

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



GROWING THROUGH

SCOUTING

WESTMORELAND-FAYETTE COUNCIL

Westmoreland-Fayette's Annual Report, themed Growing Through Scouting, highlights the profound impact of Scouting in shaping individuals and communities. At its core, Scouting is more than just an organization—it is a journey of personal and collective growth. Rooted in values of leadership, adventure, and service, Scouting provides young people with the tools to develop character, confidence, and resilience. Through outdoor experiences, community projects, and mentorship, Scouts learn to navigate challenges, build meaningful relationships, and contribute positively to society.

This year's report underscores how Scouting fosters growth in multiple dimensions—instilling responsibility in youth, strengthening communities through service, and inspiring the next generation of leaders. Whether it's learning survival skills in the wilderness, engaging in civic initiatives, or forming lifelong friendships, Scouting offers countless opportunities for development. By embracing adventure, teamwork, and service, Scouts not only grow as individuals but also help cultivate a stronger, more united society.



Atomic Squirrels Patrol

*Patrol Champions of the Camp Conestoga
75th Anniversary Camporee*

In 2024, Camp Conestoga celebrated 75 continuous years of summer camping operations. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the Westmoreland-Fayette Council hosted a council wide camporee which featured a large scale competition with more than 100 Scouting related challenges. The grand prize of this event was a free week at summer camp. The winning patrol was from Troop 201 out of Level Green!

Key 3 Address

Dear Scouting Family,

As we reflect on 2024, we are proud to share the progress and achievements of the Westmoreland-Fayette Council. This year, we embraced the theme of "Growing Through Scouting" for our Annual Report, and while growth often comes with challenges, we are excited to report that our council has made meaningful strides forward.

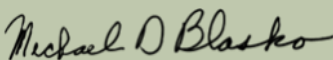
Despite the hurdles of temporary staff vacancies early in the year, our dedicated volunteers, staff, and community members ensured that our programs remained strong and impactful. Through their commitment and passion, we continued to provide high-quality Scouting experiences that build leadership, character, and resilience in our youth.

One of our key successes in 2024 was a steady and encouraging increase in membership. While modest in scale, this growth signifies a renewed enthusiasm for Scouting in our communities. Every new Scout, leader, and family that joins strengthens our movement and reaffirms the lasting value of the Scouting experience.

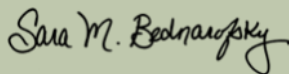
Looking ahead to 2025, we are eager to build on this momentum. New opportunities are on the horizon as we implement system enhancements that will allow us to better serve our scouts, leaders, and families. These changes will expand our ability to deliver meaningful and engaging programs, ensuring that even more young people benefit from the values and experiences Scouting provides.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our success this past year. Your support, dedication, and belief in Scouting's mission continue to drive us forward. Together, we will make 2025 a year of even greater growth and impact for the Westmoreland-Fayette Council.

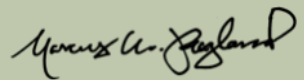
Yours in Scouting,



Mike Blasko
Council President



Sara Bednarofsky
Council Commissioner



Marcus Ragland
Scout Executive

Membership Highlights

Total Adult
Volunteers
982

Total Youth
Membership
1,988

Total Youth
Member
Retention
68.75%

Growth in
Units
4.3%

Total Local
Units
93

Total Market
Share
4.00%

Growth in
Cub Scout
Membership
2.8%

Financials

Category	EOY Value	Percentage
Revenue:		
Friends of Scouting	\$79,404	6.41 %
Special Events, Foundations, and Other Direct Support	\$305,029	25.10 %
Indirect Support	\$6,972	0.06 %
Scout Shop Sales	\$31,102	2.53 %
Product Sales	\$95,629	7.72 %
Endowment Income	\$182,472	14.73 %
Camping Revenue	\$466,996	37.70 %
Activity Revenue	\$51,661	4.17 %
Other Revenue	\$19,613	1.58 %
Total Revenue	\$1,238,878	
Expenses:		
Program Services	\$962,875	77.81 %
Facilities	\$143,472	11.59 %
Management and General	131,053	10.59 %
Total Expenses	\$1,237,400	
Revenue	\$1,238,878	
Expenses	\$1,237,400	
Excess of Income/Expenses	\$1,478	

Unaudited report for the year ending December 2024. An audited report conducted by Vance & Company, PC. is available upon request.

Rooted In...



EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIPS 2024



Vincent
Brown



Blake
Sullivan



Peyton
Malley

Jack Jeffries
FEATURED
EAGLE SCOUT

Jack updated the Military Honor Roll at Haddenville School for his Eagle Scout project. The Honor Roll previously had a case with WWI and WWII veterans listed on paper. Jack installed a new aluminum case with laser printed glass panels. He also researched and updated the panels to include additional veterans since WWII. Jack's team cleaned and painted the memorial and adorned it with flags from all military branches. A rededication ceremony was held on Veteran's Day with veterans' family members in attendance.



Leadership

Alexander Houghentogler

✿ FEATURED EAGLE SCOUT ✿

For his Eagle Scout project, Alexander designed and built rolling kitchen islands to serve as workstations at the Hempfield Area School District's Transition Center.

The center focuses on helping students develop independent living skills, and these mobile stations provide additional counter space and to practice meal preparation and cooking. During this project, Alexander demonstrated both craftsmanship and leadership, leaving a lasting impact on Hempfield's facilities.

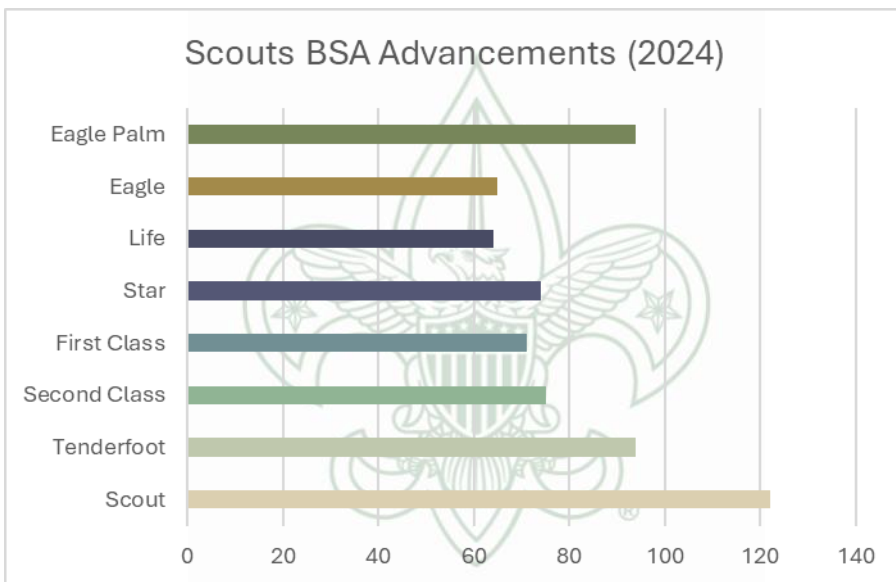
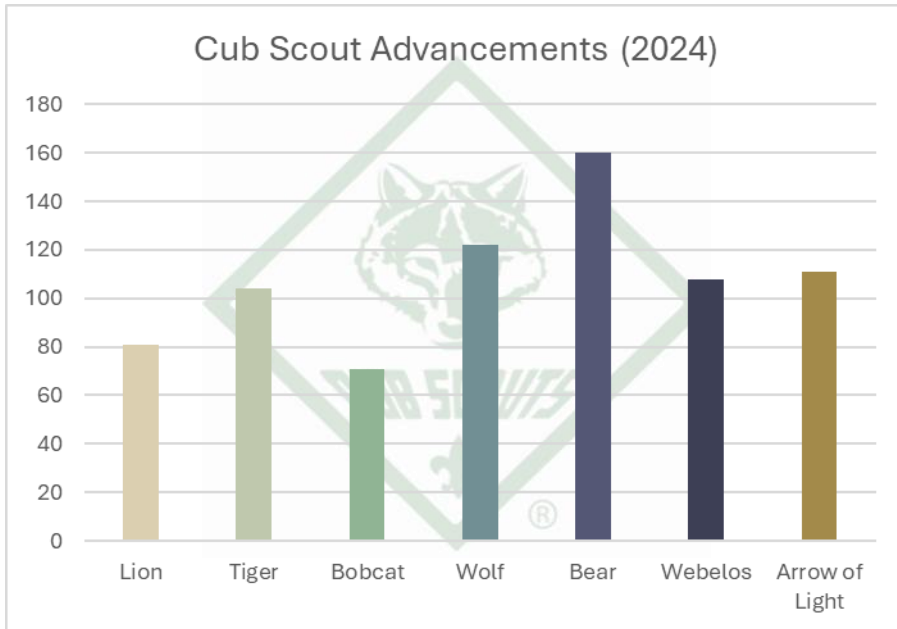
Victor Bauer

✿ FEATURED EAGLE SCOUT ✿

Victor remodeled the auditorium stage at Jeannette School District for his Eagle Scout project. The previous stage was very worn with much of the paint peeling and chipping. Victor and his team sanded the entire stage area, filled holes, and fixed damaged boards. Then, they applied three coats of durable black paint and cleaned the auditorium. This project will enhance the experience of many events in the auditorium, including plays, musicals, concerts, and other shows.



