

2024

**Scouting America**  
Buffalo Trace Council

# ANNUAL **IMPACT** REPORT



**Prepared. For Life.®**



# ABOUT US



The Buffalo Trace Council, Scouting America serves over 2,500 boys and girls throughout 15 counties in southwest Indiana and southern Illinois. In 2024, we proudly ranked in the Top 25 (out of 241 councils) for membership growth, market share, and diversity. In this annual report, we share how Scouts are **Prepared. For Life.**<sup>®</sup> because of your generosity. Scouting builds character in young people and develops the next generation of leaders in our society.

Dr. James Porter  
Council President

Joseph Holtz  
Council Commissioner

John G. Harding  
Scout Executive



# OUR VISION

To prepare young people to be responsible citizens and leaders who are guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.



# OUR MISSION

The mission of the Buffalo Trace Council, 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.



# OUR VALUE PROPOSITION



- Safeguarding Youth
- Character Development
- Leadership Training
- Instilling Values such as Work Ethic
- Citizenship
- Lifelong Benefits
- Commitment to Excellence





# SCOUTING IMPACT

## Council Statistics



### Cub Scouts

Total Available Youth	37,502
Total Cub Scout Membership	1,830
Market Penetration	4.88%
Number of Cub Scout Packs	53



### Scouts BSA

Total Available Youth	19,647
Total Scouts BSA Membership	631
Market Penetration	3.21%
Number of Scouts BSA Troops	50



### Venturing

Total Available Youth	19,411
Total Venturing Membership	186
Market Penetration	.96%
Number of Venturing Crews	12



### Exploring

Exploring Participants	15
Number of Exploring Posts	1



### Council Totals

Total Available Youth	76,560
Registered Youth Members	2,662
Market Penetration	3.48%
Total Number of Units	116
Total Number of Adult Leaders	968

