

2022 Impact Report



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL



BSA Mission

The Boy Scouts of America prepares young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Building Leaders

We provide the most relevant and rigorous character and leadership program available today. Scouting develops leaders that are good problem-solvers, community-minded, physically fit and prepared for success in life.



Delivering Adventure

A Message from Our Leadership

Getting families into the outdoors with hiking, camping, food drives, service projects, campfires and much more is just the antidote we all need for great physical, mental and spiritual health! Your friendship and support make all of these things possible in the most relevant, rigorous, and safe character and leadership program for youth in Southeastern New England.

Together we're developing leaders who are good problem-solvers, community-minded, physically fit and prepared for success in life. These advantages are preparing our children for leadership, citizenship, and success.

Going forward, we'll be building on our many successes of 2022, which include significant membership growth; excellent and growing camp programs; and expanding Scouting into more neighborhoods. We're also excited to be growing our Adventure Base Camp



programs in Cranston to serve even more families in 2023.

For the first time in 20 years, in 2022 we held a Council Jamboree called "Adventure at the Fort!" More than 3,000 Scouts and Scouters participated from all across New England. You can read more about this hugely popular event in this report on page eight.

We invite you to join with us in our Growing Leaders Campaign in 2023. Visit www.ncbsa.org/GrowingLeaders for details on how you can help us to:

Serve more youth in SE New England by expanding programs into more neighborhoods.

Develop strong units (packs, troops, crews, posts and ships) **and strong adult leadership.**

Deliver outstanding adventure with a purpose through unit programs, activities, camping and training courses.

Market Scouting effectively in our communities, making sure that all parents know the benefits of Scouting for their children.

Build strong financial sustainability through excellent fund development and stewardship.

With your help we are on an important and meaningful mission. **Scout ON!**

Dennis Leahy (below left)
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Paul Schofield (below center)
COUNCIL COMMISSIONER

Tim McCandless (below right)
SCOUT EXECUTIVE & CEO



Membership

**Scouting Is Thriving
and rebuilding after the
COVID impacts.**

Our top recruiting units during the fall
recruitment campaign were as follows:

**29 New Scouts
Pack 3, East Greenwich**

**27 New Scouts
Pack 11, Coventry**

**27 New Scouts
Pack 13, Mansfield**

**23 New Scouts
Pack 1, Barrington**

**17 New Scouts
Pack 3, Greenville**



5,330

**Youth Participated
In Scouting**



1,140

**New Scouts & Families
Joined Our Programs**



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**New Scouting
Units Were Started**



Scoutreach

is our “FOREVER COMMITMENT!”

Delivering proven Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Exploring programs to underserved families, Scoutreach removes obstacles often faced by low-income, underserved, ethnically diverse families. We accomplish this through financial assistance for camp and activities, providing uniforms, awards, and direct staff leadership in programs where needed. We also provide a higher level of staff coordination and support of weekly programs, monthly activities, and camping programs. Scoutreach is our forever commitment that everyone be able to access our programs regardless of background.

2022

A Year Of Post-Covid
Rebuilding & Restarting
Of Programs

123%

Membership Increase

\$322,854

In Camperships
Awarded

\$217,682

Of Scoutreach
Direct Support

\$11,322

In Uniform And
Fees Assistance



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A Round Of “Appaws”!

ALEJANDRO ZULUAGA

achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2022, the 25th Eagle Scout in the history of the Scoutreach Program.

Alejandro's Eagle Scout project, “A Round of Appaws,” involved the complete revitalization of a dog park in Central Falls, RI. He enlisted the help of his fellow Scouts as well as friends and community leaders. The city celebrated the completion of the project with a dedication of the park.



557
Merit Badge
College Participants

157,882
Pounds of Food
Collected Through
Scouting For Food

15,926
Community Service
Hours

3,181
Adventure At The Fort
Participants

17
C.O.P.E. Groups
(Schools)

1,072
C.O.P.E. Participants
(Students)

Programs and Activities

Project C.O.P.E.

PROJECT C.O.P.E., or *Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience*, brings teams together with challenging activities that require groups to collaborate for a solution. This program is designed to develop and strengthen skills such as teamwork, communication, problem-solving, leadership, and decision making. **This year 17 school groups participated in C.O.P.E. They brought a total of 1,072 students.** One third of these school groups were attending C.O.P.E for the first time.

A photograph of two men climbing a grey rock wall. The man on the left is wearing a red shirt, black pants, and a black cap. The man on the right is wearing a dark blue shirt and pants. They are both wearing safety harnesses. The background is a clear blue sky.

Exploring Programs

Our **Exploring Programs** enable young adults ages 14-20 to participate in practical hands-on activities that explore possible career choices. In 2022 we had 191 Scouts exploring police, fire, engineering, and other career program options, with Police Explorers being our most popular offering.

Police Explorer's Stations Day April 23rd

We partnered with the *RI National Guard* to host our annual *Law Enforcement Stations Day* at Camp Fogarty. Twenty-five co-ed Explorers ages 14-21 competed in a variety of activity stations, round-robin style. These stations were designed as a way for Explorers to demonstrate their knowledge of material learned through the program and gain additional hands-on experience pertaining to careers in law enforcement. Explorers also tried out parts of the on-site obstacle course.

