

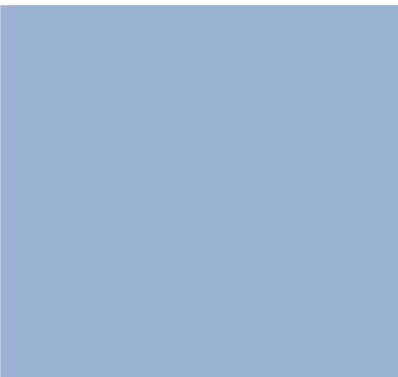
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Scouting America  
Northeast Illinois Council

# Annual Report

## 2024





# Scout Executive Message

Fellow Scouts and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, let us be reminded of the spirit that has always defined Scouting—a spirit of adventure, resilience, and an unwavering faith in the promise of a brighter tomorrow. That promise is not just an idea; it is alive in the actions of our Scouts and leaders, shaping lives and communities for the better.

In every unit meeting, every camping trip, and every act of service, our Scouts have learned far more than skills—they have discovered character, built courage, and strengthened their sense of community. They have shown us that leadership is not a matter of rank or recognition but a calling to serve others and to inspire by example.

This annual report is a testament to their efforts. It tells the story of young people daring to reach higher, of volunteers and donors who have given their time and resources with boundless generosity, and of a movement committed to making the world a better place—not just someday, but today, tomorrow, and together.

We have faced challenges, as all great endeavors do. But we know that the most breathtaking views come only after the steepest climbs. Together, we have reached new heights, whether it's expanding opportunities for youth from all backgrounds, strengthening our programs, or securing the resources to keep Scouting thriving for generations to come.

As you turn these pages, may you feel the same pride and hope that I do—pride in what we've accomplished together and hope for the trails we have yet to blaze. Thank you for standing with us, for believing in this mission, and for helping to shape the leaders of tomorrow.

**Nick Roberts**

Scout Executive/CEO

## Key Three Leadership Team



**Beth Micksch**  
President



**Reed Snyder**  
Commissioner



**Nick Roberts**  
Scout Executive/CEO





# Our Mission

The mission of Scouting 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.



## 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**

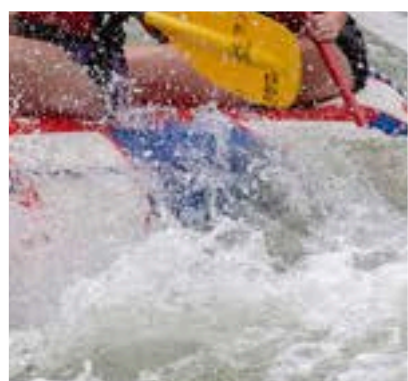
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# Our Impact

In 2024, the Northeast Illinois Council positively impacted youth across our community, fostering growth, leadership, and a strong sense of belonging through diverse programs focused on character development, community service, and outdoor adventure.

**4,019**  
Total Scouts



**1,858**  
Total Volunteers



# Cub Scouts

The Cub Scouts program provides boys and girls grades K-5 with a fun and engaging way to develop character, leadership, and teamwork skills along with a variety of hands-on activities and community involvement.



# 2,306

Members

# 2,189

Adventures



# 967

Rank Advancements





# Scouts BSA

Scouts BSA is where older youth continue their journey of personal growth, leadership, and outdoor adventure. Through challenging activities, community service projects, and the pursuit of the prestigious Eagle Scout rank, Scouts develop the skills, character, and values that will serve them throughout their lives.



1,587

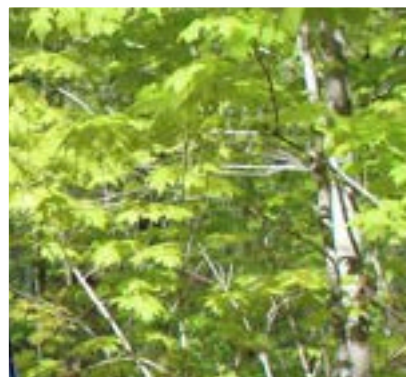
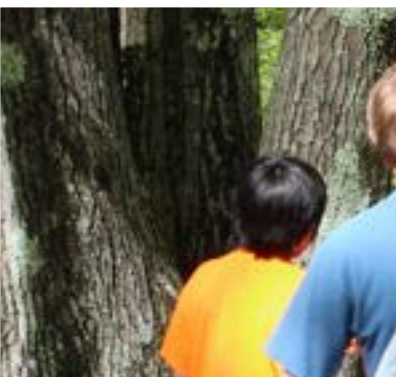
Members

