Outdoor Program Highlights

Cub Scout Camping – Operated four day camp sessions for 146 youth. Camps were held in Granby, East Longmeadow, Lenox, and Russell. 107 Scouts attended Wikeco Waves Weekend and 84 boys attended Cub Scout resident camp.

Boy Scout Camping – 343 Boy Scouts received a long-term camper camping legislative at the Knock A. Moore Scout Reservation. 21 Boy Scouts attended the National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

National Youth Leadership Training – There were 37 Scouts who participated in a week-long intensive training course that emphasizes character development and leadership skills on the unit level. Thirteen additional youth honed their leadership skills while serving on staff for this course.

Your Round Camping at Metacomet – The Knock A. Moore Scout Reservation is open all year long. In 2017 more than 5,100 nights were spent by youth camping.

Capital and Program Improvements – The council made significant improvements to our camp property during 2017. Improvements continue at the Manor House, Sachem, and Overlook. Painting and staining work was done at all camp properties. The bathroom addition and deck on the Nunes building will be the finishing touches to the improvements at these sites.

Boy Scouts from the Western Massachusetts Council performed more than 8,100 hours of community service. At a wage of $11 an hour, that doesn’t count the materials for the projects! The Scouts contributed a significant amount to their communities with their Eagle service projects. These Scouts will take the character development and leadership skills they have learned and incorporate them in their everyday lives. They will become our community’s business and community leaders. They will become our communities’ business and leadership skills they have learned and incorporate them in their everyday lives. They will become our communities’ business and leadership skills they have learned and incorporate them in their everyday lives.

Do you ever stop to consider the impact our Eagle Scouts make in the lives of their community today and in the future? With 83, Eagle Scouts in the Western Massachusetts Council, we affirm the impact of our Eagle Scouts. These Scouts earned at least the required 21 merit badges, held leadership positions in their troop and community, and made a significant contribution to their communities with Eagle Scout service projects. These exceptional young men provided leadership to other young men in their troop, school or place of worship and performed an average of 67 hours of service per project. In 2017, 83 Eagle Scouts contributed a total of more than 9,100 hours of community service. At a wage of $11 an hour, that’s a contribution of over $99,000 to our local cities and towns, and that doesn’t count the materials for the projects!
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. Surely this applies to both girls and boys.

Last year, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America announced that we will be making the Cub Scout program available to full families. Chartering organizations will be able to charter packs with separate boy and girl dens, or packs with just girls or just boys, depending on what is best for their program. The Girl Scout organization will remain the only organization with a separate program for girls.

Thank you for your support of Scouting in Western Massachusetts. With your continued support, we will serve more youth in 2018 with the best character and leadership training available to youth.