Law Enforcement Explorer Academy

June 26th - July 2nd

In partnership with the *RI National Guard*, we hosted our annual *Law Enforcement Explorer Academy* at Camp Varnum. This week-long event was a hands-on, immersive learning opportunity providing 18 Explorers with a taste of what a real police academy experience would be like, including daily early morning physical training. Guests included the *RI Bomb Squad* and a *Warwick K9* named Gary. The *National Guard* brought their rock wall, and Scouts participated in many additional activities.

Fire Academy July 26th - 29th

In July, Narragansett Council and the *Westport Fire Post 774* put on a *Fire Explorers Academy*. Scouts spent a week working with professional firefighters from surrounding departments in a hands-on environment to develop the skills necessary for a future career in firefighting. Twelve Explorers participated in classroom and instructional time as well as competed against each other in a variety of activities. The Scouts enjoyed a day of activities at the *Fall River Fire Department Training Complex*, including knot tying, rappelling from a multi-story structure, hose connection, and more.

2022 Training Highlights

Leave No Trace & Outdoor Ethics Classes

Three **Leave No Trace** and **Outdoor Ethics** orientation classes were offered. For those looking to become certified instructors in this important topic, we offered **Leave No Trace Trainer** courses.

University of Scouting

Our **University of Scouting** virtual program was attended by 42 leaders. This one-day event provides supplemental training to help leaders deliver a better Scouting program. Topics range from how to help Scouts earn the rank of Eagle to top tips on staying warm for winter campouts and how to better support Scouts with special needs.

Introduction To Outdoor Leadership Skills

Over eight weeks during summer camp at Yawgoog Scout Reservation, 106 adult leaders completed **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**.

Amid COVID restrictions and for the ongoing convenience of our leadership, in 2022 we continued to offer a range of virtual and in-person training courses including **District Key Leadership**, **Charter Organization Representative** and **Cub Scout Leader** trainings.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

In 2022, NYLT courses 62 and 64 were held, and both were completely full. NYLT Course 62 was held over the course of two weekends at Camp Norse. Course 64 was held Week 8 at Camp Yawgoog. Our adult and youth leadership teams executed an action-packed program designed to provide 104 participants with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops.

Youth Protection Training (YPT)

The safety of our Scouts, staff members, volunteers, and communities is our top priority. Our Youth Protection Training program provides the best prevention against abuse for all members. YPT is mandatory for registration with the BSA for every adult and is required to be renewed every two years. Members are notified before their training expires and are encouraged to always keep this important training current. Because of Covid restrictions in 2020 and 2021, and in 2022 for the continued convenience of our adult volunteers, the Narragansett Council offered virtual online courses to make access to the training easier for everyone, including large groups for new units.

In 2022, 1,453 members (versus 758 in 2021) through December first, have taken the YPT course. The Council averaged a 98% trained rate through most of the year. The remaining few represent those not choosing to recharter for the upcoming year.

Adventure At The Fort!

During the weekend of October 21-23, more than 3,000 Scouts attended the *Adventure At The Fort*, at Fort Adams in Newport, RI! Scouts celebrated the first Narragansett Council Jamboree in 20 years. Nearly 2,000 Scouts spent the weekend camping inside the historic fort while more than 1,000 additional Scouts attended for the day on Saturday.

Scouts spent the weekend engaging in activities hosted by program partners including *Save The Bay*; *Rhode Island DEM*; *Oliver Hazard Perry Tall Ship*; *Mystic Aquarium*; and the *Rhode Island National Guard*. On Saturday afternoon the *Coast Guard* demonstrated an open water rescue complete with helicopter and divers (photo top left).

Saturday evening brought everyone together for a full-scale stage show, featuring *WPRI's Kim Kalunian* as the master of ceremonies along with messages from *RI Governor McKee*, *Senators Reed and Whitehouse*, *Congressman Cicilline*, and *Astronaut Mike Fossum*. The show and the entire weekend reunited Scouts from across the Council while highlighting the service, leadership, adventure, and fun that make Scouting unique!



Camping

4,951
Yawgoog Campers

16,044
Merit Badges Earned
At Yawgoog

148,400
Meals Served
At Yawgoog

1,773
Cub Scout Day
& Family Campers

79
Completed Mile Swim

267
Boy Troops
at Yawgoog

56
Girl Troops
at Yawgoog

31
Learned To Swim
At Yawgoog





Adventure Base Camp provides a unique opportunity that strengthens the Scouting program for existing Scout units, recruits more youth into Scouting, and creates awareness of Council's support of units. Adventure Base Camp is open to Scouts and Scouters, members of the public, and various youth groups. We offer a mix of great camp programs year-round such as merit badges, cub adventures, rank advancement classes, and our weekly Adventure Day Program.

Over the course of 2022 we ran 40 Adventure Days where we offered archery, BB shooting, axe throwing, BMX, nature, S.T.E.M., Scout skills, and pioneering.

