A Scout is...

COURTEOUS

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE AWESOME!

FRIENDLY

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

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Black Swamp Area Council
2015 Annual Report
A Note from the Black Swamp Area Council 2015 Key 3

Since 1910, Scouting has been preparing youth to become tomorrow’s leaders. We extended that tradition in 2015 in the Black Swamp Area Council as we continue making today’s youth PREPARED FOR LIFE.

Through our 1,198 dedicated registered volunteers and many generous donors, we are able to provide a Scouting program to 5,907 youth. As you review this recap of our past year of service and accomplishments, please note:

• Over 26,890 hours of community service were provided to the communities of Northwest and West Central Ohio, including Scouting for Food and Soles4Souls.

• 78.7% (1,288) Boy Scouts participated in a Summer Camp and 1,023 Cub Scouts participated in summer activities throughout our territory.

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**2016 Black Swamp Area Council Executive Board**

**KEY 3**
- Council President: Mark Miller
- Council Commissioner: Daniel Meffley
- Scout Executive: Marc Kogan

**2015 COUNCIL OFFICERS**
- Executive Vice President: Sherri Garner Brumbaugh
- Past President: Cary Cox
- Vice President of Endowment: Stan Doty
- Vice President of Program: Curt Brookhart
- Vice President of Membership: Cheryl Parson
- Vice President of Finance: Steve Wilder
- Vice President of Development: John Swearingen
- Vice President of Properties: Phil Havens
- Vice President of Administration: Matthew Cunningham
- Vice President of Marketing: Bill Clinger
- Vice President of District Operations: Karl Heminger
- Vice President of Exploring: Lynn Child
- Legal Counsel: Jeff Whitman
- Treasurer: Linda Hirsfeld

**2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD**
- OA Lodge Chief: Ed Ingold
- Donald (Don) Alexander: Jeffrey Iten
- Michael Ayers: Roger (Dale) Laws
- Larry Ball: Tom Masterson
- Jacques Behar: Jan Osborn
- Dena Best: John Pinski
- Marty Borchers: Walt Poffenbaugh
- Robert Chesebro: Lynn Radabaugh
- Chuck Clapper: Mike Saxton
- Judy Crawford: Robert Shrider
- Robert Cupp: Dan Vennekotter
- William Finerty: Amanda Waggaman
- Richard Flowers: Steve Walker
- Peter Gilgen: Mike Wolfe
- Scott Gray: Chip Wood
- Phil Havens: Michael Yammine
- Dave Huckeriede

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**Membership & Financial Reports**

**Membership as of 12/31/15**
- Cub Scouts: 3616
- Boy Scouts: 1741
- Venturing: 147
- Exploring: 218
- Learning for Life: 263
- Total: 5987

**Units as of 12/31/15**
- Packs: 106
- Troops: 103
- crews: 14
- LFL/Post: 19
- Total: 242

**INCOME as of 12/31/15**
- Activities/Special Events: $212,850
- Camping/Programs: $423,250
- Investments: $320,587
- Product Sales: $343,137
- Annual Gifts: $284,107
- United Ways: $154,124
- Store Sales, other: $106,395
- Foundations/Grants: $81,082
- Total: $1,952,532

**EXPENSES as of 12/31/15**
- Management: $67,907
- Programs: $1,469,818
- Fundraising: $248,130
- Total: $1,785,855

**Transfer Capital**
- *Scout Shop Renovations: $30,000

These are unaudited results
Mawat Woakus Lodge 449 sent 70 arrowmen in a contingent to the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC). The conference, held at Michigan State University from August 3-8, saw the largest attendance ever. Over 15,000 arrowmen attended to help celebrate the centennial anniversary of the order. Arrowmen had the opportunity to: participate in elite trainings taught by experts in their fields, tour the historical museum and find a link to our lodge’s past, build bonds with fellow lodge members during the entertaining and inspiring shows, which included performances from the likes of Maddie & Tae, and addresses from legends like Dr. Robert Gates. The conference also allocated much leisure time for arrowmen to prepare to serve in the next century and reflect on our accomplishments thus far. The Mawat Woakus Lodge is proud of our accomplishments and the active role our members have served in thus far. We hope to see similar participation and excitement when we return to the next NOAC- to be hosted at Indiana University in 2018!

In 2015 Black Swamp Area Council ended the year with over 1.5% growth in youth participating in Scouting. On September 10th the council recruited 616 new Scouts into Scouting. This was nearly 33% increase over the one night sign up held in 2014.

Marketing Rocket Into Scouting where boys who signed up for Scouts over the month of September received a free rocket. With paid registration, this created a buzz and we were able to channel our message and create excitement to young families.

One and two weeks later the families and new Scouts were invited to Deliver The Promise a free all day Scouting experience. Activities ranged from climbing wall, archery, bb guns, and rocket launching. For coming out new Scouts were able to receive their engine and Launch Into Scouting.

Be sure to mark your calendar for September 8th for the 2016 ‘Rocket Into Scouting’!!
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.

What is the Silver Beaver Award?

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.