



Westmoreland-Fayette
Council, BSA
Annual Report
2021



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Each day acts as one more step on the trail that each of us take in life. As these steps accrue they form the hikes in life that take us to our smaller destinations. As the number of these hikes increase we find ourselves on a much larger adventure that is the accumulation of all our experiences.

The year 2021 redefined the term “adventure” in every area imaginable. The pandemic continued to challenge the world and change to our everyday lives. Whether the experience of the journey is positive, negative, or indifferent, it does not diminish the value of the lessons learned along the way.

Scouting in the Westmoreland-Fayette Council was no exception to this. From balancing mitigation and contact tracing to working to rebuild from what the pandemic was leaving our Scouts and leaders had to push on to ensure the Scouting continued. To see this through we had to embrace all that was happening. We had to see it as the adventure that it was and “be prepared” for any obstacles that came along. With that mindset the council saw many successes and victories as well as many lessons to be learned in the future. The Westmoreland-Fayette Council pushed onward through 2021 and the obstructions it presented and faced them with the mindset that “the adventure continues.”



Executive Letter

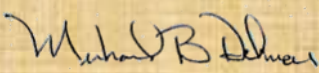
As leaders in the Boy Scouts of America, we know that many people depend on our organization. Our community relies on us for service, and our chartered partners expect us to be efficient and safe. Leaders need us to provide resources and guidance. Most importantly, parents and youth depend on us to ensure that this program continues to develop character, citizenship, and fitness that provides a pathway to a better life.

While 2021 presented us with an unprecedented set of challenges, we are exceptionally proud of how our volunteer leaders and our Scouts used their resourcefulness to show that the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law serve us best in times of difficulty.

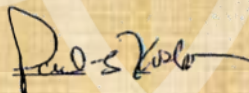
2021 was in fact a banner year for the Westmoreland Fayette Council. Wagon Lodge 6 of Scouting's National Honor Society, Order of the Arrow, celebrated its 100th anniversary with guests from across the Nation. Attendance at camps Conestoga and Buck Run saw continued increase and ran safely for the entire season without sacrificing the great program experience our Scouts and leaders have come to expect. The council made significant investments into our properties, and saw record collections in our Scouting for Food drive in the spring. New membership recruitment efforts helped us welcome new families in Scouting while traditional recruitment efforts were not available due to the pandemic. Most importantly, we celebrated the achievement of 86 Eagles Scouts from our council including the first 5 female Eagles from our region.

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 shines through in this annual report and that you enjoy reading it.

Sincerely,



Mike Delmar
Council President



Paul Kosko
Council Commissioner



Marcus Ragland
Scout Executive/CEO





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.



2021 Eberly Scout Reservation Staff

Council Leadership

Council Officers

<i>Mike Delmar</i>	President
<i>Paul Kosko</i>	Council Commissioner
<i>Chuck Boyer</i>	Vice President – District Operations
<i>Lou Grobmyer</i>	Vice President - Membership
<i>Mike Blasko</i>	Vice President – Program
<i>Eric Gentis</i>	Vice President – Marketing
<i>Paul Kania</i>	Vice President – Endowment
<i>Dave Delisi</i>	Treasurer
<i>Ray Charley</i>	Assistant Treasurer
<i>Ross Hackel</i>	Assistant Treasurer
<i>Marcus Ragland</i>	Secretary

