

#### Narragansett Council









#### The Narragansett Council's

We prepare youth for success in life through a safe, relevant, rigorous character and leadership development program.

#### **Building Leaders**

We provide the most relevant and rigorous character and leadership program available today. Scouting develops leaders that are good problemsolvers, community-minded, physically fit and prepared for success in life.

## Impact & Growth Report

## A Message from Our Leadership

Your unwavering support continues to make possible the most relevant, rigorous, and safe character and leadership development program for youth in Southeastern New England.

Thanks to volunteers and supporters, Scouts enjoyed amazing activities including Merit Badge events to learn life skills and all about vocations and avocations. They have experienced day camps, summer camps, family camps, winter-time Klondike Derbies, camporees, the Order of the Arrow Turtle Trek Camporee, hiking, leadership courses, first-aid training, teamwork development, community service projects, and civic activies.

Scouting develops leaders who are problem-solvers, community-minded, physically fit, and prepared for success in life. It gives our children an advantage and prepares them for leadership, citizenship, and success.

Building on 3 consecutive years of membership growth, excellent camp programs, and a new marketing campaign to reintroduce Scouting to families, we look forward to continuing to reach more families with Scouting and preparing even more youth for success in life.

#### Join us in our Growing Leaders Campaign (visit www.ncscouts.org/GrowingLeaders) to:

- Serve more youth in Southeastern New England by expanding programs into more neighborhoods
- Develop strong units (packs, troops, crews, posts, and ships) and strong adult leadership
- Deliver excellent adventure through unit programs, activities, camping, and training courses
- Reintroduce Scouting to our communities to ensure all parents know the benefits of Scouting for their children
- Build strong financial sustainability through excellent fund development and stewardship

Adventure in the outdoors with hiking, camping, food drives, service projects, leadership, life skills, campfires, and much more is essential for great physical, mental, and spiritual health!

#### Adventure ON!

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## Scouting is Growing

Consecutive Years of Membership Growth!

The Narragansett Council is serving more families throughout Southeastern New England. Cub Scout membership is up 11% and Exploring membership is up 7%. Scouting membership increased by 14% in Warwick, 12% on Aquidneck Island, and almost 30% in Dartmouth and Westport!

**6,842** Total Youths Served

**1,208** New Cub Scouts





## Scoutreach Our Forever Commitment

Through Scoutreach, the Narragansett Council delivers the proven programs of Scouting including Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA by removing obstacles often faced by low-income, underserved, ethnically diverse families. We accomplish this through financial assistance for camp and activities, uniforms, awards, direct staff leadership of programs, and a higher level of staff coordination and support of weekly programs, monthly activities, and camping programs.



**79%** Membership Growth

> 17 of Scoutreach program sites

**3** New Eagle Scouts through the Scoutreach Program

#### Top recruiting units in 2024 included:

Pack 1 Rehoboth with 28 new Scouts
Pack 66 Kingston with 22 new Scouts
Pack 77 Middletown with 21 new Scouts
Pack 12 Berkeley-Ashton with 18 new Scouts
Troop 51 Girls Mansfield with 10 new Scouts
Explorer Post 327 Warwick had 17 new Explorers

## Programs & Activities

Council Committees and staff organized and coordinated more than 200 activities for units and Scouts.

## **Community Scouting**

Narragansett Council extends the benefits of Scouting to youth outside traditional units through Community Scouting programs. These initiatives provide leadership development, teamwork, and outdoor adventure opportunities to participants in summer camps, leadership field trips, and day programs. Activities like swimming, target sports, teambuilding and skill-building challenges offer transformative experiences, ensuring more young people could grow, connect, and benefit from Scouting's values.

660 Team Building and Leadership programs

> 1,518 youth attending all day camps

**40** program activities we conducted during the year

## 177,847

Pounds of Food Collected through Scouting for Food

## 19,653

Eagle Scout Community Service Project Hours



#### Community Scouting: Expanding Access to Scouting Adventures

The Council introduced homeschool programs at Adventure Base Camp at Camp Champlin and at Camp Norse in Plymouth, engaging youth in Scouting principles and skills during weekdays when the camps are typically underutilized. Activities such as nature exploration, survival skills, leadership, and community service projects provide homeschoolers with hands-on experience and practical knowledge aligned with Scouting's core values. This approach maximizes camp facilities and offers a unique educational environment for homeschool families.

