

Blue Ridge Mountains Council Key Three Message

Scouting immerses our youth from southwest, central and southside Virginia in an environment that promotes leadership, character, service and achievement. This is what has made Scouting successful for over 107 years. We are deeply proud of our history and equally excited about our future. Beginning with the Seoul Oath and Law, our program is infused with character-building activities that allow the 7,188 youth served in 2017 to apply the principles they learned in their everyday lives.

2017 was another strong year for Scouting in the Blue Ridge Mountains Council. As a measure of our efforts with membership, quality programs including summer camp, volunteer leadership, community engagement and financial stability, the Boy Scouts of America recognized our council with the Bronze Award in the national Journey to Excellence Program. This is a strong testament to our volunteers, parents, friends of Scouting and our professional staff who all played an important role in this achievement.

We thank you for your commitment to Scouting in the Blue Ridge Mountains Council.

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Council President

Jim Nicholas
Council Commissioner

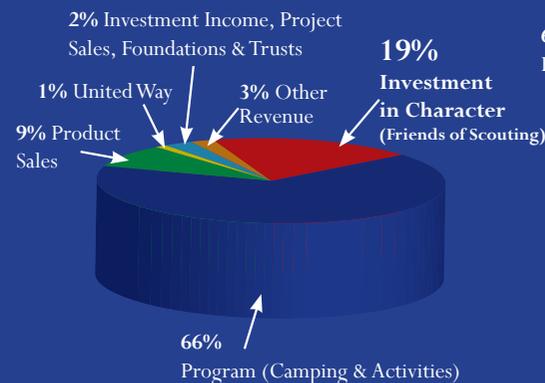
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Scout Executive

2017 Financial Responsibility and Stewardship

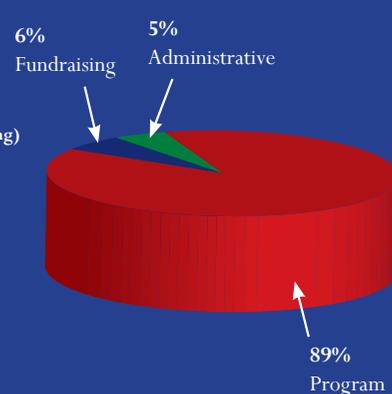
The cost of delivering the Scouting Program to a youth in the Blue Ridge Mountains Council for one year is \$150. Scouting is a cost effective and efficient youth development program that allows the whole family to participate.

\$4.6 Million Operating Budget

Funding Sources



How We Invest in Young People



MISSION STATEMENT

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.

VISION STATEMENT

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

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, and Reverent.



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Developing Strong Leaders

Scouting prepares youth for a life of leadership by giving them the skills needed to take responsibility and teach by examples. These leadership skills help them to build self-confidence. They learn the importance of character and integrity. A recent study highlighted the impact Scouting can have on youth in just three years of participation. It showed that youth involved in Scouting are more likely to have positive character attributes and choose helping others over being the best. This positive impact grows even more when Scouts continue with the program.

Scouts learn to set goals and form a vision of what they want to do. After a youth joins the Boy Scouts, he may set a goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. Working toward this achievement the Scout learns to develop a service project and give leadership to others in its completion.

Another training opportunity is National Youth Leadership Training. NYLT is a program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO.

In 2017:

171 Young Men

attained the Rank of Eagle.

5,257 Merit Badges

were earned from a range of offerings in 138 STEM related, life skill oriented and hobby fields.

Over 48,040 Hours

of community service was performed with 26,988 service hours completed by Scouts, parents and unit volunteers in the completion of Eagle Projects.

66 Scouts

completed National Youth Leadership Training.



Creating Adventure and A Healthier Lifestyle

Scouting is committed to providing a program that addresses the important elements of healthy youth development. Encouraging youth to get outdoors and be active is essential. Activities such as Cub Day Camps, Resident Camp and Summer Camp are more than just places to have fun. They also offer Scouts the opportunity to participate in physically and intellectually challenging activities. They create a desire for Scouts to learn, support the building of character, try things they may never had done before and make new friends.

In 2017:

408 Cub Scouts

attended Day Camps and Resident Camps.

Over 1,390 Cub Scouts

and their families participated in Spring and Fall Family Campouts.

7,917 Scouts and leaders

attended summer camp at the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation with 989 youth participating in the first-year camper program, Brown Sea Island.

40 youth and leaders

attended the National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.



Empowering Mentors

Boy Scouting is a boy-led, boy-run program, but the boys must be trained to be leaders. Adult role models in Scouting provide an ideal learning experience for all youth. Every adult volunteer has something valuable to offer.

The advantages of Scouting are not limited to boys. Adults also develop leadership and physical skills with every training experience.

Volunteers learn, too. Volunteers spend a significant amount of time to ensure the success of Scouting in their communities.

In 2017:

2,348 volunteers

served our youth recording more than 563,520 hours of service, at a value of \$13,276,531 (based on a national volunteer-hour value of \$23.56).

59.3% of our unit leadership is trained while 96% of all volunteer leadership have completed youth protection training.

31 volunteers

attended Wood Badge Training. Those leaders who complete the training find that the leadership, organization and team principles they learn are applicable not only in Scouting but in their professional and personal lives as well.

