We especially note the following achievements beyond the Journey to Excellence recognitions.

- The Council made significant strides in fund development. New, coordinated leadership and a balanced budget with operating income exceeding operating expenses by nearly 2%. We partnered with local business to develop the Camp Card. A new way for Scouts to earn merit badges. 76 young men achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scouts collectively provided more than 8,900 man hours of community service to local organizations. More than 20,000 hours of community service were given by all members of the Western Massachusetts Council.

- Pocumtuc Lodge of the Order of the Arrow inducted 44 Ordeal members, 41 sealed their Candidacy and became members of the Lodge. The Lodge comprises 163 youth and 169 adults. The lodge completed 1,035 service hours.

- The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make moral and ethical choices over their lifetime by instilling in them ‘the values of the Scout Oath and Law.’

- The 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.

  Western Massachusetts Council serves Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties.

Outstanding Achievements in Character Development Include:

- To recognize the efforts of Eagle Scout Eagle Scouts collectively provided more than 8,600 hours of community service to local organizations. More than 20,000 hours of community service were given by all members of the Western Massachusetts Council.

- We received a Gold status in Journey to Excellence for unit leader training. We had a 9% increase in direct contact leaders trained.

- A balanced budget with operating income exceeding operating expenses by nearly 2%.

- Added four new James E. West members in recognition of a contribution of $1,000 or more to the Council Endowment Fund.

- The Council Endowment Fund is an investment program for the Scouts of Western Massachusetts that advances their development in character, citizenship, and fitness in mind, body, and spirit. Thank you for joining us in our ongoing enterprise for youth!
A Lifetime of Service to Others
One factor in how the Scouting program builds leadership and character is “helping other people at all times.”

• 4,123 service projects were conducted including: food collection and distribution, shelter projects, healthy living projects, and other community service efforts.
• 8,007 youth and adults participated in at least one project and many participated in multiple projects.
• 78 units conducted at least one service project.

SERVICE HOURS BY DISTRICT:
Appalachian Trail............. 7,082
Metacomet.......................... 3,640
Good Turn
America.......................... 19,296

2013 Merit Badge Sponsors
2013 marked the inaugural year of our corporate merit badge sponsorship program. Corporate sponsors donated $9,500 to the WAMC and ran at least one merit badge clinic at their place of business. Scouts had the opportunity to learn skills from an expert at these merit badge clinics. Computers and Traffic Safety Merit Badges were sponsored in 2013 by Mobius and AAA Pioneer Valley, respectively. Thank you to these sponsors.

Outdoor Program Highlights
BOY SCOUT CAMPING — Operated four-day camp sessions for 148 youth. Camps sponsored in the towns of Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Holyoke, and Russell. 102 scouts attended Microbus Weekend and 105 scouts attended Camp Recruit camp.

BOY SCOUT CAMPING — 200 Boy Scouts received a long-term summer camping experience at Hoarse A. Moses Scout Reservation, a 16% increase from 2012.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER TRAINING — There were 35 Scouts who participated in a week-long training course that emphasizes character development and leadership skills on the unit level. 15 additional youth volunteered their leadership skills while serving on staff for this course.

NATIONAL JAMBOREE — A council contingent of 36 screws, nine fourteen, and six leaders attended the National Jamboree held, for the first time, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The council also provided ten trail masters to serve as the Jamboree’s and six leaders attended the National Jamboree held, for the first time, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The council also provided ten trail masters to serve as the Jamboree’s

CAPITAL AND PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS — The council made significant improvements to our camp properties during 2013. These improvements included: new cots for all campers. We added a new shower complex for the first time, and six leaders attended the National Jamboree held, for the first time, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The council also provided ten trail masters to serve as the Jamboree’s and six leaders attended the National Jamboree held, for the first time, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The council also provided ten trail masters to serve as the Jamboree’s

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Eagle Scouts — Servant Leaders in Our Communities
Do you ever stop to consider the impact the WAMC’s Eagle Scouts make in our communities today and in the future? We did in 2013. 19 scouts in the Western Massachusetts Council achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. These scouts earned their Eagle Scout rank while serving on staff for this course.

Police and Firefighters — Servant Leaders in Our Communities

TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN, REVERENT.