



Climbing The Mountain

Westmoreland-Fayette Council
2022 Annual Report

It is often noted that while reaching the top of the mountain is the goal, it is not the part that matters most, rather it is the journey to get to that point. Each step taken or handhold that is grasped, each play a role in the experience that lead us to the stunning view at the mountain top.

In early 2022, the Westmoreland-Fayette Council set off on its journey up the mountainside to ensuring a successful delivery of the Scouting program in Westmoreland and Fayette counties. Along the way there was rough terrain with increased operating costs due to inflation and supply shortages. However, along the way there were some amazing sights such as a successful summer camping program and widely supported special events.

In the coming pages, you will read about the path taken to top of the mountain where the council met the challenge of membership growth for the first time since 2017. Join our crew as we review the trails taken to reach the mountain top.

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Mission of the BSA

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 of the BSA

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.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

The Boy Scouts of America promotes a culture where each youth, volunteer, and employee feels a sense of belonging and builds communities where every person feels respected and valued. Leading by example and encouraging each other to live by the values expressed by the Scout Oath and Scout Law, we welcome families of all backgrounds to help prepare young people to serve as successful members and leaders of our nation's increasingly diverse communities.



Fellow Scouts, Scouters, and friends,

2022 was a year of growth and excitement for Westmoreland Fayette Council. While traces of the effects of the pandemic are still visible, this has been a year of growth and development, showing how resilient the Scouting community is thanks to the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

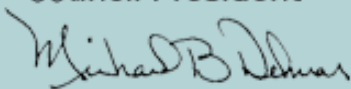
From thriving camping programs at Eberly Scout Reservation to membership growth in our service area and so many other areas of our operations, our volunteer leaders have made the difference in having a measurable impact on the lives of young people in the communities we serve in Westmoreland and Fayette Counties.

Providing meaningful experiences, leadership development opportunities and fun have always been hallmarks of the Scouting program. Ensuring the continuity and growth of these programs with a keen focus on youth safety and sustainability has been the shared focus of both volunteer and professional leadership of our council during 2022.

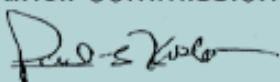
We look forward to continuing to deliver on the promise of Scouting in Westmoreland and Fayette counties because we know the impact it has on the lives of the families we serve. We hope our pride in our Scouts and volunteer leaders is clear this annual report and that you enjoy reading it.

Sincerely,

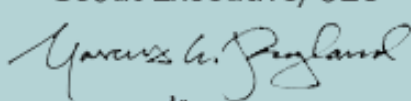
Mike Delmar
Council President



Paul Kosko
Council Commissioner



Marcus Ragland
Scout Executive/CEO



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Council Leadership

Board Officers

Mike Delmar.....	President
Paul Kosko.....	Council Commissioner
Chuck Boyer.....	VP of District Operations
Lou Grobmyer.....	VP of Membership
Mike Blasko.....	VP of Program
Eric Gentis.....	VP of Marketing
Paul Kania.....	VP of Endowment
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Ray Charley.....	Assistant Treasurer
Ross Hackel.....	Assistant Treasurer
Marcus Ragland.....	Secretary

Council Staff

Marcus Ragland.....	Scout Executive/CEO
Kristen Eagle.....	Old Trails District Executive
Jesse Bush.....	Laurel Hills District Executive
Paul Rock.....	Bushy Run District Executive
Kenneth Bartlett.....	Special Position Professional
Sheri Rolain.....	Office Manager
Christopher Sullenberger.....	Accounting Specialist
Beverly Myers.....	Fundraising Assistant
Velma Laco.....	Registrar
Jonathon Stoops.....	Scout Shop Manager
Logan Depta.....	Learning for Life Program Specialist

Council Executive Board

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Chuck Boyer
Robert Brooks
Brian Casey
Ray T. Charley
Chuck Coldren
David Colecchia
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David Delisi
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Bart Gaskey
Joe Maher
Joe Massaro
Dick McKelvey
Dr. Charles Patrick
Dr. Jack Smith
Carl Valero

Youth Representatives

Logan Depta (OA Lodge Chief)

Camp Programs

Our primary summer camping facility is Eberly Scout Reservation (ESR) in Somerset, PA.

Camp Conestoga is one facility located within ESR and is the home of the council's Scouts BSA Resident Camp which operated five sessions last summer. Camp Conestoga was available for individual units to use for camping between September & November.

Camp Buck Run is the second facility located within ESR and is the home of the council's Cub Scout Resident Camp which operated five sessions last summer. Buck Run was also available for individual unit camping and council operated training events.