1,026

Rank Advancements

4,987

Merit Badges



122

New Eagle Scouts

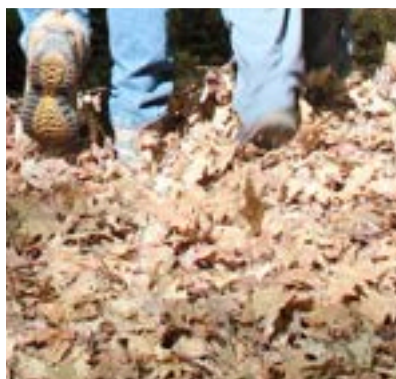


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Eagle Projects

19,848

Service Hours





# Exploring, Sea Scouts & Venturing

Exploring, Sea Scouts, and Venturing provide young adults with exciting opportunities to discover new interests, develop leadership skills, and embark on thrilling adventures, all while building a sense of community and responsibility.



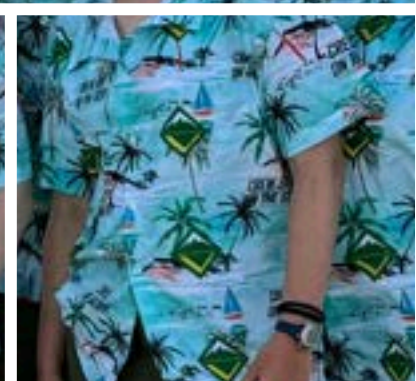
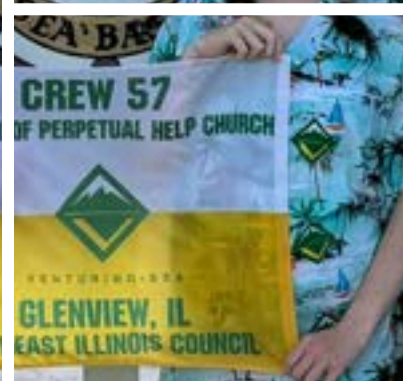
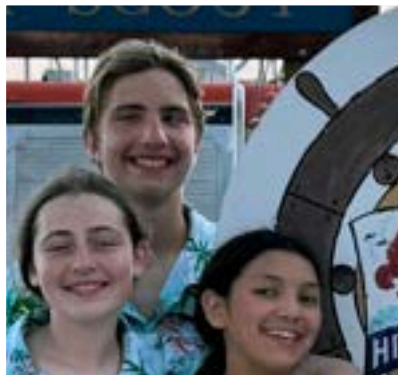
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Members