Executive Board

<i>John Bertoty</i>	<i>Matthew Dowling</i>	<i>Fr. Lawrence Manchas</i>
<i>Mike Blasko</i>	<i>Charles Ferguson</i>	<i>Scott Mears</i>
<i>Pete Bloomer</i>	<i>Barbara J. Ferrier</i>	<i>Trent Perry</i>
<i>Eric E. Bononi</i>	<i>Curt Fontaine</i>	<i>Cynthia Proctor</i>
<i>Chuck Boyer</i>	<i>Dan Galbraith</i>	<i>Marcus Ragland</i>
<i>Robert Brooks</i>	<i>Robert Gardner</i>	<i>Vincent Roskovensky</i>
<i>Brian Casey</i>	<i>Jonathon Garlow</i>	<i>Jennifer Sova</i>
<i>Ray T. Charley</i>	<i>Eric Gentis</i>	<i>Mike Stewart</i>
<i>Chuck Coldren</i>	<i>Lou Grobmyer</i>	<i>Francis Stillman</i>
<i>David Colecchia</i>	<i>Ross Hackel</i>	<i>Mary Stillman</i>
<i>David Delisi</i>	<i>David Hawk</i>	<i>Charles Strobel</i>
<i>Mike Delmar</i>	<i>Paul Kania</i>	<i>Jim Ulery</i>
<i>Logan Depta</i>	<i>Douglas Komandt</i>	<i>Bob Vucelich</i>
<i>John Dolan</i>	<i>Paul Kosko</i>	

Honorary Board

Joe Hardy
Maggie Maerko
Vincent Johnson, Esq.
Roger Rauch
John J. Driscoll

Scout Oath

“On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally





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

Advisory Board

Sandy Ferguson
Bart Gaskey
Joe Maher
Joe Massaro
Dick McKelvey
Dr. Charles Patrick
Dr. Jack Smith
Carl Valero

Youth Representatives

Logan Depta- Wagion Lodge # 6
Chief

Scout Law

*“A Scout is
Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave*







Program

Summer Camp Programs

The Westmoreland Fayette Council leases two long term camping facilities and owns one short term camping property

Camp Conestoga is one facility located within Eberly Scout Reservation and is the home of the council's Scouts BSA Resident Camp which operated five sessions of Resident Camp and was available for individual unit camp between September & November.

Camp Buck Run is the second facility located within Eberly Scout Reservation and it is the home of the council's Cub Scout Resident camp which operated five sessions during the summer of 2021 and was available for individual unit camping and council operated training.

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

Summer Camp Attendance

Camp Conestoga Resident Camp

Youth Attendance	922
Adult Attendance	226

Camp Buck Run Resident Camp

Youth Attendance	252
Adult Attendance	223

Specialty Events

Order of the Arrow Events ²	1,525
Trainings	
(National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT); BALOO; Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills; Wood Badge)	NYLT- 29 WB- 38 BALOO- 10

Camperships Awarded to Help Scouts Attend Camp	\$2,604
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²The 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 unit.

Membership

Traditional Scouting Programs

Cub Scouting

Registered Cub Scouts.....	1124
Cub Scout Packs.....	42

Scouts BSA

Registered Scouts BSA.....	923
Scouts BSA Troops.....	54

Venturing

Registered Venturers.....	17
Venturing Crews.....	4

Total Traditional Scouting

Registered Youth Members.....	2064
Total Units.....	100

Total Adult Volunteers.....	1075
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There is no existing data for Learning for Life or Exploring in 2021. These programs will resume in 2022

Program	Market Share	Retention ²
Cub Scouting	2.25%	56.51%
Scouts BSA	1.85%	83.20%
Venturing	0.04%	63.64%

*Council totals reflect registered membership on December 31, 2022

²The percentage of youth who remain active in Westmoreland-Fayette Council Scouting programs from prior year to current year.





Financials

Revenue

Friends of Scouting.....	\$83,706.....	6%
Special Events, Foundations, Other Direct Support	\$306,945.....	21.99%
Indirect Support.....	\$13,872.....	0.99%
Scout Shop Sales.....	\$15,638.....	1.12%
Product Sales.....	\$115,164.....	8.25%
Endowment Income.....	\$173,690.....	12.44%
Camping Revenue.....	\$457,907.....	32.81%
Activity Revenue.....	\$75,631.....	5.42%
Other Revenue.....	\$153,221.....	10.98%
Revenue.....	\$1,395,774	

Expenses

Program Services.....	\$803,246.....	66.67%
Facilities.....	\$168,854.....	14.02%
Management and General.....	\$232,628.....	19.31%
Expenses.....	\$1,204,728	

Revenue.....	\$1,395,774
Expenses.....	\$1,204,728
Excess of Income/Expenses.....	\$191,046

Unaudited report for the year ending December 2021. An audited report conducted by Means & Vance, PC. Is available upon request.

