

**Westmoreland-Fayette Council**

**Annual Report**

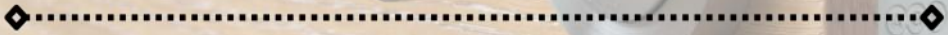
**2023**

# Opening New Doors

Opening New Doors has been selected as our guiding theme, symbolizing our commitment to exploration, inclusivity, and the continuous pursuit of excellence. As an organization deeply rooted in fostering leadership, character, and community service, we understand the significance of opening doors to new opportunities and possibilities.

## Looking Forward

As we reflect on our accomplishments, we recognize that Opening New Doors is not just a theme for the past year but a perpetual commitment to growth and excellence. In the coming year, we aspire to build on our successes, forge new partnerships, and further strengthen the bonds that make our Scouting community exceptional.



## Camp Buck Run

One big highlight for 2023 was the celebration of 75 years of operation at our Cub Resident Camp, Buck Run. This camp opened in 1948 under the name Camp Paul Bunyan and was originally used as a camp for older scouts and explorers. Its name was changed to Buck Run in 1962 and was used for Junior Leader Training and primitive camping for nearly 20 years. With the introduction of the Tiger program in 1982, its focus is shifted to serving Cub Scouts which remains the case today.



Dear Members, Supporters, and Friends,

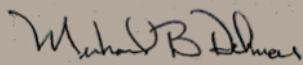
As we gather to reflect on the remarkable journey of the past year, it is with great pleasure and a sense of anticipation that we present the Annual Report for the Westmoreland-Fayette Council. In this report, we invite you to join us in celebrating the achievements, growth, and transformative experiences that define our Scouting community.

Key Highlights:

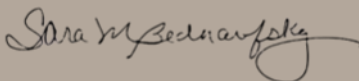
1. **Scouting Adventures:** Our Scouts embarked on numerous exciting adventures, learning essential life skills, building resilience, and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Whether it was conquering the great outdoors, engaging in community service projects, or participating in leadership development programs, our Scouts embraced the spirit of exploration.
2. **Community Impact:** Our commitment to making a positive impact on the communities we serve remained steadfast. From environmental conservation projects to food drives, our Scouts actively participated in service initiatives, embodying the values of citizenship and community responsibility.
3. **Youth Leadership Development:** The Westmoreland-Fayette Council continued to invest in the development of future leaders. Our leadership programs provided Scouts with the tools and experiences necessary to excel in a rapidly changing world, empowering them to open doors to success.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated volunteers, parents, sponsors, and community partners for their unwavering support. Together, let us continue Opening New Doors for the young people we serve, fostering a future generation of responsible and compassionate leaders.

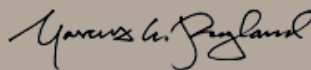
Yours in Scouting,



Michael Delmar  
Council President



Sara Bednarofsky  
Council Commissioner



Marcus Ragland  
Scout Executive/CEO

# Program Attendance

<b>Order of the Arrow*</b>	798
<b>District Functions</b>	1,925
<b>NYLT</b>	22
<b>Adult Leader Trainings</b>	125



*August Order of the Arrow  
Brotherhood Calling Out  
August 2023*

*\*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 unit.*

## *Sam Piasecky*

*FEATURED  
EAGLE SCOUT*

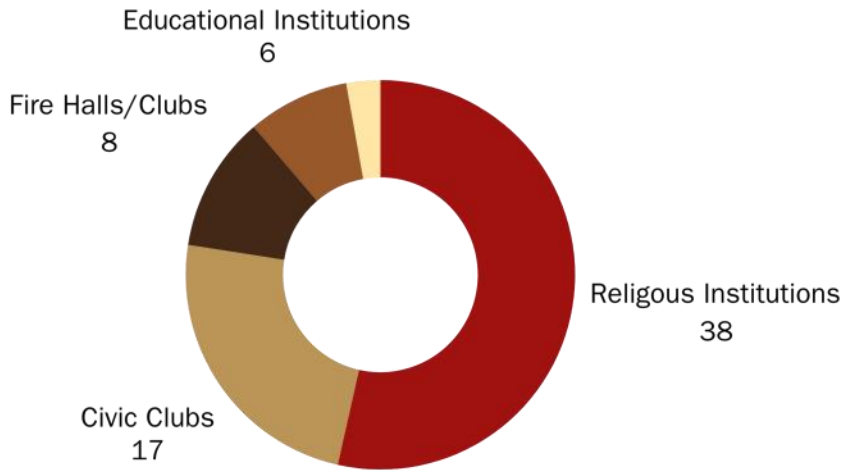
For his Eagle Scout project, Sam Piasecky created mosaics at St. Emma's Monastery in Greensburg, PA. Each one is six feet in diameter and constructed from pavers as well as many tile pieces! Sam clipped red, blue, grey, and black ceramic tiles to assemble these beautiful pieces of art.