Camp Tenacharison is located in Smithton, PA and serves as the council's short term camping property for unit rental and council training events.

Featured Program Area

Skilled Trades has quickly become one of the most popular areas at camp! Here, Scouts learn about trade opportunities and build hands-on skills like soldering, welding metal, and making small auto repairs.

SKILLED TRADES

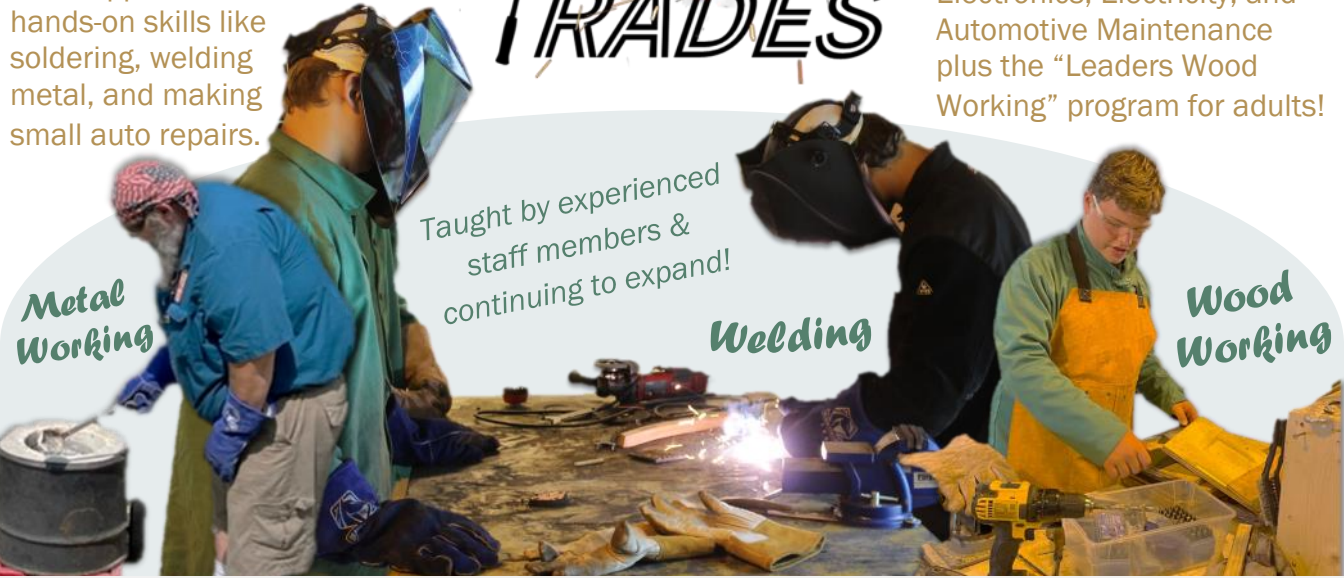
Merit badges offered in 2023 include Plumbing, Welding, Metal Working, Electronics, Electricity, and Automotive Maintenance plus the "Leaders Wood Working" program for adults!

Taught by experienced staff members & continuing to expand!

Metal Working

Welding

Wood Working



Summer Camp Attendance

Camp Conestoga

Youth-902
Adults-252

Camp Buck Run

Youth-340
Adults-287

Financial Assistance Provided

Camperships- \$3,500.00

Eagle Scout Scholarships- \$6,000.00

Specialty Event Attendance

Order of the Arrow Events*- 780

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)- 24

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation- 8

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training- 56

Volunteer Position Specific Training- 96



*The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Society which holds various camping events throughout the year. Scouts and adults are elected to the Order of the Arrow by their peers for their service to the local units.

A person in a dark jacket and jeans stands on a rocky ledge, looking out over the vast, layered red rock formations of the Grand Canyon. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting sunrise or sunset. The canyon walls are steep and show distinct horizontal geological strata. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, looking towards the right.

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

Recognition

Each year, the Westmoreland-Fayette Council is proud to present a variety of recognitions and awards to the volunteers and youth who drive the organization to success.

Silver Beaver

In 2022, two individuals received the Silver Beaver Award for their distinguished service in making an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

Robert Lavelle– Council Member at Large
Michael Aesoph– Old Trails District



Order of the Arrow Awards

The Order of the Arrow is a special program within the Boy Scouts. Its principal purposes are to honor Scouts and Scouters who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law, promote camping, and to build habits of helpfulness in young men and women. The local Order of the Arrow Lodge for the Westmoreland-Fayette Council is Wagion Lodge #6.

