



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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From the Council Key 3

Dear Scouters, Donors and Friends,

2022 was the year most activities returned to “normal”. While there were many challenges in the return to normal, there were several real highlights for Scouting.

Balanced Budget:

Our council again balanced the operational budget thanks to the generosity of our donors. In addition the council introduced a new coffee and tea sale to help fund local unit programs.

Eagle Scouts:

99 Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

During 2022 the Council Board raised \$1 million dollars toward the capital construction projects. Yammine Lodge at Camp Berry is nearing a June 2023 completion. At Camp Lakota Cooper Lodge with Hubbard Dining Hall with Armed Forces Memorial Parade Field has moved to the final construction drawing phase with groundbreaking slated for late summer/ early fall 2023.

Adventure Camp at Camp Berry:

Adventure Camp had its second summer. The overall objective of this program is connecting community members both in and not in Scouting prior to their participation. Adventure Camp helps to deliver the outing of Scouting to all youth in the community.

Youth Protection:

Scouting continues to have a robust youth protection training and volunteer screening process. All the tools that Scouting provides from the two deep leadership requirements, to the protect yourself rule in our advancement program, and criminal background check process.

Thank you to all of our supporters, volunteers, and donors. You all help make the difference in delivering the Scouting program to the youth of our community, making them prepared for life and leaders of tomorrow!

Yours in Scouting,



Dan Meffley
Council President



Michelle Waggoner
Council Commissioner



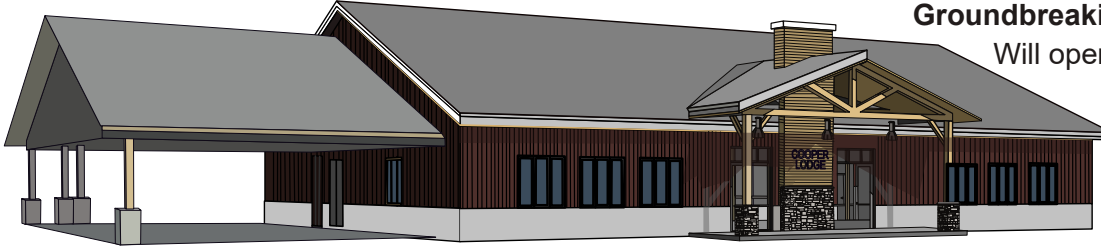
Marc Kogan
Scout Executive



Capital Projects

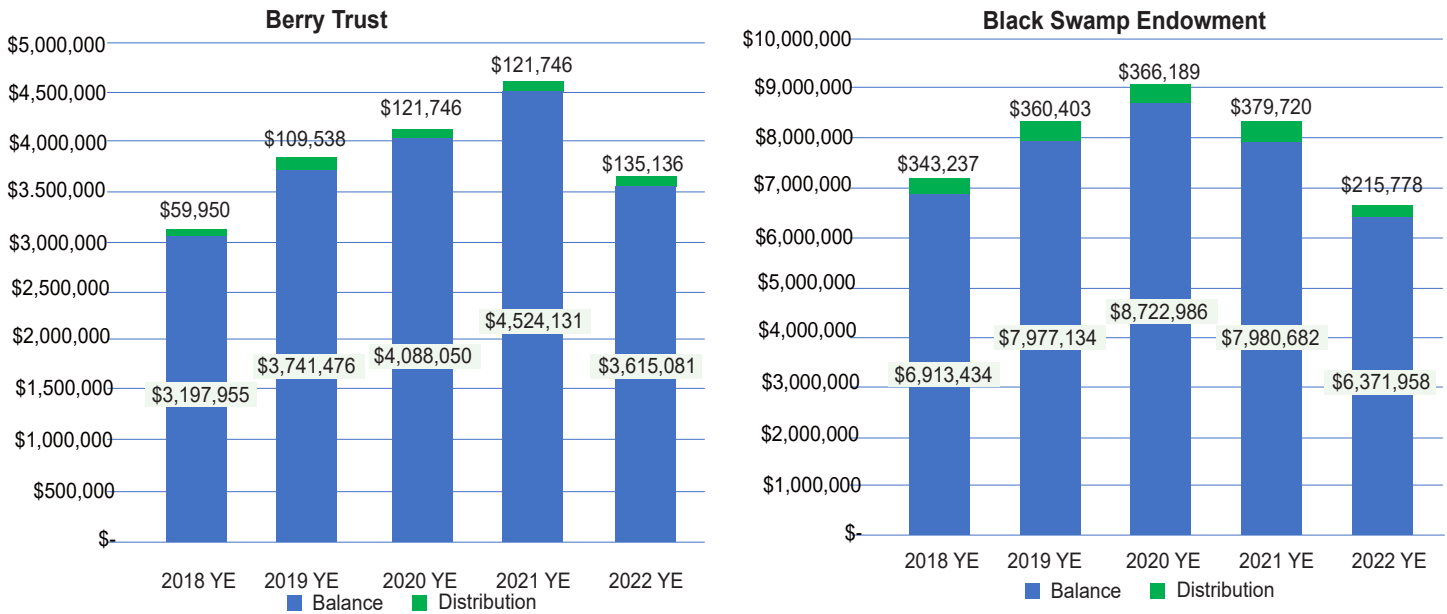


Groundbreaking on Yammine Lodge
Will open in the Summer of 2023



Cooper Lodge planned groundbreaking late summer/ early fall 2023

Endowment Funds: Investing in the Future



The forefathers of the Black Swamp Area Council and the Berry Boy Scouts Incorporated had amazing foresight to create endowments to help our council maintain a strong financial position.