# Community Integration

*“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.”*

## Chartering Organizations for Local Units



Service Hours Performed	
Total Hours Reported By Local Units	11,249
Eagle Project Hours	10,872
Grand Total Hours	22,121



# 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 camping between September & November.

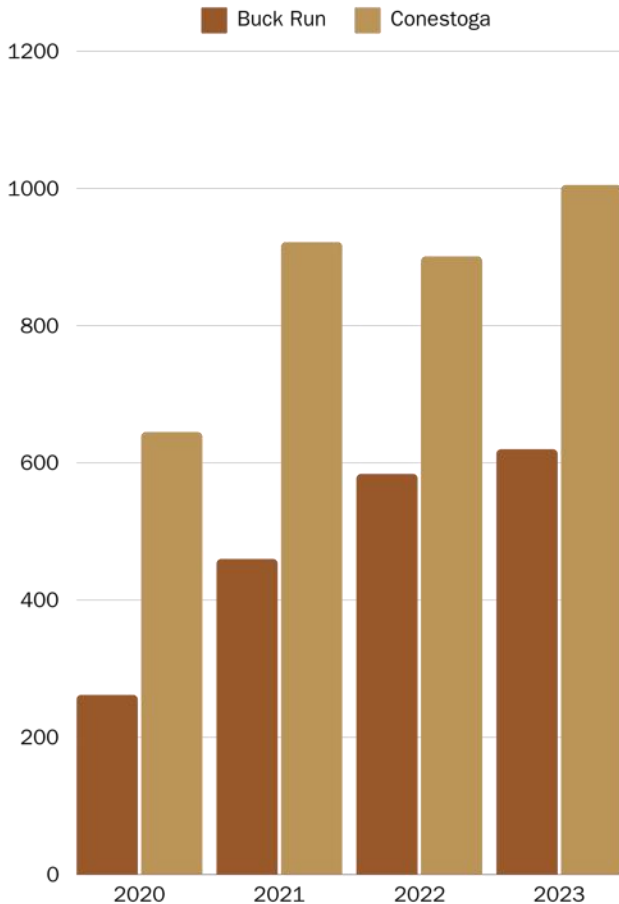
Camp Buck Run is the second facility located within Eberly Scout Reservation and it is the home of the council's Cub Scout Resident camp which operated five sessions during the summer of 2023 and was available for individual unit camping and council operated training.

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.

*The CB Hollingsworth Charitable Trust provided an \$8,000 grant to support the construction of a horizontal climbing wall at Camp Buck Run. Construction of the wall was completed in June of 2023 under the direction of Weekend Warrior, Tom Irwin!*