Through these Community Scouting programs, we have broadened our reach, making Scouting accessible to a more diverse group of young people. By leveraging underused weekday times at our camps, the Council ensures more youth benefit from Scouting's enriching experiences. These programs foster personal growth, resilience, and a sense of community, helping participants develop into well-rounded individuals equipped with essential life skills.

#### Turtle Trek Camporee Hosted by Tulpe Lodge, Order of the Arrow

## Youth Leaders Organize Amazing 3-Day Camporee

In November, Tulpe Lodge hosted the Turtle Trek Camporee that was attended by more than 400 people at Camp Norse in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society and each "Lodge" is led by its youth officers and members. Tulpe Lodge youth members worked for more than a year to plan, promote, and deliver this excellent weekend camporee for Scouts BSA members. Troops from around the council and many surrounding councils attended.

It was Tulpe Lodge's largest, and most exciting event in years. Scouts participated in dozens of activities including axe throwing, field games, target sports, fry-bread making, awesome evening shows, escape room challenges, ham radio, and more. Special thanks to event chair and Tulpe Lodge Chief Drew Helm and the more than 40 OA members that helped organize and staff the 3-day, 2-night camporee.



## Exploring

## Exploring, our coed teen career program, continues to grow!

Our Exploring membership increased by over 7% in 2024. We currently have 8 Law Enforcement Posts and 3 Fire/EMS Posts. Our Exploring program teaches important life and career skills to young people from all backgrounds through immersive career experiences and mentorship provided by community and business leaders like you. Together, we equip young people with character, leadership and life skills that can be used both today.

#### Law Enfocement Explorer's Stations Day: April 13th

This spring, we partnered with the Rhode Island National Guard to host our annual Law Enforcement Stations Day at Camp Fogarty. Co-ed explorers aged 14-20 competed in various activity stations, demonstrating their knowledge and gaining hands-on experience in law enforcement careers. Highlights included a Top Shot tournament and a simulated Humvee rollover, thanks to the National Guard. The event saw participation from 42 explorers representing 7 Police Posts.

#### Law Enforcement Exploring Academy: June 23rd-29th

In June, we partnered with the National Guard to host the Police Explorer Academy at Camp Varnum in Narragansett. Police Explorers spent a week working with professional law enforcement personnel, developing skills for potential future careers. They received both classroom and hands-on instruction, participated in demonstrations, and competed in activities such as handcuffing, building clearing, crash investigation, and cyber security.





## Leadership Development

### Distinguished Citizens Awards Luncheon

Colin Kane, Founding Principal of Peregrine Group, LLC, and Edward Broderick, President & CEO of Gilbane Development Company were honored at the 29th annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Luncheon. The event was a tremendous success, raising \$417,000. Over its rich history, this event has generated more than \$7.5 million, highlighting its significant impact and enduring legacy.

The Distinguished Citizens Awards Luncheon is more than just a fundraising event; it exemplifies the Narragansett Council's "Forever Commitment" to ensuring every child, especially those from urban communities, can become a Scout regardless of financial circumstances. This luncheon symbolizes our dedication to fostering leadership, community service, and personal growth among our youth.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity and support of our community. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of Scouts, empowering them to achieve their fullest potential.





Colin Kane, Founding Principal of Peregrine Group, LLC and Edward Broderick, President & CEO of Gilbane Development Company Honored

**4,896** Yawgoog Summer Camp Attendance

> 255 Family Camp Attendance at Camp Norse

**1,518** Day Camp Attendence



## Outdoor Adventure

12,458 Merit Badges Earned

91 Completed the Mile Swim at Yawgoog

176 Scouts Who Learned to Swim at Camp



60 Total Girl Troops



# Leader Training



We are blessed with 3,079 outstanding volunteer leaders that deliver Scouting to youth throughout Southeastern New England. These volunteers help in many different ways as unit leaders, on parent committees as well as on district and council committees and the executive board.

The number of trained volunteer leaders reached an all-time high, marking the 10th consecutive month of increases, with several hundred new fully trained volunteers.

For the first time, we offered an Introduction to Cold Weather Camping Training for troop leaders at Camp Yawgoog to better prepare Scout groups to have successful, enjoyable winter activities.

