Outstanding Achievements in Character Development Include:

• We received Gold status in Journey to Excellence in the following key performance areas:
  • Once again, we had a balanced budget with operating income exceeding operating expenses. $30,285 in financial assistance provided to low-income families in the form of camperships.
  • Pocumtuc Lodge of the Order of the Arrow inducted 36 Ordeal members, 30 sealed their membership by becoming Brotherhood members and 6 Vigil members were honored.
  • Troop 233 in the Berkshire area celebrated its 100th anniversary and a weekend-long celebration for the milestone.
  • Scouts explored possible career interests and hobbies while earning 3,165 merit badges.
  • 90 young men achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scouts collectively provided more than 11,400 man hours of community service to local organizations.

Environmental Science (90), Communications (88), Family Life (82), and Personal Fitness (79). Merit badges earned this year include:

Thanker you for your continued support!

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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.

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Outdoor Program Highlights

CUB SCOUT CAMPING — Operation challenging fun for 8,000 Cub Scouts in 180 camps operated in the towns of Geising, East Longmeadow, Pittsfield, and Russell. 105 Scouts attended Melvyn Woods Metacomet, and 71 for the dedicated Cub Scout resident camp.

BOY SCOUT CAMPING — 35 Boy Scouts received a long-term summer camping experience at Metacomet and Summer Camp, a 7% increase from 2013.

National Youth Leader Training — 32 Scouts participated in a week-long intense training course that emphasizes character development and leadership skills on an array of 10. 18 additional youth joined their leadership skills while serving on council committees.

Capitalize Program Improvements — The council marks significant improvements during 2014. The highlight was the dedication of the new Thin and Gentle Cats Climbing Towers “Mack” and “Snoopy” located at the Pioneer Valley Scout Camp in New England. We also added a new-Sortie Rules, which saw consistent use during summer camp and appeals to our need for this during the off season. The Cub Scout iSaw new lighting and electrical aisles. The aisles at Cub iSaw were replaced, several building get new water stop, and roof project structures were added or existing projects and new programs were completed. We added a new project that will make use of the AMI program available to Scouting 10-20 years ago. With new equipment and new camp property access agreements this year.

WODGE RACE — In 2014 Census revision directed an outstanding Wood Badge Course. 40 volunteer instructors and 71 adult participants came together recognize their expertise and support the work of our community. The leaders were organized into six teams and strengthened their passion for Scouting. The Scouting team had their own support through their local chapter and special events to their way of Wood Badge. Once they have completed their ticket, they will earn their Wood Badge badge. Thank you to these and all 1,703 volunteers who help impact the lives of the youth we serve.

102 Scouts attended Webelos Woods Resident Camp in the towns of Granby, East Longmeadow, Pittsfield, and Russell. 102 Scouts attended Webelos Woods Resident Camp.

Cub Scout Financial Highlights

Support and Revenues

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Capital and Program Improvements

Improvements to our camp properties during 2014. The highlight was the dedication of the new Trudy and Gene Pike Climbing Tower “Pike’s Peak.” The tower is the tallest at any Scout Camp in New England. We also added a new Gaga Ball Pit, which saw consistent use during summer camp and appeals to our need for this during the off season. The Cub Scout iSaw new lighting and electrical aisles. The aisles at Cub iSaw were replaced, several building get new water stop, and roof project structures were added or existing projects and new programs were completed. We added a new project that will make use of the AMI program available to Scouting 10-20 years ago. With new equipment and new camp property access agreements this year.

Eagle Scouts - Servant Leaders in Our Communities

Do you want to consider the key trends in Eagle Scouts make in our communities today and in the future? We did in 2014, 96 Eagle Scouts from the Western Massachusetts Council achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. We earned the required 100 hours of service for their Eagle project, and many added a significant contribution to their fellowScouts with their Eagle project. These outstanding young men provided unique leadership to other young men in their troops, school or place of worship and performed an average of 15 hours of service per project. In 2014, the 96 Eagle Scouts from the Western Massachusetts Council performed 1,147 hours of community service. At today’s current minimum wage of $9.50 an hour, that is an investment of over $10,785 to our local communities and school or place of worship and performed an average of 15 hours of service per project. In 2014, the 96 Eagle Scouts from the Western Massachusetts Council performed 1,147 hours of community service.

In 2014, 21 Eagle Scouts performed an average of 126 hours of service leadership to other young men in their troop, school or place of worship and performed an average of 15 hours of service per project. These Eagle Scouts will take the character development and leadership skills they have learned and incorporate them into their everyday lives. These young men are our community leaders and civic leaders and family members. They are the future of our nation.

2014 Merit Badge Sponsors

2014 marked the second year of our corporate merit badge sponsorship program. Corporate sponsors donated $9,500 to the WMC and ran at least one merit badge clinic at their place of business. Scouting had the opportunity to learn from and expert at these merit badge clinics. Eponix, Computers, and Traffic Safety Merit Badges were sponsored in 2014 by Excel Dryer, Aikia Works, and AAA-Pioneer Valley, respectively. Thank you to these sponsors.

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