The Berry Boy Scouts Inc. is a separate organization from the Black Swamp Area Council that was originally created to support Camp Berry. When our council became the Black Swamp Area Council the board of the Berry Boy Scouts Inc. enabled the trust to be used for both Camp Berry and Camp Lakota. Annually the Berry Boy Scouts provide about \$170,000 in support for council camping operations. Karl Heminger serves as the president of the Berry Boy Scouts Inc.

The position of the council's endowment enables the council to make the contribution to the survivor's compensation trust as part of the national council's bankruptcy without selling any camp assets. Both the council's endowment and the Berry Boy Scouts are on a 32 month rolling average for the distribution with a 5% spending policy.

The Berry Boy Scouts Inc. just finished up a 5 year commitment of \$250,000 toward Cooper Lodge at Camp Lakota.

Members of the investment committee are as follows: Zeb Walters, Steve Schroeder, Karl Heminger, Keith Eiden, and Peter Gilgen.

2022 Silver Beavers Award Recipients



Tim Wade

Tim Wade has been active in Scouting since he was 8 and earned his Eagle Rank in Troop 72 at 17 and three palms. He served on Camp Lakota's staff and was an active youth in the Order of the Arrow, serving as Program Vice Chair. Currently he is a Scoutmaster, a Vigil Honor Member who is active in the Order of the Arrow, member of the District Committee and Director of Shooting Sports at Camp Lakota.



Tom Masterson

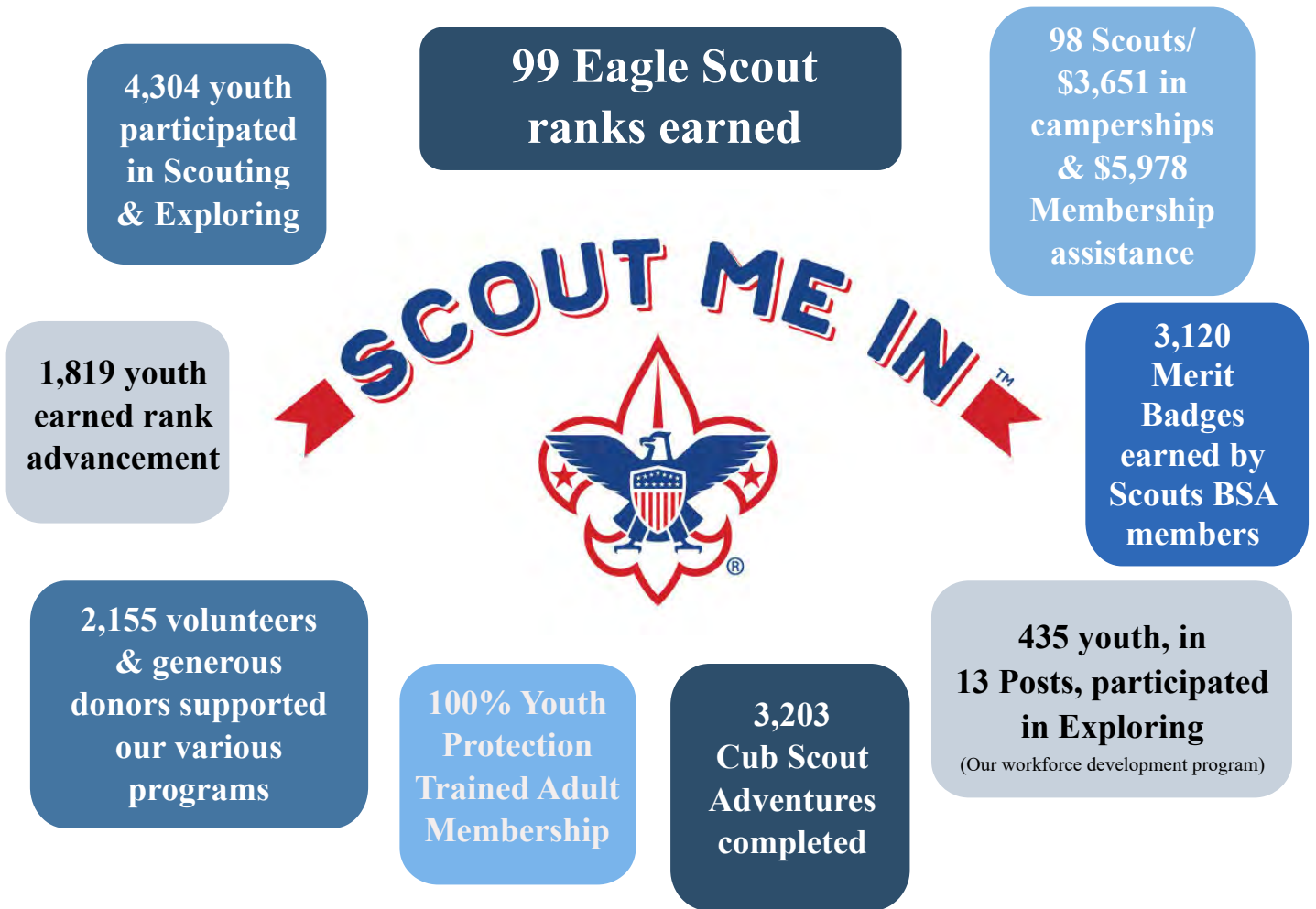
Tom Masterson joined Black Swamp Area Council in 2010. He and his wife started Pack 445 in Tiffin. He was the Cubmaster and Den Leader as his sons went through the program. Tom was the District Chairman from 2014-2017, District Activities Chair from 2018-2019, Committee Member at Large from 2020 to present, and on the Council Board since 2014. Tom has received the District Award of Merit. He took Wood Badge in 2014, and staffed the 2017 course. Tom received his Eagle Scout Award with Troop 208 in the Greater Cleveland Council. He and Amy are the parents to two Eagle Scouts. Tom is the Assistant Vice President at Community First Bank in Upper Sandusky.