Thunderbird Award

The Thunderbird Award is the most prestigious award of Wagion Lodge 6 and is presented for outstanding leadership and service to the lodge. In 2022, Wagion Lodge 6 presented the 136th and 137th Thunderbird Awards to:

Jayden Provance
Mike Stafford



Vigil Honor

In 2022, Wagion Lodge 6 bestowed the Vigil Honor, the highest honor presented in the Order of the Arrow for outstanding service rendered to the lodge, council, and home unit, to the following individuals:

Robert Deckinger
Darius Colangelo
Liam Colligan
Matthew Dalton

Tim Dalton
Terry Monaghan
Noah Rhea

Service to Others

A core element of the Scouting program is a direct connection to the community through a journey of service to others. In pursuit of following our slogan of “Do a Good Turn Daily”, the youth and volunteers of our organization are constantly searching to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Scouting For Food

Total Participation

Youth- 240

Adults- 182

Total Food Collected:

81,668 lbs



Unit Service

Number of Service Projects Completed by Local Units- 1,833

Service Hours Reported by Units- 18,680

Eagle Scout Service Project Hours- 9,261

Grand Total of Reported Service Hours- 27,941



Featured Eagle Scouts

Lachlan McKeveen

Laurel Hills District



Lachlan McKeveen achieved the rank of Eagle in 2022 in Troop 211. For his project, Lachlan created a flag memorial at New Alexandria Borough's Gray Wing Park, which displays the American, Pennsylvania state, and POW/MIA flags. A dedication ceremony for this memorial was held for the community last fall. Lachlan is a senior at The Kiski School where he is a prefect and member of the swim team. He plans to study Aerospace Engineering after

graduating high school this year.



Darius Colangelo earned his Eagle Scout Award in 2022 in Troop 205. For his project, Darius partnered with the Westmoreland Conservancy to construct a chimney swift tower at the McGinnis Nature Reserve in Murrysville, PA. This tower serves as both a habitat for the endangered chimney swift and an informational kiosk for hikers along the trail. In addition to his troop service, Darius is an active member of the OA, serving as a lodge officer in 2022. Darius is a senior at Franklin Regional and plans to attend Notre Dame to study Chemical Engineering this fall.

Darius Colangelo

Busky Run District



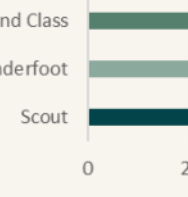
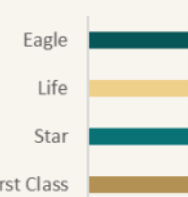
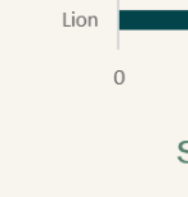
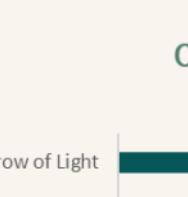
Austin Sova



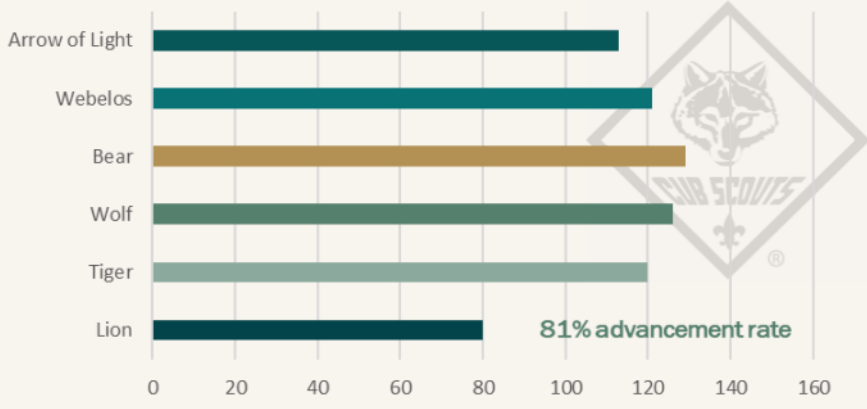
Austin Sova became an Eagle Scout in 2022 as a member of Troop 620. For his project, Austin reconstructed a raised masonry platform on which a Mother Mary statue was placed looking out over the horizon of St. Mary's Cemetery in Uniontown, PA. His project also included the installation of a custom wrought-iron fence and painting. Austin graduated from Laurel Highlands High School in 2022 and is currently attending West Virginia University where he is studying Aerospace Engineering.

