



Council Fact Sheet

Our Mission:

To prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Youth training includes values, leadership, citizenship and service.

Territory:

<i>Illinois</i>	Boone	Lee	Stephenson	<i>Wisconsin</i>	Grant
<i>Counties:</i>	Carroll	McHenry	Whiteside	<i>Counties:</i>	Green
	Jo Daviess	Ogle	Winnebago		Lafayette

Primary Service Center:

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Youth Programs:

Tiger Cubs:	1st grade boys	Varsity Scouts:	9th-12th grade boys
Cub Scouts:	2nd-5th grade boys	Exploring & Venturing:	9th-12th grade boys <i>and</i> girls
Boy Scouts:	6th-12th grade boys	Learning for Life:	In-school program, grades 1-12

Membership:

There are more than 15,000 youth registered in our program. This includes 25% of all elementary school boys, grades 1-5, in our Cub Scout program!

Leadership:

Each year more than 5,000 registered adult volunteers give their time and talents to bring Scouting to the 15,000+ youth shown above. These Scouters give over 1.5 million hours of volunteer service to youth. They are supported by career Scouters, office staff and a camp caretaker.

Camp Property:

Camp Lowden:	Cub Scout and Boy Scout camp near Oregon, IL (201 acres)
Canyon Camp:	Cub Scout and Boy Scout camp near Stockton, IL (286 acres)
Mount Carroll Cabin:	Small group, weekend camping, near Mt. Carroll, IL (20 acres)

Funding:

Blackhawk Area Council receives its funding from the following sources:

Friends of Scouting+	Popcorn Fundraiser
United Way	Camping and Activity Fees*
Trust Income	Other Sources

(+ Direct donations from individuals, companies and Scout families.

* Fees are primarily used to cover camping and activity expenses.)

Governance:

The council is governed by an outstanding volunteer executive board comprised of business and community leaders representing the twelve-county territory. The United Way provides additional review and accountability in the use of funds for delivering our program to youth.

Scouting Works!

The Harris Poll organization's national survey entitled, "*The Values of Men and Boys in America*" concluded that Scouting made a statistically significant, positive difference in the lives, values and involvement of men and boys who were or are Scouts.

Values:

Scouting values, embodied in the Scout Oath and Scout Law, are as relevant today as in the past.

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.

Scout Law: A Scout is - Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

These values are challenging for anyone. Scouts memorize the Oath and Law and strive to live by them. Adult leaders do the same, as role models.

Prevention:

Preventing bad habits and anti-social behavior is one of Scouting's goals, and we know from nearly 100 years of experience that it works well. But how do you measure the bad things (drug use, crime, etc.) that were prevented *and* did *not* happen?

If young men, between the ages of 15 and 25, commit approximately 85% of all street and drug related crime, isn't it smart *and* cost-efficient to work with 7-18 year old youth for *prevention*?

Scouting Needs You:

"No one stands as tall as when they stoop down...to help a child."

Whether you have time to give, talents to share, resources to lend, or funds to contribute, we can put them to good use for the delivery of Scouting to more youth.

To Help:

Just contact us and tell us you would like to help!

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*The Scouts...and future Scouts
thank you!*