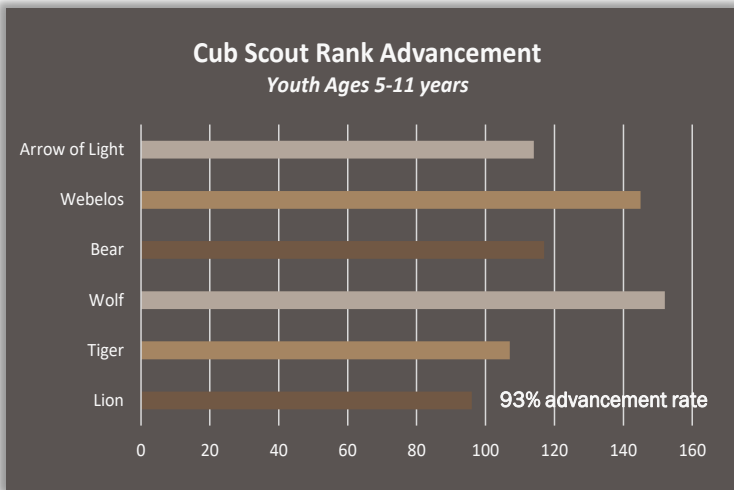
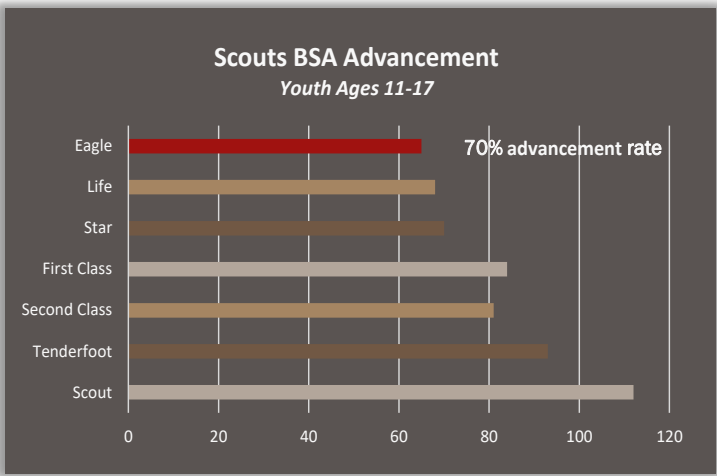
# Camp Attendance History



*A \$1,000 grant provided by the Lancaster Archery Foundation provided new archery targets for Cub Resident Camp at Buck Run*

*In 2023, the Katherine Mabis Mckenna Foundation provided a \$13,000 grant to support improving camping accommodations. This included the addition of five new canvas tents into circulation, the installation of 60 tent outrigger supports, and the replacement of mattresses at Camp Buck Run.*

# Advancement



## Caeley Simon

Caeley Simon's Eagle Scout project was to rebuild emergency ring boxes for B-Y Recreational Park Lake. She redesigned and organized the building of four new boxes and installed the boxes around the lake with the help of her fellow Scouts.



**FEATURED  
EAGLE SCOUT**





*In 2023, the Allegheny Foundation provided a \$100,000 grant to support \$40,000 in general operating costs and \$60,000 in capital improvement projects at Eberly Scout Reservation, Camp Tenacharison, and the Council Service Center.*



*In 2023, the SuperValu Golf Tournament which is coordinated by the Charley Family Shop N' Save was hosted at Laurel Valley Golf Course. This annual event raises financial support for the council endowment. This year the event raised a net total of \$13,234!*



*Top 20 Merit Badges Earned in 2023: (clockwise from top left corner) Animation, Art, Astronomy, Athletics, Camping, Citizenship in Society, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Environmental Science, Family Life, First Aid, Kayaking, Lifesaving, Mammal Study, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Sports, and Swimming.*

# Financials

Year End: December 31, 2023

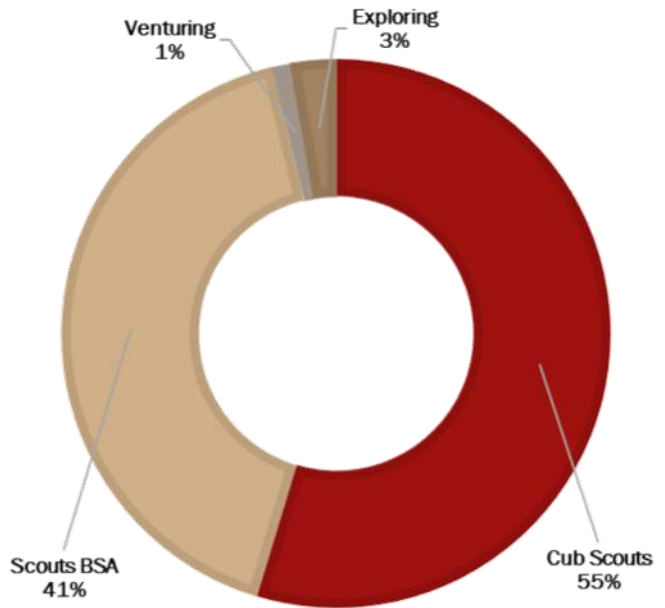
Category	Amount	Percentage
<b>Revenue</b>		
Friends of Scouting	\$79,095	5.75%
Special Events, Foundations, & Other Direct Support	\$320,259	23.27%
Indirect Support	\$8,994	0.65%
Scout Shop Sales	\$6,302	0.46%
Product Sales	\$107,829	7.84%
Endowment Income	\$205,070	14.90%
Camping Revenue	\$526,037	38.23%
Activity Revenue	\$108,058	7.85%
Other Revenue	\$14,429	1.05%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,376,073</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program Services	\$915,035	66.56%
Facilities	\$244,428	17.78%
Management and General	\$215,330	15.66%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,374,793</b>	
<b>Summary</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,376,073</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,374,793</b>	
<b>Excess of Income/Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,280</b>	