Old Trails District

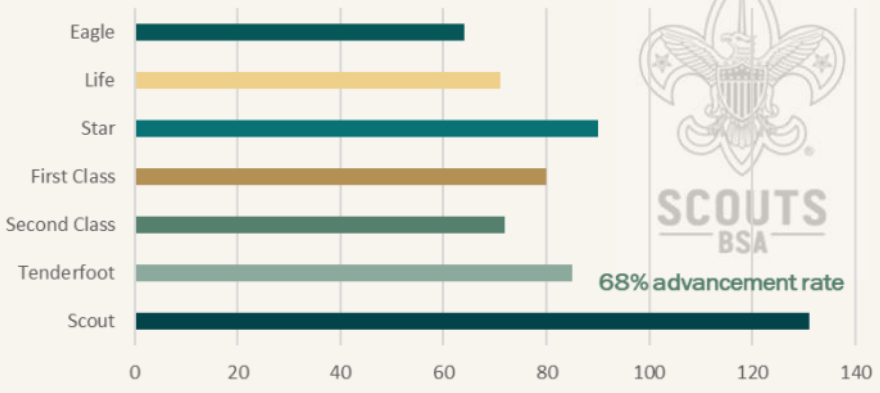




Cub Scout Rank Advancement Youth Ages 5-11 years



Scouts BSA Rank Advancement Youth ages 11-17 years



Top 20 Merit Badges Earned in 2022: (clockwise from top left corner) Animation, Art, Automotive Maintenance, Camping, Chess, Citizenship in Society, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Family Life, Mammal Study. Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Sculpture, Space Exploration, Swimming, and Wilderness Survival.

As of December 31, 2022

Scouting Programs - 2022		
Scouting Program	Participants	Units (Packs, Troops, Crews, Posts)
Cub Scouts (ages 5-11)	1151	38
Scouts BSA (ages 11-17)	869	51
Venturing (ages 14-21)	25	4
Exploring/Learning for Life	39	1
Total Youth Served	2084	
Total Adult Volunteers	1326	

	Market Share	Retention*
Cub Scouting	4.91%	64.72%
Scouts BSA	6.96%	84.91%
Venturing	0.19%	78.57%
Exploring	0.15%	**
Westmoreland-Fayette Council		
	4.26%	73.41%
BSA National Service Territory 12		
	3.02%	75.97%
BSA National		
	2.10%	70.93%

Council totals reflect registered membership on December 31, 2022

**Percentage of youth who remain active in Westmoreland-Fayette Council Scouting programs from prior year to current year.*

***Retention is unavailable as this program is typically run on a year-to-year basis*

***Westmoreland-Fayette Council is in the
top 5%
of Boy Scouts of America councils
nationwide for market share†***



† Percentage of total youth in the community served; Westmoreland-Fayette Council ranks 8th of 247 councils in the United States.



Financials

Year End: December 31, 2022

Category	Amount	Percentage
Revenue		
Friends of Scouting	\$80,100	6.05%
Special Events, Foundations, and Other Direct Support	\$362,277	27.36%
Indirect Support	\$10,884	0.8%
Scout Shop Sales	(\$3,424)	-0.26%
Product Sales	\$147,593	11.15%
Endowment Income	\$204,764	15.46%
Camping Revenue	\$471,302	35.59%
Activity Revenue	\$42,794	3.26%
Other Revenue	\$7,874	0.59%
Total Revenue	\$1,324,164	
Expenses		
Program Services	\$869,978	68.49%
Facilities	\$127,647	10.05%
Management and General	\$272,509	21.46%
Total Expenses	\$1,270,134	
Revenue	\$1,324,164	
Expenses	\$1,270,134	
Excess of Income/Expenses	\$54,030	

Unaudited report for the year ending December 2022. An audited report conducted by Means & Vance, PC. is available upon request.

Grants and Foundational Support

Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation

The funding provided by the Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation was used to purchase 23 new tents for Eberly Scout Reservation to support an initiative to phase out worn and tattered tents.

Amount Received: \$13,000

Madeline Nichols Memorial Fund

The funding provided by the Madeline Nichols Memorial Fund was used to repair the perimeter fence of the Archery Range at Camp Conestoga and to begin building a collection of programmatic resources that can be used by local units to enhance recruitment efforts.

Amount Received: \$2,000

CB Hollinsworth Trust

The funding provided by the C.B. Hollingsworth Trust was used to purchase the materials needed to replace three medium to large sized roofs on council properties. The roofs on Rice Lodge and Scruggs Pavilion were replaced by a group of the council's key maintenance volunteers. The Camp Conestoga Trading Post is scheduled to be replaced in the spring of 2023.