Leader training programs included Leaderpalooza, Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) for Cub Scout leaders, and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) for Scouts BSA leaders.

Other unique training programs planned for the new year include New Leader Onboarding Workshops, Mental Health and Wellness sessions for leaders and troops, Safety Workshops, and Mental Health and Suicide Prevention training for Scouts aged 11 and older with a parent/guardian.



### Financial Stewardship

Operating Fund as of December 31, 2024

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Growing Leaders Campaign Contributions (net)	\$ 333,222
Fundraising Events (net)	\$495,178
Foundations & Trusts	\$896,444
Other Direct Support	\$22,673
Total Direct Support	\$ 1,747,517
United Way	\$6,153
Other Indirect Support	\$1,779
Total Indirect Support	\$7,932
Sale of Supplies (Camp Trading Posts) (net)	\$114,694
Popcorn Sale (net)•	\$97,298
Investment Income from endowment	\$1,332,379
Camp Revenue	\$3,173,541
Activity Revenue	\$143,711
Other Revenue (rentals, Adventure Card fees, shared services)	\$679,077
Total Revenue	\$5,594,213
Total Support & Revenue	\$7,349,662
Program Expenses (89.7%)	\$6,482,150
Management Expenses (6.6%)	\$476,615
Fundraising Expenses (3.7%)	\$266,881
Total Functional Expenses	\$7,225,646
National Charter Fee	\$89,018
Total Expenses	\$7,314,664
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$34,998

\*Units earned \$171,676 in profit and prizes for their Scouts

Unaudited. Our financial reports and processes are audited annually by Sansiveri, Kimball & Co., LLP. Audited financial statements are available upon request, once completed.



### Philanthropy

#### 34th Annual Moby Dick Scouting Golf Classic:

A full field of 128 golfers participated in the Moby Dick Scouting Golf Classic at Montaup Country Club, with Saint Anne's Credit Union as the Presenting Sponsor. For the first time in the event's history, 32 foursomes were fielded. Chaired by Jack Ledwidge from Saint Anne's Credit Union, the Classic raised a record-breaking **\$66,728** to support our Scouts. Over 34 years, this event has raised more than **\$900,000**.

#### 7th Annual Sporting Clays Classic:

Addieville East Farm in October was the perfect venue for the Sporting Clays Classic. The event featured 14 challenging clay shooting stations, a flurry shoot of 50 clays, a hearty breakfast, a steak and game lunch, live music, and live and silent auctions. Everyone had a blast! Guaranteed Builder's Incorporated (GBI), was



the Presenting Sponsor. Chaired by Charlie Normand of Hinkley Allen, the event grossed a record **\$72,647**, a **40% increase** from the prior year. Over seven years, this event has raised over **\$300,000**.

#### **Growing Leaders Campaign:**

Our annual fundraising campaign raised **\$339,347** from **484** donors to support Scouting. Highlights of the Growing Leaders Campaign included a Sporting Clays shoot and BBQ dinner hosted by Lee Duckworth and Ken Pelletier of Troop 44 Matunuck, the Northeast District Champions event hosted by Mike Hebner, Don Burke, and Dave Paulson, and the 9th annual Salute to Scouting at Blithewold Mansion chaired by Jim Cunha. Contributions to the Growing Leaders Campaign funds activities, leader training and unit support.



#### **Good Scout Award:**

The Good Scout Award Dinner recognizes outstanding community leaders who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law daily. These leaders inspire others to positively impact lives. Robin Cuddy, former Executive Director of the Attleboro Y, and Mark Cuddy, Executive Vice President of FB Insure, were honored with the 2024 Good Scout Award. Presented by Bristol County Savings Bank at the Norton Country Club, the event raised nearly **\$35,000**.

#### **Annual Popcorn Sale:**

The Annual Popcorn Sale is our primary fundraiser to help Scouts and units raise funds for their programs. In 2024, our Scouts sold **\$378,837** worth of popcorn, with over 71% of gross sales staying locally to benefit the Scouting program. Ten units from multiple districts sold over **\$10,000** of popcorn, with Pack 12 North Attleboro leading the way by selling **\$40,885** to fully fund their Scouting year! Units earned **\$171,676** in profit and prizes for Scouts.



## Leadership

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