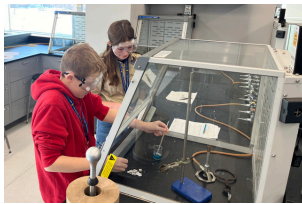




# A YEAR IN REVIEW

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## Merit Badge Universities



## Council Court of Honor



## Ideal Year of Scouting



## Cub Scout Day Camps



## Distinguished Citizen Awards



## Popcorn Sale



## Scouting Specialty Days



## Spook-O-Ree





# 2024 EAGLE SCOUTS



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Evelynn	A.	Troop	374	St Pauls United Church of Christ	Evansville	IN	Avery	L.	Troop	240	Oakland City Lions Club	Oakland City	IN
Maelynn	A.	Troop	374	St Pauls United Church of Christ	Evansville	IN	Isaac	L.	Troop	185	Holy Family Catholic Church	Jasper	IN
Evan	B.	Troop	240	Oakland City Lions Club	Oakland City	IN	Sarah	M.	Troop	374	St Pauls United Church of Christ	Evansville	IN
Loralei	B.	Troop	374	St Pauls United Church of Christ	Mount Vernon	IN	Owen	M.	Troop	186	Christ The King Catholic Church	Ferdinand	IN
Drake	B.	Troop	203	St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish	Vincennes	IN	Braden	M.	Troop	130	St Mary Catholic Church	Otwell	IN
Andrew	B.	Troop	210	American Legion Post 73	Vincennes	IN	Bryce	M.	Troop	186	Christ The King Catholic Church	Ferdinand	IN
Dalton	B.	Troop	222	St Joseph Catholic Church	Owensville	IN	Evan	M.	Troop	170	St John's Lutheran Church	Jasper	IN
Jacob	B.	Troop	397	St. Peters' On The Hill	Mount Vernon	IN	Devon	N.	Troop	210	American Legion Post 73	Vincennes	IN
Lucas	C.	Troop	246	Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church	Haubstadt	IN	Sean	N.	Troop	185	Holy Family Catholic Church	Jasper	IN
Ridge	C.	Troop	350	Blue Grass Church, Inc.	Evansville	IN	Samuel	O.	Troop	185	Holy Family Catholic Church	Jasper	IN
Isaac	D.	Troop	397	St. Peters' On The Hill	Mount Vernon	IN	Lowell	P.	Troop	375	Trinity Evangelical Church of Mount Vernon, Inc.	New Harmony	IN
Rhys	D.	Troop	315	Newburgh Lodge #174 F&AM	Newburgh	IN	Travis	R.	Troop	318	St Benedict Cathedral	Evansville	IN
Quinten	D.	Troop	399	St Boniface Parish	Evansville	IN	Michael	R.	Troop	305	Newburgh Kiwanis Club	Newburgh	IN
Noah	D.	Troop	102	St. Meinrad American Legion	Ferdinand	IN	Pierce	R.	Troop	330	St. John the Baptist Catholic Church	Newburgh	IN
Colton	G.	Troop	375	Trinity Evangelical Church of Mount Vernon, Inc.	Mount Vernon	IN	Max	S.	Troop	102	St. Meinrad American Legion	Saint Meinrad	IN
Owen	H.	Troop	335	Salem United Methodist Church	Evansville	IN	Cole	S.	Troop	185	Holy Family Catholic Church	Jasper	IN
Lane	H.	Troop	203	St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish	Vincennes	IN	Aidan	S.	Troop	185	Holy Family Catholic Church	Jasper	IN
Brock	H.	Troop	397	St. Peters' On The Hill	Evansville	IN	Brett	S.	Troop	130	St Mary Catholic Church	Velpen	IN
Nicholas	H.	Troop	312	Holy Rosary Catholic Church	Evansville	IN	Kameron	S.	Troop	181	Kiwanis Club Of Huntingburg	Huntingburg	IN
Conner	H.	Troop	186	Christ The King Catholic Church	Ferdinand	IN	Kennedy	S.	Troop	186	Christ The King Catholic Church	Ferdinand	IN
Audrey	H.	Troop	186	Christ The King Catholic Church	Jasper	IN	Miranda	S.	Troop	374G	St Pauls United Church of Christ	Evansville	IN
Caleb	H.	Troop	181	Kiwanis Club Of Huntingburg	Huntingburg	IN	Gabriel	S.	Troop	186	Christ The King Catholic Church	Ferdinand	IN
Josiah	J.	Troop	161	Mens Brother Hood First Baptist Church	Boonville	IN	Hunter	S.	Troop	342	Fraternal Order of Police Local Lodge 249	Norris City	IL
Logan	J.	Troop	350	Blue Grass Church, Inc.	Evansville	IN	John	V.	Troop	312	Holy Rosary Catholic Church	Evansville	IN
Nicholas	K.	Troop	185	Holy Family Catholic Church	Jasper	IN	Michael	W.	Troop	210	American Legion Post 73	Vincennes	IN
Elijah	K.	Troop	102	St. Meinrad American Legion	Evanston	IN	Matthew	W.	Troop	222	St Joseph Catholic Church	Hazleton	IN
Quinten	K.	Troop	185	Holy Family Catholic Church	Jasper	IN	Levi	W.	Troop	185	Holy Family Catholic Church	Jasper	IN
Wyatt	L.	Troop	292	First United Methodist Church	Bone Gap	IL	Graham	W.	Troop	151	First United Methodist Church	Montgomery	IN
							Davis	W.	Troop	185	Holy Family Catholic Church	Jasper	IN



# EYKAMP SCOUT CENTER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



## HONORING A LIFE OF SERVICE TO SCOUTING



The Buffalo Trace Council pays tribute to Kevin Aker<sup>†</sup>, Asst. Council Commissioner, for an extraordinary life of service to Scouting. We honor Kevin and thank him for his services on our recent projects at the Eykamp Scout Center in 2024. Kevin was the epitome of high-character leader to the Council. Kevin once stated "We need well-rounded leaders. Young people and adults need direction in their lives. Scouting is the vehicle to make strong citizens and good leaders."