Advancements



Each level of the Scouting Program is designed to foster a child's development and personal growth as appropriate with a combination of the child's age and skill level. Each Scout is able to work at a pace that they set.





Cub Scouts



Scouts BSA

Top 20 Earned Merit Badges

Total Merit Badges Earned: 3339

	Swimming*.....	131	
	Animation.....	93	
	Automotive Maintenance.....	62	
	Camping*.....	84	
	Citizenship in the Community*.....	79	
	Citizenship in the Nation*.....	72	
	Citizenship in the World*.....	83	
	Communications*.....	78	
	Cooking*.....	96	
	Electricity.....	64	
	Emergency Preparedness*.....	71	
	Environmental Science*.....	94	
	Family Life*.....	71	
	First Aid*.....	177	
	Leatherwork.....	146	
	Music.....	83	
	Nuclear Science.....	53	
	Personal Fitness*.....	63	
	Robotics.....	56	
	Space Exploration.....	56	
	Swimming*.....	131	

*Denotes Merit Badges Required to Attain the Rank of Eagle Scout

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 Youth and Adult Volunteers	1400 Volunteers (Youth & Adults)*
Total Service Hours	7,700 Hours
Total Food Collected	Over 80,000 lbs.

*Estimation based on Unit participation

**Based on 5.5 service hours/person





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 2021, 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.

Ken Koncerak- Bushy Run District

Jimmy Kohen- Bushy Run 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, given for outstanding leadership and service to the lodge. In 2021, Wagion Lodge 6 presented the 134th and 135th Thunderbird Awards to:

Zachary Lacombe

Jeffrey Lydic

Vigil Honor



In 2021, Wagion Lodge 6 bestowed the Vigil Honor, the highest honor presented by the order of the Arrow for outstanding service rendered to the lodge, council, and home unit.

Paul Rock

Jon Lint

James Kopasko

Ben Fabian

Emory Sedar

Don Sedar

Hunter Smoker

Nathan Henry

Eagle Scout Scholarships

In 2021, three Eagle Scouts received the Westmoreland-Fayette Council Eagle Scout Scholarship. Each scholarship is \$2,000 and is used to offset the costs of the Scouts future postsecondary education plans.

Thomas Kopasko

Liam Rhea

Quinn Kubisteck

Eagle Scout Class of 2021



85 Scouts earned Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout in 2021!

Aaron Illig	Ethan Kerr	Miles Higgins
Aaron Maralus	Ethan Rundy	Nathan Meyer
Abigail Wilks	Gavin Louch	Nicholas Brown
Albany Slentz	Hannah Yothers	Nicholas Klavon
Alexander Pecsko	Hunter Muir	Noah Pittman
Andrew Maher	Isaac Lynch	Noah Schaefer
Benjamin Hollerman	Jacob Callen	Paul Kania Jr
Braeden Simon	Jacob Kettung	Phillip Heinnickel Jr
Brandon Cope	Jaden Golden	Raymond Geissler
Brett Lemansky	Jacob Robbins	Robert Burns
Bryce Little	James Staggers	Samuel Dexter
Carlin Whales	Jason Tyger	Samuel Tinker
Christopher Bierer	Jesse Jeffries	Seth Maloney
Christian Bojarski	John Strauser	Seth Shoemaker
Christian Oberley	Jonathon Kiggins	Shane Hornicak
Cooper Cernuska	Joshua Miller	Shane Tomb
Cole Kuczynski	Joseph Smitley	Tanner Kalp
Collin McManis	Justin Fincock	Thomas Freilino
Connor Kelly	Justin Smathers	Thomas Hieber
Connor Pflug	Kaden Browe	Trevor White
Cullen Shearer	Kurt Roadman	Tyler Craig
Dakota Cunningham	Kyle Gamble	Tyler Howell
David Dougen	Kylie Tabor	Zachary Falenski
David Hargraves	Larson Diani	Zachary Hanawalt
David Hough	Lee Troup	Zachary Kitch
Devin Hager	Logan Depta	Zebedee Marincic
Dylan Hladinec	Mason Zihmer	Zachary Moffatt
Daniel Newson	Marshal Henry	Zachary Ruby
Elizabeth Yothers		