Amount Received: \$5,000

Allegheny Foundation

The funding provided by the Allegheny Foundation was used to support the general operations of the council in four primary categories: membership, program, unit service, and administration.

Amount Received: \$40,000

McFeely Rogers Foundation

The funding provided by the McFeely-Rogers Foundation was used to provide training opportunities for staff and support to aid unit growth following the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amount Received: \$5,000

Special Events

Special Events play a critical role in funding the success of the Westmoreland-Fayette Council. The council is very fortunate to work with so many dedicated and generous sponsors and hosts who make these events possible.

Trailblazer

Dinner

\$4,023

All-In

Golf Scramble

\$15,280

Old Trails

Golf Outing

\$6,445

84 Lumber

Golf Outing

\$150,884

SuperValu

Golf

Tournament

\$14,481

Eagle Scout Class of 2022

65 Scouts earned Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout in 2022!

Michael McCarthy	Caleb Kovach	Seth Durst
Wyatt Fender	Luciano Jacobson	Samuel Spotto IV
Nickolas Harris	Chase Register	Colin Prinkey
Michael Koreen	Nicholas Cda	Dominic DePaul
Nathaniel Homan	Hunter Cernuska	Sova Austin
Ethan Hall	Troy Clark	Joseph Lemansky
Shane Shoemaker	Matthew Irvin	Gavin O'Brien
Paul Mills	Gerald Brady	Thomas Hutchinson
Darius Colangelo	Robert Valerio	Joshua Dirda
Noah Campise	Paul Horne	David Hutchinson
Carrson Bauer	Rose Butina	Grant Barcheck
Logan McQueen	Lachlan McKlveen	Ethan Kish
Landyn Queer	Shawn Savko	Patterson Ware
Jason Lazar	Brennen Buric	Caleb Clark
Brendan Zentner	Austin Painter	Kade Clark
Zachary Posner	Ethan Telford	Aiden Kelly
Dominick Morelli	Kyle Nicodemus	Kyle Shumber
Tyler Bagshaw	Joshua Hamley	Larry Goughnour
Martin Kuzmkowski	Hunter Ronald	Zachary Corlazzoli
Jude Walker	Jay McCann	Brett Myers
Benjamin Poole	Jacob Harris	Brandon Craft
Nathan Boettner	Toby Samek	

Chartering Organizations

These organizations support Scouting by sponsoring local units!

Bushy Run District

American Legion Post # 790
AHN Forbes Hospital
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
Bushy Run Lions Club
Christ United Methodist Church
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Emmanuel Reformed United Church of Christ
Everson Civic Club
Fairmont-Hahntown VFD
First Presbyterian Church of Irwin
First United Church of Irwin
First United Church of Christ
First United Methodist Church (W. Newton)
First United Methodist Church (Irwin)
Herminie United Methodist Church
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Jeannette)
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Irwin)
Lions Club of Level Green
Moose Lodge #236
Mother of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church
Murrysville Volunteer Fire Station
Newlonsburg United Presbyterian Church
St. Edwards Parrish
Scottdale Centennial Lions Club
St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church
St. Barbara Roman Catholic Church
St. Johns United Church of Christ
Yukon Volunteer Fire Company

Laurel Hills District

Baggley Elementary School
Calvary Baptist Church
Calvary United Methodist Church
Community Presbyterian Church
Delmont Lions Club
Fort Allen PTO
Heritage United Methodist Church
Hillside United Methodist Church
Holy Family & St. John the Evangelist
Kingston Veterans & Sportsman Club
Latrobe Elementary School
Lutheran Church Men of Harrold
Zion
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard
Maxwell Elementary PTO
Mount Pleasant Township Lions Club
Mountain View Elementary School
Mountain View PTO
New Florence United Methodist Church
Saint Pius X Roman Catholic Church
Saint Vincent Basilica Parrish
South Greensburg United Methodist Church
St. Benedict Parrish
The Church of St. Paul
VFW Post 3368

Old Trails District

Amvets Post 103
Bullskin Township Fair Association
Bullskin Township Lions Club
Burhans Crouse Funeral Home
Fairchance VFD
Farmington Volunteer Fire Department
First Christian Church
Friends of Fairchance Fire Department
Grace Community Church
Masontown VFD
Otterbein United Methodist Church
Perryopolis Lions Club
Smithfield VFD
St. Marys Roman Catholic Church
St. Joan of Arc Church
Third Presbyterian Church
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tyrone Presbyterian Church
VFW Faith Gray McArdle Post 4584
Valley Sportsman Club of Oliver