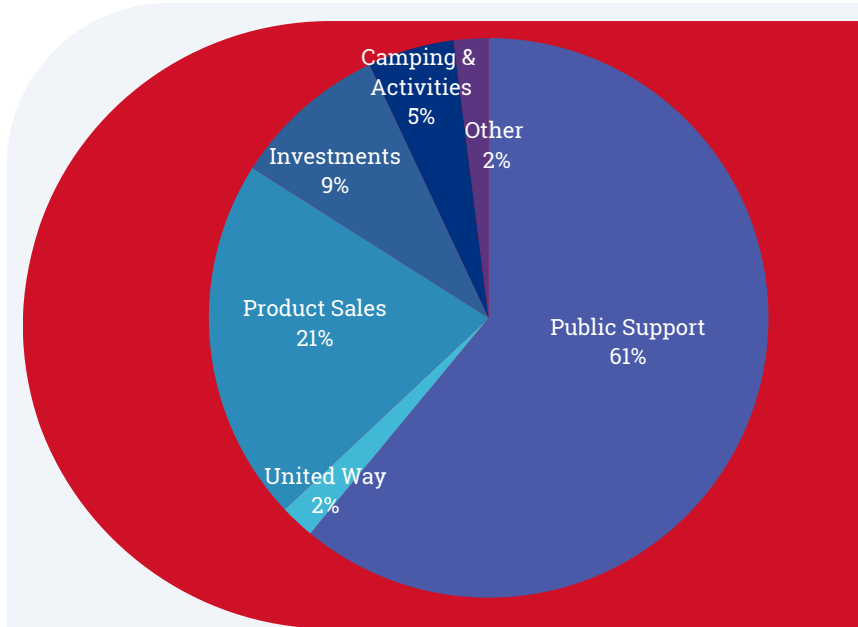




# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

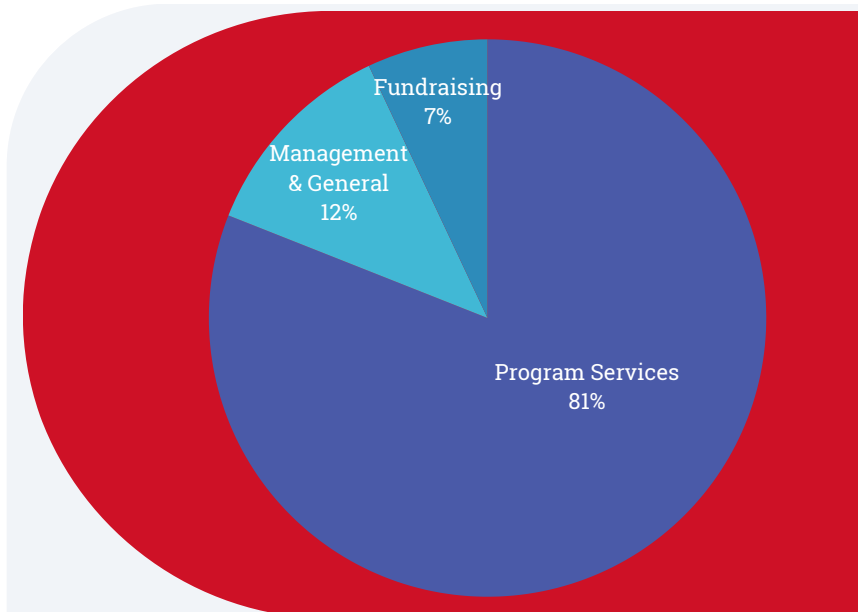
## INCOME

<u>Budget Area</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Public Support	\$681,572	61%
United Way	\$22,281	2%
Product Sales	\$230,732	21%
Investments	\$103,092	9%
Camping & Activities	\$53,498	5%
Other	\$18,640	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,109,815</b>	<b>100%</b>



## EXPENSES

<u>Budget Area</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Program Services	\$954,226	81%
Management & General	\$141,367	12%
Fundraising	\$82,464	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,178,057</b>	<b>100%</b>



Operations Deficit-  
6.15% of the Total Budget ★

The 2024 financial statements will be audited by the firm of Riney, Hancock & Co., PSC. The accounting system used by Buffalo Trace Council is in conformity with the requirements of Scouting America and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The audit will be on file for inspection, completion, at the Eykamp Scout Center, located at 3501 E. Lloyd Expressway, Evansville, IN 47715.



Scouting is financed in part by the United Way of Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, and Posey Counties.



# OUR BOARD LEADERSHIP

## Executive Committee

**Dr. James Porter**  
Council President

**Joseph Holtz**  
Council Commissioner

**John G. Harding**  
Secretary

**Dr. Brian L. McGuire**  
Immediate Past President

**Russell G. Lloyd Jr.**  
Council Treasurer

**Wilfred C. Bussing III**  
Vice President-Endowment

**Mark Dicken**  
Vice President-Programs

**Jon Keck**  
Vice President-Membership

**Becca Scott**  
Vice President-Marketing

**Ken Steltenpohl**  
Vice President-Properties

**William Marsh**

**Jerome Benkert**

**Randall L. Braun**

**Brian P. Williams**

**James Q. Morley**

**Michael M. Werling**

## Executive Board

Tonya Binney  
Gael Cooper  
Mike Eddington  
Scott Fenneman  
Thomas A. Fierst  
Mark A. Fleck  
Keith Gehlhausen  
David M. Groff  
Dr. David Hayhurst  
John Langmaid

Jose Manning  
Jack Pate  
Julie Reynolds  
David St. Clair  
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Dr. Theodore Stransky  
Talmadge Vick II  
Jeff Wedding  
Michael Williams

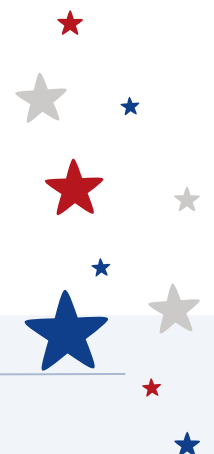
## Advisory Council

Richard Baehl  
Jeffrey Deisher  
David Eckerle  
G. Richard Eykamp  
J.B. Gates  
Bishop Emeritus -  
Gerald Gettelfinger  
Gregory Gunselman

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William Schuler  
Frank Schultheis  
The Honorable -  
Randall T. Shepard  
James Seibert  
Chris Wright  
Robert Wright

