a French Scout. Helie De Saint Laurent joined Troop 318 for both summer camp in 2013 and a high adventure trip in 2014. Also, Dave has been able to attend a high adventure camp every other year!



## BRAD SLAGLEY – Arrowwood District

Brad Slagley's active involvement in Scouting spans over 25 years. He became involved in Scouting when he was both a Cub and Boy Scout and his Scouting passion was reignited when his son joined Cub Scouts in 1992 in Illinois. Following a move to Findlay, he and his son, Kyle, joined Pack 309. When his son crossed over into Troop 308 in the following year, Brad found himself holding the positions of Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee member, Committee Chair, and Advancement chair during that time. About the time his son Kyle was earning his Eagle, Brad's younger son, Colton, became a Tiger and so Brad rejoined Pack 309. He then also held the positions of Pack Committee Member and Unit Commissioner between 2006 and 2010.

During Brad's years of dedicated Scouting, he has also acquired a very admirable camping history.

Brad has attended Dad and Lad four years, Cub Resident Camp two years and Boy Scout Resident Camp two years. He has also taken high adventure trips to Philmont in both 2001 and 2004 and he lead the first district wide sailing trip in the Florida Keys in 2006.

There are also several other aspects of Scouting that Brad is active in. The University of Scouting is something that is also very important to Brad, having served as both a Committee Member and Chairman. After completing his first Woodbadge ticket, he has since returned as a Woodbadge course instructor. Additionally, in 2014, he was a participant in the 21st Century Woodbadge course. He has been a very active member in the annual Friends of Scouting campaign for over 10 years as well.

## TAMMY SPEER – Hawthorn District

Tammy Speer has been a very important part of Scouting not only in the Hawthorn District, where she is the Training Chair, but also in camping across the Council. Tammy has held many roles in various capacities. She is very involved in Cub Scout camping as the Director of Dad & Lad since 2011. Tammy has also been at both Cub Resident Camp and Day Camp in various roles including Assistant Program Director, Program Director and Camp Director. She doesn't lose her camp spirit for the Boy Scouts though, as Tammy has been an integral part of the Camp Lakota Staff since 2010. Tammy earned her Woodbadge beads in 2009 and has been on Woodbadge staff in 2012, 2014 and 2015.

Her role as training chair doesn't come without merit. Tammy has led or been a part of Cub Specific Training, BALOO, Scoutmaster Specific Training, IOLS and various other trainings, both at District and Council levels. Tammy has both participated in and been on staff for the University of Scouting since 2007 and she attended National Camp School in both 2009 and 2014.

In addition to all of her camp contributions, Tammy has had other significant influences in the Scouting world. She was the Den Leader and Cubmaster with Pack 227 between 2006 and 2010, where she earned the Cub Scout Den Leader Award, Cubmaster Training Award and was named Hawthorn Cubmaster of the Year. She also led Pack 35 from 2011 through 2014. Also, Tammy has earned the District Award of Merit, the Scouter's Key and the WD Boyce Award. When Tammy isn't with her Scouting family, she is the Patient Care Coordinator at the Family Eye Care Clinic of Bluffton. She also is active at church with the Alter-Rosary Society and belongs to the VFW Women's Auxiliary of Columbus Grove. She lives in Columbus Grove with her husband, Doug who is also involved in various facets of Scouting and two Scout sons, Jon and Buckey. Together, they earned the Hawthorn Family of the Year Award in 2011. The prior year, Tammy was awarded the President's Award and in 2014 she earned the Hawthorn District Person of the Year.



## SANDY WOOD – Chinquapin District

Sandy Wood is a long time Scouter with a history dating back over 20 years. She began her Scouting tenure when her son decided to join. Sandy took a leading role in many different cub camping experiences. Starting in 1996, Sandy served several years on Dad and Lad staff and also Mom and Me where she co-chaired this event a few times. In addition, she was on staff as the health officer for National Camp School as well as at our own Camps, Lakota and Berry.

Around this same time period, Sandy was awarded the Commissioner Award, the Chairman's Award, the Arrowhead Honor Award, the District Award of Merit, and she was honored with the Distinguished Scouter Award. She was the Cub Day Camp Director for 4 years after serving on staff for 1 year. She earned her Woodbadge beads in 1998 and then returned as Medical Officer and Quartermaster. She also earned a second Distinguished Scouter Award while she was the Post Advisor with Explorer

Post 2129.

Sandy continued her Scouting career and has been an asset to training in various ways. In 2006, she served as Dean of Cub Scouting at the University of Scouting. She worked on the Philmont Training Round Table Committee in 1997 and she has served on Woodbadge training teams in Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois. Sandy earned the Scouter's Key and the Scouter Training Award in 1996. She has served on the Youth Leadership Training Staff and she has been a member of various other training teams for many years.

