Camp Life
It is the mission of the Black Swamp Area Council to be the leading youth organization in Northwest and West Central Ohio in developing positive values through leadership training and quality outdoor program opportunities.

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

Since 1910 Scouting has been preparing youth to become tomorrow’s leaders. 2013 was no different for the Black Swamp Area Council as we continue making today’s youth PREPARED FOR LIFE.

Through our 2,300 dedicated volunteers and many generous donors we are able to provide a Scouting program to 7,071 youth. As you review this recap of our past year of service and accomplishments, please note:

• Over 35,000 hours of community service were provided to the communities of Northwest and West Central Ohio.

• 1500 Boy Scouts and 1170 Cub Scouts participated in summer activities throughout our territory.

• 35 Boy Scouts attend the National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia.

• 69 youth completed National Youth Leadership training.

• 3,382 youth earned rank advancements.

• Our Learning for Life programs grew by over 14% to serve 861 young people.

• 129 Eagle Scout ranks and 1 Venturing Silver Award were earned.

• The Council’s Capital Campaign has raised over $1,600,000 to make our camp facilities world class.

• We provided over $13,400 in direct support in the form of camperships and registration assistance so youth throughout our territory got to experience summer camp and the Scouting program.

At the end of 2013 we bid farewell to our Scout Executive, Vic Pooler, who was promoted to become the Field Service Scout Executive for the Great Lakes Field Service Council, based in Detroit, Michigan and we welcome, Marc Kogan as our new Scout Executive.

The following pages provide much more detail on what the Council has accomplished, and what we will continue to deliver to families and communities of West Central and Northwestern Ohio.

We look forward to thanking each of you in person at one of our upcoming events. We hope you will join us in helping Scouting grow and prosper for the next generation of leaders! Your support makes the difference for the youth that we serve!
Black Swamp Area Council

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Council Commissioner Scott Gray

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Dee Huston David Woodruff
Activities

2013 Product Sale Highlights
ANGELA HALE – Great Oaks District

Angela is presently the District Commissioner and a Committee Member for Troop 82 in the Great Oaks District. She is a Medical Coding Specialist with, KForce Healthcare in Tampa, FL.

Angela served as Cubmaster of Pack 82 from 2002 until 2009. She earned the Quality Unit Award, the Summertime Pack Award, and increased membership during her tenure. Angela has taken on the role of District Commissioner in 2013 and is recruiting new Unit Commissioners and helping the District as we expand to include Hardin County.

On the Council level she taught at the University of Scouting in 2010, volunteered on the staff of Deliver the Promise/Trailblazer Event from 2010 to 2013, and conducted Camp visitations in 2013.

Angela has earned the District Award of Merit, Cubmaster Award, Scouter’s Key, Scouting Training Award, and Wood Badge Beads in 2009.

DOUG HIEGEL– BSAC

Doug comes from the America Elm District and is an Insurance Agent and Member of the Black Swamp Area Council Board. Doug has spent endless hours volunteering his time for the Scouting movement and the community. He spent 9 years as a worker for the Friends of Scouting Campaign, volunteering at the Special Kid’s Day at Camp Berry, and being a Trainer and presenter at the Board Member Orientation.


Doug is a Hancock Leadership Graduate, and a United Way Silver Award and Gaslight member.

DOUG SPEER – Hawthorn District

Since 1999 Doug has filled many positions in Scouting. He was Den Leader for 2 years, Assistant Cubmaster for 1 year, Cubmaster for 2 years, Committee Member, Committee Chair, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster and Chartered Organization Representative and is currently a Crew Advisor and the District Commissioner.

On the Council level Doug has attended the University of Scouting for 5 years as a participant and worked on the staff for 4 years.

He also attended the Cub Resource Training in 2013.

Doug has received the District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Cub Scouter Award, Cub Scout Den Leader Award, Cubmaster Award, Scouter’s Key, Scout Training Award and has earned his Wood Badge Beads in 2009. Doug has earned many other Scouting awards as well.

Doug is a volunteer Baseball Director, and an official for Little League and Pony League.

GARY MEYER – Hawthorn District

Gary is the Hawthorn District Advancement Chairman and Chartered Organization Representative for Pack and Troop 229. Retired from General Motors, Gary works part-time as a cabinet maker and wood worker at Custom Woodworking.