See upcoming events:

ExperienceBaseCamp.org

3,246
Adventure Base
Camp Participants

1,281
Adventure Card
Holders Attended
Events

149
Adventure Base
Camp Programs

10

160
Adventure Base
Camp Events

40
Adventure Days
Offering Archery, BB Shooting,
Axe Throwing, BMX, Nature, S.T.E.M.,
Scout Skills & Pioneering

Financial Stewardship*

2022 Operating Fund Results

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Friends of Scouting Contributions (Net) | \$ 330,394 |
| Special Events (Net) | \$ 393,793 |
| Foundations and Trusts | \$ 857,321 |
| Other Direct Support | \$ 11,799 |
| Total Direct Support | \$ 1,593,307 |
| United Way Support | \$ 37,334 |
| Government Grants | \$ 16,160 |
| Other Indirect Support | \$ 1,915 |
| Total Indirect Support | \$ 55,409 |
| Sale of Supplies (Net) | \$ 216,710 |
| Popcorn Sale (Net) | \$ 161,319 |
| Investment Income | \$ 647,653 |
| Camp Revenue | \$ 3,027,990 |
| Activity Revenue | \$ 179,074 |
| Other Revenue | \$ 719,099 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 4,951,845 |
| Total Support & Revenue | \$ 6,600,561 |
| Program Expenses | \$ 5,803,490 |
| Management Expenses | \$ 353,195 |
| Fundraising Expenses | \$ 255,330 |
| Total Functional Expenses | \$ 6,412,015 |
| National Charter Fee | \$ 74,356 |
| Contribution to Settlement Trust | \$ 6,440,530 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 12,926,901 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$ (6,326,340) |
| Transfers to Fund | |
| Settlement Trust | \$ 6,440,530 |
| Transfer to Capital Fund | \$ (85,000) |
| Total Surplus (Deficit) | \$ 29,190 |

* Unaudited. Our financial reports and processes are audited annually by Sansiveri, Kimball & Co., LLP. Audited financial statements are available upon request, once completed.



Special Events

Distinguished Citizens Award



Business leaders throughout Southeastern New England gathered at the Scouts' 27th Annual Distinguished Citizens Award Luncheon to celebrate Ned Handy (left), CEO of the Washington Trust Company and Mike Falvey (below right), CEO of Falvey Insurance

Company. Each received the Senator John H. Chafee Distinguished Citizens Award on June 22nd at the RI Convention Center. Co-chaired by Paul Choquette Jr. and Tom Gilbane of Gilbane Inc., the luncheon raised \$328,015. In its history this event has raised well over \$6.5 million to provide support to youth in our nationally-recognized Scoutreach programs.



Good Scout Award

Not awarded since 2018, the Good Scout Award was brought back in 2022 to honor community leader Michele Roberts, Executive Vice President of Bristol County Savings Bank. This award recognizes leaders that inspire people to positively affect the lives of others. Held on May 26th at TPC Boston, this event raised over \$22,000 in support of Narragansett Council Scouting. Ms. Roberts is shown (right) with her husband, Pat Murray, CEO of Bristol County Savings Bank and a previous recipient of the Good Scout Award.



32nd Annual Moby Dick Scouting Golf Classic

On July 18, 2022, 113 golfers participated in the *Moby Dick Scouting Golf Classic* at Montaup Country Club. Chaired by Jack Ledwidge from St. Anne's Credit Union, this event raised \$51,821 to support our Scouts in the Narragansett Council. Over the course of 32 years this event has raised more than \$800,000.

5th Annual Sporting Clays Classic

It was a beautiful sunny September day at Addieville East Farm for our *Sporting Clays Classic*. Featuring 14 stations of clay shooting, a flurry shoot of 50 clays, steak and game lunch, craft beverages and live music, everyone in attendance had a blast! Chaired by Charlie Normand of Hinkley Allen, this event raised a record \$51,914 in support for our local Scouting programs.

Growing Leaders Campaign

Our new annual fundraising campaign, the *Growing Leaders Campaign*, raised a total of \$349,671 from 740 donors to help Scouting thrive throughout the Narragansett Council. Special recognition is given to donors who make a recurring monthly contribution as a member of our Anchor Donor Club. Members of the Eagle Club are donors who support a full patrol or den of seven Scouts for the year with their gift.

Annual Popcorn Sale

The *Annual Popcorn Sale* is the one fundraiser supported by the Council to help local units raise funds for their programs. In 2022 our Scouts sold \$446,000 worth of popcorn. Over 70% of gross sales stay in the local community benefitting the Scouting program.

DONATE ONLINE at www.ncbsa.org/give



This year
Pack 12 North Attleboro
set an all-time record for
Highest Popcorn Selling
Unit in Narragansett
Council History,
with a total of
\$44,060 of
popcorn sold!!!

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First Female Narragansett Council Scouts Earn Eagle Rank



Congratulations to NCBSA's first female Eagle Scouts!

Shown above left to right are Morgan Bitgood, Sophia Boardman, Regina Collura, Morgan Nathan and Seraphina (Trident) Stager.