Sandy continues to help out in Cub Scouting. She has a new reason too, her grandson is now a Scout and she gets to enjoy new adventures with him. Sandy took over as the Cubmaster and was awarded the Cubmaster Award in 2011. She then earned the Cubmaster Key in 2012 and the Religious Award in 2014.



## 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.





In 2014, the Black Swamp Area Council sent 44 youth and adults to the Philmont Scout Ranch. We had units from the Defiance area, Paulding, Findlay, and St. Marys.

The highlights from the trip were hiking Baldy and the Tooth of Time. The whole process began with a 5 am trip to the Bryan train station and then about a day and a half on Amtrak. Once they arrived in Raton they had a short bus trip to Philmont and the next day began their journeys.

Most of the groups were on treks longer than 75 miles. Once their experiences came to an end they went back into Raton they were greeted by a steak dinner and boarded the train home. What a great two weeks they had!!

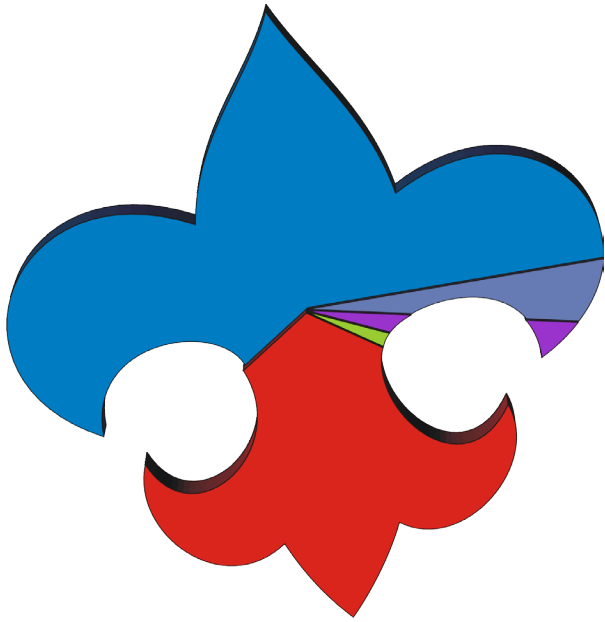




# Membership & Financial Reports

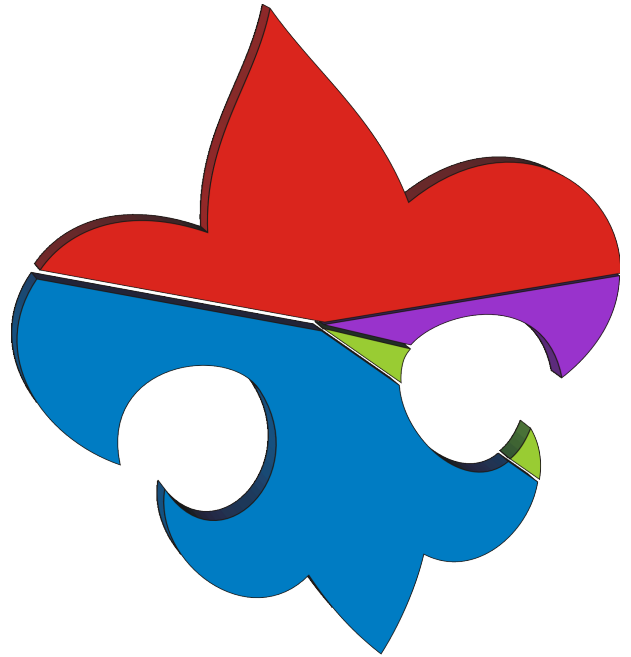
## Membership as of 12/31/14

■ Cub Scouts	.....	3521
■ Boy Scouts	.....	1732
■ Venturing	.....	164
■ Exploring	.....	215
■ Learning for Life	.....	222
		<b>Total 5854</b>



## Units as of 12/31/14

■ Packs	.....	106
■ Troops	.....	103
■ Crews	.....	15
■ LFL/Post	.....	16
		<b>Total 240</b>



## OPERATING FUND

### INCOME as of 12/31/14

Activities/Special Events	\$ 283,475
Camping/Programs	\$ 444,854
Investments	\$ 297,631
Product Sales	\$ 338,806
Annual Gifts	\$ 267,476
United Ways	\$ 141,505
Store Sales, other	\$ 103,461
Foundations/Grants	\$ 47,047
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,924,255</b>

### EXPENSES as of 12/31/14

Management	\$68,992
Programs	\$1,494,370
Fundraising	\$252,093
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,815,455</b>