Will Brown

Will Brown has been an active Scouter since childhood, having grown up in Elida, he participated as a youth along with his parents who were his Den Leaders. He remained active and achieved his First Class as a youth. He reunited with Scouting as a leader when his son became a Cub Scout. He took his Wood Badge Training in 2014, and staffed the course in 2017. He then participated in the Philmont Leadership Challenge and was invited to staff the NAYLE. He is actively involved in the Great Oaks District and council training opportunities.

2022 Year in Review

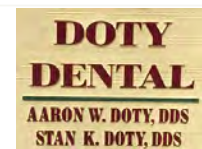


Gift Package Program Participants

Gold Sponsors



Ball Family Restaurants



Bronze Sponsors

John Love



Membership and Financial Reports (unaudited)

as of Dec. 31, 2022

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Membership		Units	
Cub Scouts	1,667	Packs	69
Scouts BSA	1,196	Troops	77
Venturing	31	Crews	4
Exploring	128	Posts	13
Total	2,995	Total	163

Operating Revenue	2022	Pct.
Activities/Special Events	\$185,004	9.95%
Camping/Program	\$426,972	22.97%
Investments (Endowment)	\$212,615	11.44%
Product Sales (Popcorn)	\$93,607	5.04%
Annual Gifts (FOS)	\$330,781	17.79%
United Way	\$80,804	4.35%
Store Sales, Other	\$377,865	20.33%
Foundation/Grants	\$151,427	8.15%
	\$1,859,075	100.00%

Operating Expenses	2022	
Management	\$78,822	4.25%
Programs	\$1,45,523	78.57%
Fundraising	\$318,197	17.18%
	\$1,852,537	100,00%



Thank you to the Professional and Community Leaders who put forth their time and effort to better Scouting in Northwest and West Central Ohio

2022 Executive Committee

Council President: Daniel Meffley

Council Commissioner: Michelle Waggoner

Treasurer	Keith Eiden	Vice President Program	Dave Thompson
Executive Vice President	Matt Black	Vice President Endowment	Stan Doty
Attorney	Jeffrey Whitman	Vice President Properties	Phil Havens
Vice President Strategic Plan	Mark Miller	Vice President Alumni	Grant Russel
Vice President Membership	Cheryl Parson	Vice President Exploring	Chase Hatfield
Vice President Operations	Karl Heminger	Past President	Sherri Garner Brumbaugh
	Scout Executive	Marc Kogan	

2022 Executive Board

Don Alexander	Bill Finnerty	John Love	Doug Saul
Karim Baroudi	Richard Flowers	Matthew Ludwig	Daniel Vennekotter
Curtis Brookhart	Scott Gray	Tom Masterson	Tina Verhoff
Chuck Clapper	Dave Huckeriede	Mike Metzger	Mike Yammine
Judy Crawford	Jeff Iten	Fa. Chris Mileski	
Robert Cupp	Dale Laws	Walter Poffenbaugh	

District Chairs




Vacant	Arrowwood District	Roger Frese	Old Sycamore District	Justin Schiefer
Chad Bryan	Great Oaks District	Mike Saxton	Chinquapin District	O. A. Lodge Chief

Youth Representative

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