Gary started as the Tiger Cub Advisor in 1991 followed by two years as a Den leader, two years as a Webelos Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster for 5 years and Scoutmaster for five years. Eight years on the Troop Committee, Troop and Pack Chartered Organization Representative. In all, Gary has given 22 years of service to the Boy Scouts. Presently he is the Hawthorn District Advancement Chairman.

Gary was awarded the Scoutmaster Award of Merit in 2003 and the District Award of Merit in 2010 along with the Scouter’s Key award. Other Scouting Recognitions he has received are the Council President’s Award in 2007, District Scoutmaster of the year in 2003 and the District Person of the year award in 2007.
JIM SHILLING – Great Oaks District
Jim began his scouting career in 1958 as a Cub Scout in the Put-Han-Sen Area Council, earning his Wolf, Bear, Lion and Arrow of Light badge. In 1962 he crossed over to the Boy Scouts and was a Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Senior Patrol Leader, and Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster. During this time Jim earned his Eagle Scout Badge, and in 1967 the Bronze Palm. Jim served in many different positions through 1968 to 1999. Jim was the Senior District Executive (1999 to 2006) for the Simon Kenton Council, Columbus, Ohio.

VERL DASHER – Chinquapin District
Verl began his career as a Cub Scout in 1955, became a Boy Scout with Troop 64 and when he was 12 yrs. old he did his ordeal in Ketchikeniqua Lodge #238 in the Shawnee Council and earned his Brotherhood in 1962. In 1971 at the age of 22 he became the Scoutmaster of Troop 64. The same year he did his first 50 miler. In 2005, after fifty years of Boy Scouts he wrote his first book, “Venture Patrol”. For the past 6 years he has been the committee Chairman of troop 315. He has 58 years of consecutive service. He always attended the District outings and Camporees. Verl has attend many Summer Camps, High Adventures, District camporees and many trips to the Appalachian Trails. Verl has attended over 20 trainings in scouting and has been a faithful member of his church and has always helped with volunteer maintenance.

He received the James E. West Award (2002), Professional Knot (2001), Attended Philmont Training Center for Key Three and Advanced District Administration. Presently he is a Unit Commissioner of American Elm District (6 years) and Committee Chairman for Troop 124, Ada, Oh. Jim was a Lion for four years (Oak Hill, WV). A Rotarian for 18 years Milwaukee, Wi, Oak Hill, Richlands, VA, Morgantown, WV, Hillsboro, Oh, and Ada Oh., and a Paul Harris Fellow.

What is the Silver Beaver Award?

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.
There were many successes in 2013 with the Capital Campaign. Great support came for many of the major projects at the camps. The pictures above show gift support from Hancock Wood Electric for the back-up generator project. Also featured, is the groundbreaking ceremony for the coming improvement of Donnell Lodge. We would also like to thank the many others that have pledged support to date of $1,600,000.

This will help fund improving our camps to deliver the best outdoor program we can for all our youth in the Black Swamp Area Council. As good fiscal stewards, we are still in need of support to completely fund some of our other projects at both Camp Berry and Camp Lakota. Please ask our professional staff or a volunteer on the Capital Campaign committee to explain the needs.

2013 National Jamboree

2013 National Jamboree, Scouting’s flagship event is one-of-a-kind. It’s a gathering of approximately 45,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff that showcases everything that is great about the Boy Scouts of America. Taking part in this were 35 Scouts from all over the Black Swamp Area Council they came together to form the council C-136 and head to The Summit National High adventure base in West Virginia. As part of this experience, the Scouts got to take part in skateboarding, canopy tour, the river, helmets /harnesses, wheels, marksmanship to name a few. The Scouts left with lasting memories from the Summit, their leaders could see that the Scouts had developed into young men ready to go back to their home Troops and supply them with the leadership from their experience.
Memberships & Financial Reports

**Membership as of 12/31/13**

- Cub Scouts: 3796
- Boy Scouts: 1830
- Venturing: 584
- Exploring: 247
- Learning for Life: 614
- Total: 7071

**Units as of 12/31/13**

- Packs: 117
- Troops: 112
- Crews: 25
- LFL/Post: 21
- Total: 275

**Income**

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**Expenses**

- Management
- Programs
- Fundraising

These are unaudited results.
Boy Scouts of America
Venturing Awards for Advancement 2013

SILVER AWARD
Shelby Adkins of Crew 601
Adventure & Excitement
Scout Law: A Scout is…

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