Sponsoring Charter Organizations for Local Units

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Bushy Run District

American Legion Post # 790
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 (West 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 Company Station
Newlonsburg United Presbyterian Church
Saint Edwards Parrish
Scottdale Centennial Lions Club
St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church
St. Barbara Roman Catholic Church

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

American Legion Post 278
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 Volunteer Fire Department
Otterbein United Methodist Church
Perryopolis Lions Club
Smithfield Volunteer Fire Department
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
Village of Searights

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 a possibility. The year 2021 made holding these events challenging and, in many cases, either postponed or altered the traditional format of the event.

Events Held in 2021

Scouts BSA All-In Golf Scramble

The All-In Golf Scramble hosted at Glengarry Golf Course. The event includes a full round of golf, a steak dinner, awards. All proceeds benefit the general summer operations of the council.

Raised: \$9,415.00

Old Trails Golf Outing

2021 was the first year for this golf outing which was coordinated by the Old Trails District of the council which covers the vast majority of Fayette County.

Raised: \$4,734.00

84 Lumber Golf Outing

This annual golf outing has generously coordinated and planned by 84 Lumber for over 30 years. This event is held at Nemaocolin Woodlands in mid-August and its proceeds benefits the Westmoreland-Fayette Council.

Raised: \$148,841.00

SuperValu Golf Tournament

The SuperValu Golf Tournament is a golfing event host at Laurel Valley Golf Course. This event is generously coordinated by the Charley Family Shop N' Save. All proceeds go to benefit the council's endowment fund which provides supports the operations of the program within the council.

Raised: \$12,566.69

Events Postponed to 2022

Recognition

Trailblazer Dinner

The Trailblazer program seeks to identify and recognize young professionals who exemplify one or more of the 12 points of the Scout Law. These individuals are announced and recognized at an evening reception. This event is scheduled for March 2022.

Other

Somerset Trust Sporting Clays

This clay shoot is open to any interested shooters. The event is held at Seven Springs and includes 100 clay and a catered lunch. This event is scheduled for September 2022.





Foundational Giving

Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation

The funding provided by the Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation was used to purchase 80 new cots for Eberly Scout Reservation along with a supply of springs and tools to repair existing damaged cots.

Amount Received: \$16,000

CB Hollinsworth Trust

The funding provided by the C.B. Hollingsworth Trust was used to purchase the materials needed to replace two secondary waterlines at Camp Conestoga. The waterline that runs between Miller's Lodge and Robinson Dining Hall and the waterline that runs between the generator building to the three cabins was replaced by a group of the council's key maintenance volunteers.

Amount Received: \$7,200

Allegheny Foundation (Operational Funding)

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: \$30,000

Allegheny Foundation (Capital Funding)

The funding provided by the Allegheny Foundation was used to support various capital improvement projects at the council properties. Some of these projects include the council office parking lot renovation, the extension and replacement of the Rifle Range roof, replacement of the flooring at the council office, and the replacement of the Valley Showerhouse hot water tanks.

Amount Received: \$95,000

Mcfeely Rogers Foundation

The funding provided by the Mcfeely-Rogers Foundation was used to provide training opportunities for Staff, funding for Learning for Life programs, and Support to help keep youth in Scouting whose families were financially impacted by the pandemic.

Amount Received: \$5,000

Edith Trees Trust

The funding provided by the Edith Trees Trust is used to establish, staff, and execute all Learning for Life programs and its associated operations.

Amount Received: \$31,385

Scott Electric Foundation

The funding provided by the Scott Electric Foundation was used to construct a porch roof over an ADA access ramp at Ewing Lodge in Camp Conestoga.

Amount Received: \$500



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