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Community Service  
Hours



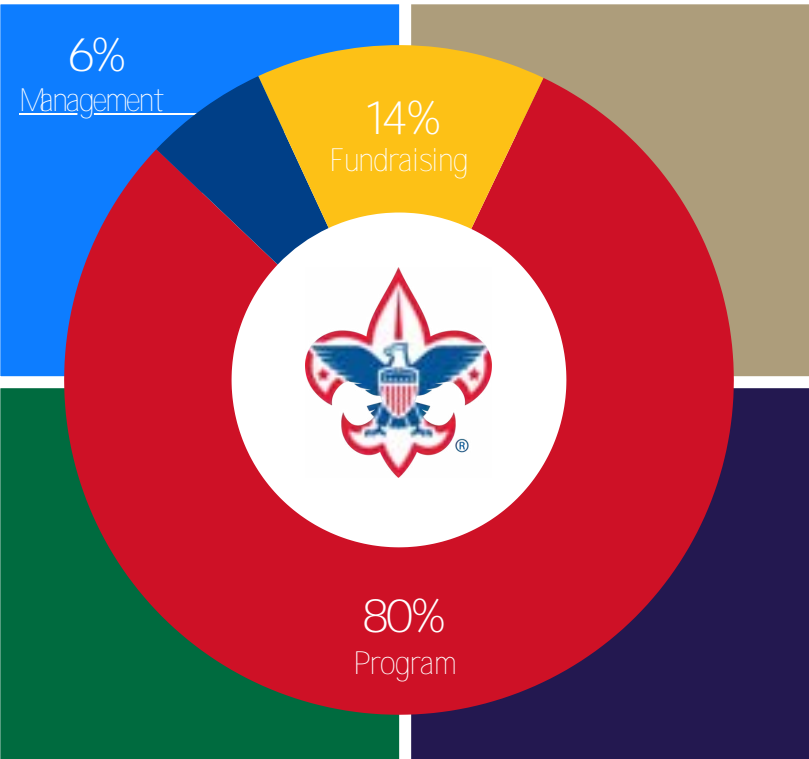
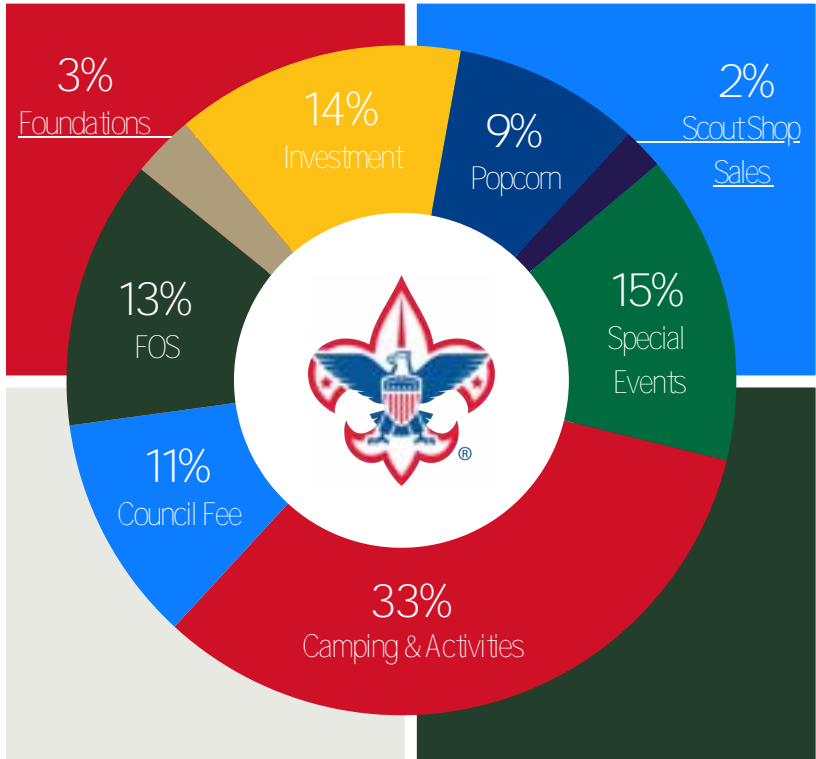
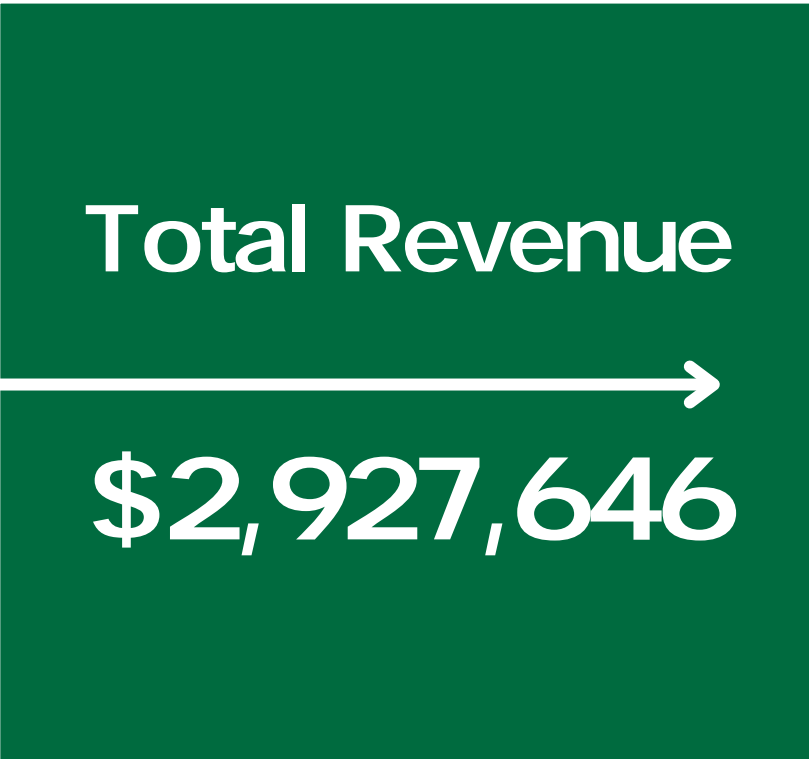
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Members

In July 2024, Crew 57 from Glenview embarked on an unforgettable adventure at Sea Base in Islamorada, Florida, marking their first trip to the iconic destination. Over the course of the week, the co-ed crew sailed a 41-foot ketch, explored the Florida Keys through snorkeling, paddleboarding, kayaking, and fishing, and capped off their journey with a historical tour of Key West.

# Financial Report

The financial report provides a transparent overview of the Northeast Illinois Council's fiscal year, detailing income, expenses, and investments made to support our mission. Through careful stewardship, we ensure that every dollar spent contributes to enriching the Scouting experience for youth in our community, while maintaining financial stability and growth for the future.





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 VP Member-at-Large, Dan Peterson  
 Scout Executive/CEO, Nick Roberts

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# 95 Years of Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan

This year, we celebrated the 95th anniversary of the historic Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation, a place filled with decades of magical memories.

