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SAMOSSET COUNCIL

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Samoset Council 2020 Annual Report

Resilience: the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties...the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or significant sources of stress—such as workplace and financial stressors.

Dear Scouting Friends,

In 2020, Samoset Council exemplified true resilience as it faced the unprecedented national crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic. Plans were thrown into disarray and our staff and volunteer leadership were able to quickly put together plans to keep Scouting going!

Samoset led the way as being one of only a handful of councils across the country that provided summer camp programs. Our staff led the way in putting together a “cohort” (small group) model that was recognized nationally as a best practice in safely holding summer camp programs. Along with social distancing, wearing masks, frequent hand washing, and sanitation procedures, we were able to deliver a camping program to over 3,600 youth at our properties.

While the pandemic caused local communities and units to shelter in place and cancel in-person meetings, Samoset council utilized technology to keep Scouting going. Online meeting platforms provided the unique ability to deliver program and training opportunities through virtual merit badge clinics, virtual campfires, live stream Scouting Events, and more for our youth who were at home.

We are proud to have celebrated Samoset Council’s 100th Anniversary (Founded on July 30, 1920) of providing Scouting’s programs to youth in North Central Wisconsin. Even our Governor Tony Evers issued a Certificate of Commendation for the work that Scouting is doing throughout the thirteen counties that we serve.

We invite you to review our 2020 Annual Report to see how Samoset Council is making a meaningful impact in the lives of young people in our communities.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our volunteers and youth members we serve, we “Thank you” for your investment in our Scouting programs. Your involvement provides our local community with future leaders, informed citizens, and provides young people with the tools they need to overcome life’s challenges.

Yours in Scouting,

Dr. Marjorie Miller Council President	Rick Radloff Council Commissioner	Thad Brockman VP of Program	John Overland Scout Executive/CEO
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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.

Executive Committee
 Council President - Dr. Majorie Miller
 Commissioner - Rick Radloff
 VP- Program - Thad Brockman
 VP- Administration - Marcia Tepp
 VP- Financial Development - Chris Brickheimer
 Legal Counsel - Chris Toner
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 VP- Membership - Dale Morehouse
 VP- Properties - Larry Foltz
 VP-Leadership Development - Dr. Marsha Salzwedel
 Scout Executive/CEO - John Overland

Board Members

Dennis Blaser	Alan Panek
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	Mark Wood



Where Camping is King

Achievements

2020 Youth Rank Advancements

- **161 Arrow of Light Awards**
– Cub Scouts highest award
- **57 Eagle Scout Awards** – Scouts BSA highest award which only 4% of all Scout youth achieve. 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.



- **1,726 Merit Badge Awards** – Earned by Scouts BSA youth in over 140 different subjects from Robotics and First Aid to Personal Fitness and Welding helping to provide awareness about the world around them.

Recognition

Silver Antelope Award -

A regional recognition by the National Boy Scouts of America for service to Scouting.
2020 Central Region Recipient:

- **John Paprocki**

Silver Beaver Award -

The council's highest award for volunteer service.
2020 Samoset Recipients:

- **Dennis Blaser**
- **Thad Brockman**
- **Don Sidlowski**
- **Dave Weber**

2020 brought us all greater appreciation for the things around us, from the simplest acts of going to the store to finding toilet paper to spending more time with our loved ones as we had to shelter in place from the pandemic. Relationships were tested, strengthened and in the end we all realized the physical need and importance of connecting with others.



Scouts learned not only to "Be Prepared" as the Scout Motto states, but also of the importance of serving others and "Doing a Good Turn Daily". Many countless acts of service were done by Scouts from across the country from the making of personal protective equipment such as face masks and face shields to helping collect food for food banks, providing humanitarian supplies for those who were homeless and even putting together grab & go snacks for local health care workers.

In 2020, social justice issues were also brought to the forefront of society and the Boy Scouts of America is proud to take action and stand by and support those who stand for what is right. Scouting is here for all families serving both boys and girls throughout our communities. Our programs and activities instill values, develop character, teach leadership, and promote diversity and inclusion that helps to prepare our youth to be productive members of society who are brave to denounce racism, discrimination, inequality and injustice.

Samoset Council is also excited for our inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts who are earning Scouting's highest award. We anticipate the completion of their award requirements and recognition in February of 2021.

Scouting teaches youth to "Be Prepared" for life's challenges. To be strong in character, faith, commitment, and resolve.

Membership

2,862 Youth

CUB SCOUTS 1,558 YOUTH

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

SCOUTS BSA 987 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 19 YOUTH

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

EXPLORING 62 YOUTH

A worksite-based program for young men and women ages 14 - 20 that exposes youth to community organizations and careers.

STEM 236 YOUTH

Serves boys and girls ages 8 – 18 through an afterschool program that uses hands on labs to help youth learn about science, technology, engineering, and math.

Outreach Programs

- Over \$90,000 in financial aid and scholarships were provided to positively impact all youth and families in our council.
- Served 11 outreach units throughout North Central Wisconsin, providing assistance to ensure that every youth and adult who wanted to participate in Scouting could do so for free regardless of their financial, economic, or geographic status.
- We partner with community-based organizations: Spencer Kids Group, Boys and Girls Clubs, Community Connection, and others to serve local youth.
- Provided over 150 outreach youth with an outdoor adventure experience at our camps.



Good stewardship and discipline is an important aspect of Scouting. We are proud to have a well governed program!

Treasurer's Report

Council Revenue

Friends of Scouting	\$233,533
Special Events	\$ 23,630
Legacies and Bequests	\$ 150
Foundations and Trusts	\$ 46,972
Other Direct Contributions	\$ 47,298
United Way	\$ 94,939
Government Grants	\$257,817
Scout Shop	\$ 58,715
Popcorn Sales	\$316,835
Investment Income	\$225,602
Camping & Activities	\$441,255
Other Revenue	\$ 84,892
Transfer from Endowment to Operating	\$275,000

Total Support & Revenue \$2,106,639



Scout camps provide opportunities for renewal, to enjoy God's creations without the distractions of the world.

Camping & Facilities 3,600 CAMPERS

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

Crystal Lake Scout Reservation

- An 1,100-acre property consisting of three program camps located near Rhinelander, WI.
- Tesomas Scout Camp – Traditional weeklong summer-camp experiences for Scouts BSA youth.
 - Akela's World Cub Scout Camp – Offering camp programs for Cub Scout aged youth.
 - Hanna Venture Base – Offering a variety of High Adventure programs for older youth.

Camp Phillips

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

Flambeau Canoe Base

Located west of Phillips, WI on the south fork of the Flambeau River providing biking and hiking trails, campsites, and canoes for 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 that provides advancement, recognition, and outdoor camping items for sale.

Council Expenses

Management (9.34%)	\$ 192,988
Programming (82.43%)	\$1,703,213
Fundraising (8.24%)	\$ 170,259

Total Expenses \$2,066,460



Losing oneself in the service of others is what Scouting is all about!

Community Service

Our Eagle Scouts invested over **7,900 hours in service projects to our community saving local communities over \$200,897.**

Our Scouting for Food Drive raised **\$16,618 to help support local families in need.**

In addition, our council's Scouting youth performed approximately **30,376 hours of community service.**

Showing that service by "Doing a Good Turn Daily" is more than just a motto, it is a way of life.