## 84 Lumber Golf Outing

*This annual golf has been generously coordinated and planned by 84 Lumber for over 30 years. This event is held at Nemaquin Woodlands in mid-August and its proceeds benefits the Westmoreland-Fayette Council. This event raised **\$150,884.00** to support Scouting in 2023!*

# Membership

Program	Participation
Cub Scouts	1,085
Scouts BSA	824
Venturing	22
Exploring	53
Adult Volunteers	1,089



**FEATURED  
EAGLE SCOUT**



## Casey Karwatske

Casey Karwatske's Eagle Scout project was to build a fire-fighter memorial at the South Union Fire Company. The memorial is an impressive five feet tall wall perched on a 10x10 feet concrete foundation. The memorial is inlaid with a stamp with two statues and three flags.



# Awards & Recognition

## Silver Beaver

Mary Pishko  
Wes Gower



## Eagle Scholarships

Nicholas Brown  
Noah Schaefer  
Connor Pflugh



## Thunderbird Award

Logan Depta  
Jim Jackson



## Vigil Honor

Jayden Mattis  
Larry Dennis  
Jason Lazar  
Marcus Ragland  
Ana Lucci  
Cody Kuehn  
Ben Hollerman



## Scotty Clark

*FEATURED  
EAGLE SCOUT*

For his Eagle Scout project, Scotty Clark led 30 volunteers to add GPS coordinates to over 2,000 gravestones at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Irwin, PA. Scotty also created a reflection card holder as a welcome addition to the chapel.





10,895

HOURS of SERVICE  
done through  
Eagle Scout  
Projects

68

EAGLE  
SCOUTS

EAGLE  
SCOUTS

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3 FEMALE  
Eagle Scouts

by the  
numbers

35

TROOPS

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↑ up from 31  
in 2022

2023

MERIT  
BADGES  
earned  
1,428

# Council L

## Council Staff

Marcus Ragland- Scout Executive/CEO  
Kristen Eagle- Old Trails District Executive  
Hugh Hubble- 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  
Jacquelyn Steiner- Scout Shop Manager  
Logan Depta- Learning for Life Specialist  
David Rogers- Learning for Life Specialist

## Executive Board

Mike Delmar  
Sara Bednarofsky  
Chuck Boyer  
Lou Grobmyer  
Mike Blasko  
Paul Kania  
Dave Delisi  
Ray Charley  
Ross Hackel  
Marcus Ragland

## Old Trails Golf Scramble

*The third annual Old Trails Golf Scramble was held at Duck Hollow Golf Club in Uniontown. This event was held in early October and raised \$5,328 to develop and maintain programs for Westmoreland and Fayette County area youth.*

The Mcfeely-Ro provided a \$5,000 training, recruitment, and registration

# Leadership

## Board Officers

Council President  
Council Commissioner  
Vice President of District Operations  
Vice President of Membership  
Vice President of Program  
Vice President of Development  
Council Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer  
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Secretary

