

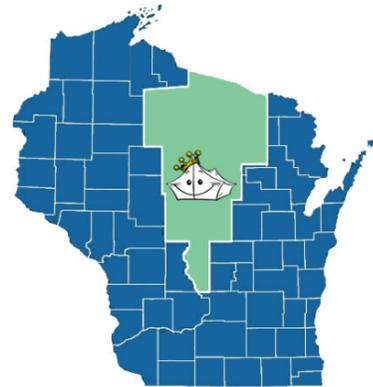


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SAMOSET COUNCIL

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Vision Statement

Every youth prepared for tomorrow's challenges.

Mission Statement

The mission of Samoset Council is to prepare young people for life by providing opportunities to live the Scout Oath and Law through safe, accessible, and inclusive educational programs.

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.

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Samoset Council 2022 Annual Report

We are pleased to share with you the 2022 Council Annual Report.

Our camping program remains the signature of Samoset Council and 2022 saw no change in this promise as we grew in youth participants by 15%, serving over 4,800 campers in our summer programs.

Samoset continues to offer the best programs in the nation through Crystal Lake Scout Reservation and our programs at Camp Tesomas Scouts BSA Camp and Akela's World Cub Scout Camp. We are able to serve not only our own council members, but also youth and adults from many other states.

The number of new youth members joining Scouting in Samoset increased over the previous year. We achieved 1.5% youth membership growth, including 7.7% in Cub Scouts. In the fall of 2022, 492 new youth were recruited — a 21% increase over fall of 2021!

Service remains a core tenet of Scouting. In addition to over 9,500 hours of community service performed by 69 Eagle Scouts through their Eagle Service Projects, we also partnered with local food banks in our annual Scouting for Food Service Project. Over 1,000 Scouts, Parents and Leaders participated. As a result, over 42,000 pounds of food were collected and given to those in need.

All of these successes and more were made possible through the generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure of thousands of volunteers and donors. Because of your support and commitment to Scouting, we continue to be a leader in youth development in the North Central Wisconsin area.

Thank you for helping transform today's youth into tomorrow's leaders.

Thad Brockman	Dave Schult	Jesse Tischer	John Overland
Council President	Council Commissioner	President-Elect	Scout Executive/CEO



42,133

Number of popcorn containers sold council-wide.

\$31,520

Dollar amount of popcorn donated to military personnel.

\$12,000

Dollar amount in camp assistance awarded to Scouts selling popcorn.

12 Percent

The portion of Samoset Scouts that are female - which exceeds the national benchmark.

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Where Camping is King

Scouting Gave My Child Confidence in Leadership, Character



By Karen Wolf
Scouting Mom

Early in Jacob's 5th grade year, he came home with a bracelet on his wrist. He told his dad, Wayne, and I, how he didn't want to go to music class, so he went to a Scout meeting instead.

At which point, he received a wristband with a date and time for the first Scout meeting of the year. He wanted to go because the nice gentleman at the meeting talked about camping. We kindly reminded Jacob that we camp all the time, "Yes, but this will be fun!" Jacob said.

Wayne took the opportunity to share all the memories from his Scouting years with his son and how it is more than camping. And with that, Jacob's Scouting journey started.

Webelos came and went quickly. Jacob crossed over to Troop 187. His first summer camp in 2018 at Camp Tesomas captured his heart and soul, as anyone who has been there can understand.

Fast forward to the summer of 2021, all he talked about after another week at camp, was how he wanted to be a Counselor in Training (CIT) the next summer. He wanted to spend the whole summer at camp. Jacob applied, interviewed, and later was asked to be a CIT for summer 2022.

Additionally, Jacob attended National Youth Leadership Training the week before summer camp started. We heard, he will come back changed, and he certainly did! Picking him up after a week in the woods, it was obvious he had learned so much. A trained leader, ready to take on the new role of CIT at camp.

Jacob has always been the quiet, kind, and helpful type. Never getting in the middle of confrontations. Samoset Council, BSA and all the opportunities, have given Jacob the confidence in his leadership and will continue to strengthen his character into adulthood.