## District Leadership

Edwin Cahill - Native Trails District Commissioner  
Tonya Binney - Native Trails District Chair  
Chad Hawkins - Algonkian District Commissioner  
Joe Keller - Lincoln Heritage District Commissioner





# CHARTERED PARTNERS

Scouting America makes its programs available to churches, schools, and other groups who are concerned with the community and youth. This unique chartering concept has made Scouting available to youth nationwide, from the smallest rural settings to large urban centers. The Buffalo Trace Council salutes the following organizations for their commitment to our nation's most precious resource, its youth.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church	Evansville, IN
American Baptist East	Evansville, IN
American Legion Post 200	Boonville, IN
American Legion Post 213	Tell City, IN
American Legion Post 73	Vincennes, IN
Arc of Evansville	Evansville, IN
Bethlehem United Church of Christ	Evansville, IN
Blue Grass Church, Inc.	Evansville, IN
Boys and Girls Club Evansville Inc. & Rockport	Evansville, IN
Carver Community Organization	Evansville, IN
Castle Elementary School PTO	Newburgh, IN
Cedar Hall-Delaware-Evans-Highland Scout Reach	Evansville, IN
Central Support Group	Evansville, IN
Christ Lutheran Church	Jasper, IN
Christ The King Catholic Church	Ferdinand, IN
Cornerstone United Methodist Church	Chrisney, IN
Dale Kiwais Club	Dale, IN
First Presbyterian Church	Olney, IL
First United Methodist Church	Albion, IL
Franklin School PTO	Vincennes, IN
Fraternal Order of Police Local Lodge 249	Carmi, IL
Good Shepherd Catholic Church	Evansville, IN
Holy Family Catholic Church	Jasper, IN
Holy Rosary Catholic Church	Evansville, IN
Howell United Methodist Church	Evansville, IN
Kiwanis & Sons of American Legion	Holland, IN
Kiwanis Club Of Huntingburg	Huntingburg, IN
Knox County ARC	Vincennes, IN
Lincoln-Glenwood-Dexter-Hebron-Harper Scout Reach	Evansville, IN
Lodge-Fairlawn-Caze-Harper Scout Reach	Evansville, IN
Lynnville Volunteer Fire Department	Lynnville, IN
Mens Brother Hood First Baptist Church	Boonville, IN
Methodist Temple	Evansville, IN
New Harmony Kiwanis Club	New Harmony, IN

Newburgh Elementary-Oakdale Scout Reach	Newburgh, IN
Newburgh Kiwanis Club	Newburgh, IN
Newburgh Lodge #174 F&AM	Newburgh, IN
Newburgh United Methodist Church	Newburgh, IN
Oakland City Lions Club	Oakland City, IN
Old North United Methodist Church	Evansville, IN
Princeton Community Primary School PTO	Princeton, IN
Princeton Scout Reach	Princeton, IN
Rotary Club of Carmi	Carmi, IL
Saint Boniface Catholic Church	Evansville, IN
Salem United Methodist Church	Evansville, IN
Sharon Elementary School	Newburgh, IN
St Benedict Cathedral	Evansville, IN
St Boniface Parish	Evansville, IN
St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish	Vincennes, IN
St John's Lutheran Church	Dubois, IN
St Joseph Catholic Church	Princeton, IN
St Mary Catholic Church	Ireland, IN
St Marys Rectory	Huntingburg, IN
St Pauls United Church of Christ	Evansville, IN
St Pauls United Methodist Church	Poseyville, IN
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church	Newburgh, IN
St. Meinrad American Legion	Meinrad, IN
St. Peters' On The Hill	Evansville, IN
St. Wendel Catholic Church/Knights of St. John	Wadesville, IN
Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church	Haubstadt, IN
Sumner Lodge #334	Sumner, IL
Trinity Evangelical Church of Mount Vernon, Inc.	Mount Vernon, IN
University of Evansville	Evansville, IN
Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office	Evansville, IN
Vigo Township Volunteer Fire Department	Bicknell, IN
Vincennes University	Vincennes, IN
Wabash County Youth Foundation	Mount Carmel, IL
Washington-Plaza-Richland Middle School	Evansville, IN
YMCA Caldwell	Evansville, IN





# WAYS TO SUPPORT

- Monetary Gifts (Give Online)
- Gifts of Stock
- IRA Gifts - Qualified Charitable Distributions
- Planned Giving - Wills, Trusts, Retained Life Estates, Donor Advised Funds, etc.
- Employer Matching Gifts
- In-Kind Gifts
- Gifts of Real Estate and/or Insurance
- Purchase Popcorn or Other Products
- Purchase Indiana or Illinois Specialty BSA License Plates
- Sponsor Fundraising Events (e.g., Distinguished Citizen Award Banquet)
- Volunteering



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