Rooted In...



Growth



Mcfeely Rogers Foundation - \$5,000

The funding provided by this foundation was used to provide training opportunities for staff and support to aid unit growth.



Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation - \$12,150

The funding provided by this foundation was used to purchase five new tents for summer camp, replace mattresses at Camp Buck Run, and upgrade all storage areas at Eberly Scout Reservation to improve access to facilities in the off-season.



Allegheny Foundation - \$40,000

The funding provided by this foundation was used to support the council's general operations in four primary categories: membership, program, unit service, and administration.



Other Foundational Giving- \$21,200

Additional funding was provided by other foundations for Eagle Scout scholarships, general operations, and flooring replacement in the main office and health lodge in Rohrbacher Lodge at Camp Conestoga.



Rooted In...



Top 20 Merit Badges Earned in 2024: (clockwise from top left corner) Animation, Art, Astronomy, Aviation, Camping, Citizenship in Society, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness, Engineering, Environmental Science, First Aid, Mammal Study, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Robotics, Space Exploration, and Swimming.

Adventure

Scouts BSA All-In Golf Scramble - \$22,722

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

Old Trails Golf Outing - \$5,389

The 2nd Annual Old Trails Golf Scramble was held at Duck Hollow Golf Club in Uniontown. This event is held in early October and all proceeds go to the BSA to develop and maintain programs for Westmoreland and Fayette County area youth.

Trailblazer Dinner - \$560

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.

Highlands Sporting Clays - \$2,821

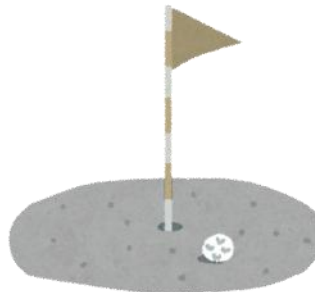
The Highlands Sporting Clays returned in 2024 to support the Westmoreland-Fayette Council. This event is held at Highlands Sporting Clays in Rockwood.

84 Lumber Golf Outing - \$158,844

This annual golf outing 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 benefit the Westmoreland-Fayette Council.

SuperValu Golf Tournament - \$17,022

The SuperValu Golf Tournament is a golfing event hosted 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 support to the operations of the programs within the council.



Rooted In...

Board Officers

Mike Blasko	Council Chair
Sara Bednarofsky	Council Commissioner
Chuck Boyer	Vice President of District Operations
John Schuerman	Vice President of Membership
Jeff Lydic	Vice President of Program
Mike Delmar	Vice President of Leadership & Governance
Dave Delisi	Council Treasurer
Diane Aland	Assistant Treasurer
Ray Charley	Assistant Treasurer
Ross Hackel	Assistant Treasurer
Marcus Ragland	Scout Executive/Secretary

Council Executive Board

Pete Bloomer Eric E. Bononi Chuck Boyer Robert Brooks Brian Casey Chuck Coldren David Colecchia Matt Dalton (OA Chief) Barbara J. Ferrier Lou Grobmyer Ross Hackel	Dawn Higgins Paul Kania (DC) Paul Kosko Michael Lucotch Emerson Long (DC) Curt Fontaine Kelly Frederick Dan Galbraith Johnathan Garlow Fr. Lawrence Manchias Tom Massari	Paul Merritt (DC) Trent Perry Vincent J. Roskovensky Fr. George Saletrik John Schuerman Arienne Poux-Simon Jennifer Sova Francis Stillman Frank K. Stillman Charles Strobel Jim Ulery
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Community

*More than
14,600 Hours of
Service to the
Community*

*25,778 Pounds
of Food
Collected
During
Scouting For
Food*

SCOUTING
Boy Scouts of America
FOR FOOD
A National Good Turn for America

Leave your donation of non-perishable
items outside your front door by 8:30AM
on April 13, 2024 for pickup.



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