These are unaudited results



# Class of 2014 Eagle Scouts

## ARROWWOOD DISTRICT

Eric	Peverly	Troop 302
Nicolas	Spieker	Troop 302
Hunter	Stahl	Troop 302
Cameron	Fox	Troop 304
Jacob	Rozelle	Troop 304
Adam	Seitz	Troop 304
Hyun	Suh	Troop 304
Aaron	Scasny	Troop 312
Zachary	Johns	Troop 313
Thomas	Wolford	Troop 313
Jacob	Hill	Troop 316
Kyle	Inbody	Troop 316
Jacob	Keefe	Troop 316
Mikael	Keiffer	Troop 316
Nathaniel	Harmon	Troop 316
Noah	Roper	Troop 318
Nicholas	Seifert	Troop 318
Colin	Tobin	Troop 318
Clayton	Wilson	Troop 318
Ryan	Schmidt	Troop 319
Lawrence	Lauer	Troop 322
Andrew	Loughman	Troop 335
Matthew	Loughman	Troop 335
Cole	Wasson	Troop 335
Travis	Yammine	Troop 338
Austin	Marczak	Troop 342
Mitchell	Parker	Troop 400
Levi	Nye	Troop 435
Aaron	Schalk	Troop 435

## CHINQUAPIN DISTRICT

Lucas	Blanchong	Troop 8
Brady	Cogswell	Troop 13
Alex	Munger	Troop 13
Jesse	Felix	Troop 63
Coy	Dunkle, Jr.	Troop 74
William	Steffel	Troop 75

David	Vermillion	Troop 75
Jacob	Black	Troop 76
Michael	Gineman	Troop 76
Noah	Scheppler	Troop 76
John	Seibert	Troop 77
Martin	Steinberger	Troop 141
Martin	Nichols	Troop 167
Andrew	Istefan	Troop 167
Lucas	Brown	Troop 216
Jacob	Black	Troop 262
Timothy	Kessler	Troop 333
Tanner	Clingaman	Troop 669
Bronson	Beck	Troop 1222
Andrew	Miller	Troop 1222

## GREAT OAKS DISTRICT

Triston	Bruce	Troop 47
James	Thatcher	Troop 47
Travis	Tuttle	Troop 47
Nicholas	Bockey	Troop 65
Jackson	Donley	Troop 65
Clark	Etzler	Troop 65
Bradley	Klausing	Troop 65
Christopher	Ellington	Troop 82
Kyle	Krier	Troop 82
Dylan	Craig	Troop 103
Ian	Klaus	Troop 103
Caleb	McDonald	Troop 103
Andrew	Madley	Troop 106
Benjamin	Curth	Troop 176
Carrick	Lancaster	Troop 256
Matthew	Ayers	Troop 777

## HAWTHORN DISTRICT

Tristin	Knott	Troop 19
Adam	Myers	Troop 35
Travis	Lichtensteiger	Troop 45
Hank	Sinn	Troop 64

Benjamin	Burkhart	Troop 221
Derrick	Schimmoller	Troop 221
Ryan	Siefker	Troop 221
Lane	Brooks	Troop 224
Harrison	Dean	Troop 224
Jeremy	DeMuth	Troop 224
Grant	Fuerst	Troop 224
William	Goecke	Troop 224
Justin	Kahle	Troop 224
Bailey	Krouse	Troop 224
Andrew	Schroeder	Troop 224
Andrew	Brinkman	Troop 227
Jeremy	Coleson	Troop 229
Chad	Wurst	Troop 230

## OLD SYCAMORE DISTRICT

Thomas	DiGiovanni	Troop 4
Cody	Benny	Troop 14
Dillon	O'Neill	Troop 14
Daniel	Reichenbach	Troop 14
Travis	Rohrbach	Troop 14
Trey	Conkle	Troop 44
Connor	Stienecker	Troop 95
Ian	Huelskamp	Troop 101
Lucas	Lightle	Troop 162



## National Certificate of Merit

MAY BE AWARDED TO A YOUTH MEMBER OR ADULT LEADER WHO HAS PERFORMED A SIGNIFICANT ACT OF SERVICE THAT IS DESERVING OF SPECIAL NATIONAL RECOGNITION. THERE HAVE BEEN 1,784 NATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF MERIT AWARDS PRESENTED SINCE 1989.

Bradley Eberle from Troop 138 in St. Marys, OH aided his neighbor, Raymond Schmidt who had fallen and had significant injuries. Raymond said of Bradley, "He knew what to do and whom to call, and he carried out instructions efficiently and calmly, which is just what I needed at the time. Probably nobody could do a better job than Brad did."

# Adventure & Excitement



# Scout Law: A Scout is...



trustworthy



loyal



helpful



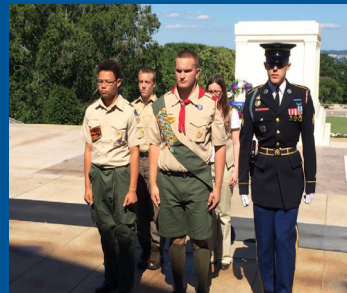
friendly



courteous



kind



obedient



cheerful



thrifty



brave



clean



reverent



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