

Iroquois Trail Council, Inc. Boy Scouts of America Program Highlights



The mission of the Boy Scouts of 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.

The Boy Scouts of America, Iroquois Trail Council delivers the promise of Scouting to youth in Eastern Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties. Since 1910 the Council and its predecessors' vision has been to prepare young people to become responsible, participating citizens and leaders, and through them, to build better communities and a better world.

The Boy Scouts of America, Iroquois Trail Council gives every kid a chance to become the best person they can be. The success of Scouting programs and the impact they have in local communities is achieved by effectively using the methods of family involvement, positive peer group activities, adult mentors and role models, and a values-enriched curriculum.

The Council partners with nearly 100 local organizations to create meaningful and lasting character-building programs that improve the lives of youth and their families and benefit the communities in which they live, generation after generation.

Scouting programs include Cub Scouting for boys ages 7-10, Boy Scouting for boys ages 11-18, and Venturing and Exploring for boys and girls ages 14-20.

Youth Membership

Cub Scouts	1,468
Boy Scouts	939
Venturers	86
Explorers	93
Total	2,586



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2015 Program Highlights

Journey to Excellence Silver Award

- The Council earned the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Level of the Journey to Excellence Award for successful performance in program delivery and fiscal stewardship. The award measures 17 key program outcomes against National benchmarks.
- The Boy Scouts of America recognizes the Council as one of the organization's high-performers. The Council ranked 1st out of the 9 Scouting councils in Upstate New York on the BSA's 2015 customer satisfaction survey and 2nd on the Journey to Excellence 'score card'.

Membership

- Scout packs, troops, crews, and posts exist in every town and neighborhood throughout Eastern Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties. Partnerships with nearly 100 local community organizations support 119 program groups.
- Total youth membership of 2,586 boys, young men & young women.
- Across our communities nearly 1 in 4 Cub-Scout age boys is a member of a local Cub Scout Pack.
- 1,100 adult volunteers deliver local Scouting programs.

Fiscal Stewardship

- Several exciting new program initiatives are in place that will make 2016 a banner year.
- The Council reinvested its working capital in improvements to equipment, facilities, and program.

Advancement & Recognition

Scouting's time-tested formula for developing the sensible, skilled citizens of tomorrow: learning by doing, achievement through learning, and its natural outcome—recognition.

- 55 local Boy Scouts earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
- Cub and Boy Scouts earned 1,565 rank advancements and 2,554 merit badges.

Activities & Community Service

- Youth members provided more than 20,000 hours of community service, including the collection of more than 25,000 pounds of food for local pantries.
- 55 Eagle Scouts designed and managed service projects to make improvements in their local communities. Eagle projects help a wide range of beneficiaries, including local churches, schools, villages, and parks.
- The Council relocated its Batavia Service Center to the *GoArt!* building on the prominent corner of Main & Bank Streets. *GoArt!* is the home of the Genesee-Orleans Arts Council, and we look forward to partnering with them on several exciting programs in 2016.
- District Camporees and the Winter Klondike Derby offered adventure and fellowship for hundreds to enjoy throughout the year: additionally, more than 600 Cubs and parents enjoyed the Annual Webelos Woods campout and "Taste of Scouting" weekends at Camp Sam Wood; nearly 400 enjoyed the Cub Scout Spookoree at Genesee County Park; and 435 Cubs and leaders enjoyed the Cub Winter Fun Day challenges at Letchworth State Park.

Camping

Scouting creates life-long memories and educates with action, adventure, and excitement through outdoor adventures. The promise of adventure is brought to life at Camp Sam Wood located in the Town of Pike and Camp Dittmer located in the Town of Phelps.

- Iroquois Trail continues to lead all upstate New York councils with the highest percentages of Scouts and Cub Scouts attending summer and weekend camping events.
- More than 1,000 Cubs and Scouts attended our local Day Camps, Cub Scout Resident Camp at Sam Wood, and Boy Scout Summer Camp at Dittmer. Hundreds more enjoyed summer adventures at other Boy Scout camps and National High Adventure bases. 80% of our Scouts attend camp.
- Due in part to several generous contributions, the Council was able to award \$8,895 in camperships to help 129 Cubs and Scouts attend camp this summer.

Training

- 649 adult volunteers learned new basic leadership skills and position-specific skills.
- All registered adults have completed the BSA's Youth Protection Training course.