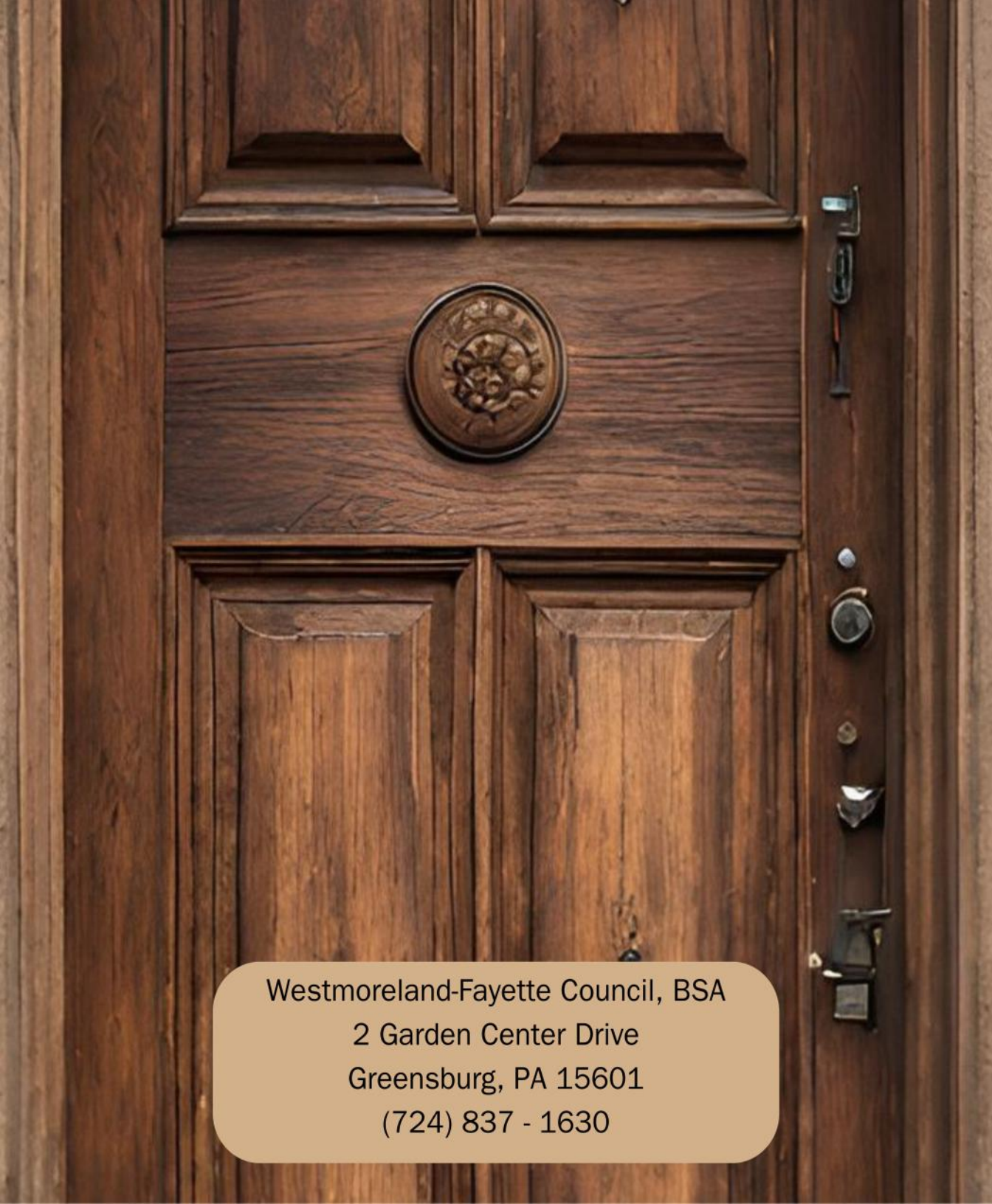
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## Executive Board Members

Pete Bloomer	David Hawk
Eric E. Bononi	Douglas Komandt
Robert Brooks	Paul Kosko
Brian Casey	Michael Lucotch
Chuck Coldren	Fr. Lawrence Manchas
David Colechia	Tom Massari
Michael Conroy	Jayden Mattis (OA Chief)
John Dolan	Scott Mears
Matthew Dowling	Trent Perry
Charles Ferguson	Vincent J. Roskovensky
Barbara J. Ferrier	Fr. George Saletrik
Curt Fontaine	Arienne Poux Simon
Kelly Frederick	Jennifer Sova
Dan Galbraith	Mike Stewart
Chuck Galvin	Francis Stillman
Johnathan Garlow	Charles Strobel
Jim Ulery	Ernest Sutton
Ken Hager	

## All-In Golf Scramble

*The All-In Scouts BSA Golf Scramble was held at Glengarry Golf Links in Latrobe. This event was held in late July and raised \$17,535 to develop and maintain programs for Westmoreland and Fayette County area youth.*



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