Achievements

2,185 Merit Badge Awards earned by Scouts BSA youth in over 140 different subjects!

103 Arrow of Light Awards – Cub Scouts highest award!

69 Eagle Scout Awards – Scouts BSA highest award! Only 4% of all Scout youth achieve Eagle rank. It demonstrates the pinnacle of leadership achievement in which a Scout must plan a community service project that makes the community a better place to live.



Membership

2,196 Youth

1,144 Adult Volunteers

Cub Scouts 1,370 youth

This family program serves boys and girls ages 5 – 10 developing self-esteem, teaching cooperation, values, and unity.

Scouts BSA 795 youth

This outdoor program serves young men and women ages 11 – 18 focusing on leadership and character development while instilling the value of service to others.

Venturing 22 youth

A program for young men and women ages 14 – 20 using high adventure to provide positive experiences that help youth mature and grow into responsible adults.

Exploring 9 youth

A worksite-based program for young men and women ages 14 - 20 exposing youth to community businesses, organizations, and careers.

Outreach Programs

Over \$73,000 in financial aid and scholarships were provided to positively impact all youth and families in our council. The council awarded \$33,000 in college scholarships, \$14,000 in membership financial assistance, and \$26,000 in camp financial assistance for youth to have an outdoor adventure experience.

Served 474 community youth through day camps and outreach programs throughout North Central Wisconsin, providing assistance to ensure that every youth and adult who wanted to participate in Scouting could do so regardless of their financial, economic, or geographic status.



Treasurer's Report

Council Revenue

Friends of Scouting	\$231,251
Special Events	\$24,531
Legacies and Bequests	\$400
Foundations and Trusts	\$43,140
Other Direct Contributions	\$167,011
United Way	\$98,982
Government Grants	\$155,527
Scout Shop	\$70,776
Popcorn Sales	\$323,982
Investment Income	\$222,625
Camping & Activities	\$1,106,198
Other Revenue	\$83,887

Total Support & Revenue \$2,528,384

Council Expenses

Management (17%)	\$442,318
Programming (79%)	\$2,055,480
Fundraising (4%)	\$104,075
Total Expenses	\$2,601,873

Camping & Facilities

4,826 Campers

In the Samoset Council, our slogan is "Where Camping is King!" We are proud of our outdoor programs and facilities used to help deliver the Scouting program.

Crystal Lake Scout Reservation

A 1,000+-acre property consisting of three program camps located near Rhinelander, WI.

- Tesomas Scout Camp –Weeklong summer camp experiences for Scouts BSA youth.
- Akela's World Cub Scout Camp – Offering camp programs for Cub Scouts
- Hanna Venture Base – Offering a variety of High Adventure programs for older youth.

Phillips Scout Camp

A 78-acre property in Weston, WI, our Phillips camp is used for short-term camping and training activities.

Flambeau Canoe Base

Located west of Phillips, WI, on the south fork of the Flambeau River, our canoe base provides biking and hiking trails, campsites, and canoes to rent.

Wausau Homes Scout Service Center

Located next to Camp Phillips in Weston, WI, our council service center is our administrative hub (membership, finance, field service, program, and customer service) that serves the entire council and houses our Scout Shop where you can find advancement, recognition, and outdoor camping items.

Scouting Safely

Our Guide to Safe Scouting and youth protection practices and policies are updated on a consistent basis to keep all participants safe.

Our commitment to youth safety is paramount above all else. Scouting has developed some of the strongest expert-informed safety policies found in any youth-serving organization.



Community Service

Our Eagle Scouts invested over **9,556 hours in service projects** saving local communities about \$286,000

Scouting for Food

Our annual Scouting for Food Drive raised over 42,000 pounds of food in 2022 to help support local families.

In addition, Samoset Council's Scouting youth performed over **25,000 hours of community service.**

"The Scouting program has been good for our family and our sons in their individual growth."

Samoset Parent

"It's (Scouting) created a sense of purposefulness, camaraderie, and belonging within him."

Samoset Parent

