

**BUILDING
TOMORROW'S LEADERS
TODAY**

**2023
ANNUAL REPORT**



KEY THREE MESSAGE

On behalf of the Las Vegas Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, it is with great honor that we present to you our 2023 Annual Report. This past year has been marked by remarkable growth and steadfast commitment to our scouting values.

In 2023, our council experienced a significant membership increase of 7.08%, positioning us at number 11 in the nation for growth. Notably, over a quarter of our new members are female, highlighting our dedication to inclusivity and diversity within the scouting community. Despite operating with lean resources, we remained resolute in our mission, forging partnerships with esteemed organizations such as the Clark County School District, the Salvation Army, and the Boys and Girls Club. These collaborations have enabled us to expand our impact and reach across our community.

Thanks to the remarkable generosity of Richard M. Haddrill, our indoor climbing experience became a reality last year, alongside the enhancement of our facilities with new classrooms, an entryway, and renovated restrooms. Furthermore, the Cashman Family Foundation's support paved the way for the successful launch of our Base Camp E-Sports program. As we continue to prioritize community engagement and diversity, we proudly celebrated the achievement of 123 Scouts earning the rank of Eagle, including 15 female Scouts.

As we reflect on our accomplishments, we extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated Board members whose unwavering support has been instrumental in our success. We also express heartfelt appreciation to all our supporters for their ongoing commitment to empowering the youth of our community.

In the coming year, we are excited to embark on new initiatives, including the grand opening of Base Camp, the implementation of sound endowment strategies, and the creation of special events aimed at further enriching our community and strengthening our financial position.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Las Vegas Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Together, we are building the leaders of tomorrow and making a lasting impact on our community.



Joel A Eacker
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Council President



Cliff
Clifton Washington
Council Commissioner



W. Todd Walter
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Scout Executive



MEMBERSHIP

We finished 2023 serving 4,691 total youth in 207 total units. This marks a 7.08% total membership growth for 2023, 11th in the nation of 246 BSA Councils. We finished the year with 21 consecutive months of membership growth.

Membership	
Lions	183
Tigers	425
Cub Scouts	1,194
Webelos	1,217
Scouts BSA	1,312
Venturers	37
Sea Scouts	13
Exploring	310
Total Membership	4,691

Units	
Packs	90
Troops	95
Crews	10
Ships	1
Posts	11
Total Units	207

ADVANCEMENT

While progressing through the Scouting programs, Scouts learn to commit and practice the 12 points of the Scout Law. They then develop a code of conduct based on the Scout Oath. Tens of thousands of life skills are learned by our Scouts as they progress through the rank advancement programs.



ACTIVITIES

Our Scouts truly put the "Outing" in Scouting in 2023, from day camps, parades, hikes, adventures, campouts, and more.

Activities	
Scouting for Food Lbs Collected	36,204
Mountain Man Rendezvous	474
Cub Scout Day Camp	445
New Cub Scout Member Joining Event Participants	700
Veterans Day Parade Volunteer Participation	500

Advancement

Cub Scout Ranks	2,331
Arrow of Light	157
Scouts BSA Ranks	1,011
Merit Badges	4,861
Eagle Scouts	123
Venturing Awards	17
Hours of Service	31,053
Financial Impact on Our Community thru Eagle Projects	\$526,067

MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- 1,324 Female Scouts
28.22% of our membership
- 2,424 Diverse Youth
51.67% of our membership
- 64.56% Retention
- 1,049 OutREACH youth
In 23 Scouting units



2023 SCOUTING HIGHLIGHTS

OutREACH/Diversity/Inclusion New Cub Scout pack thriving in partnership with The Collaboration Center, Foster Kinship, and Boys Town. This Adventure Scout pack serves youth with disabilities.

Annual Council Recognition Dinner Four Silver Beavers were awarded: C.R. Borg, Jeff Chain, Deborah Duncan, and Jerry Wiese. North Star recipients were Tim Brooks, Keanna Cooper, John Long, and Debra March.

Eagle Scouts 123 Scouts earned the rank of Eagle Scout including 15 female Scouts in 2023.

NOESA Three National Outstanding Eagle Scout Awards were presented to Ray Czech, Mo Denis, and Mark Smith.

Eagle Dinner 2022 John Mowbray Class of Eagle Scouts recognized at the first Eagle Dinner in 15 years.

Silver Buffalo Council President Joel Eacker was honored as a National Silver Buffalo recipient.

Alumnus of the Year Award Bruce Rowe was selected as our first ever Alumnus of the Year.

Scouting for Food Highlighting Scouting Anniversary month in February, over 36,204 pounds of food and \$17,834 in donations were collected to support the programs of the Salvation Army and area food banks.

Veterans Day Parade Over 500 Scouts and Leaders participated. The Richard C. Hadrill Climbing Wall and truck were the main attractions in the parade.

Mountain Man Rendezvous Held at the Clark County Shooting Complex, we had 474 participants. Scouts were able to participate in various mountain man activities including bull whipping, flint knapping, fire building, shot gun, pistol, rifle black powder, and visit a period recreation campsite.

Scout Expo Our largest event with 943 campers, 808 merit badges, 277 Webelos activity badges and over 30 booths of activities and Scouting fun for all.

Camping 16 themed Day Camps took place in 2023: including Patriotic Activity Day, Pathfinder Trail to First Class Camp, Shooting Sports, and STEM Camp. A total of 445 Scouts attended along with 198 parents and volunteers.

NYLT Under the leadership of Kim Gubler with 25 participants and 18 staff at Clark County Fairgrounds.

Base Camp Volunteer Committee growth from 3 to 27 members; executed 11 events with 420 youth attendees. Established Youth Leadership Committee with 7 youth and procured \$65K worth of esports/gaming donations.

The Charles & Phyllis Frias Legacy \$100,000 Scholarship Eagle Scout Liam Hilton of Troop 430 was selected as the 2023 recipient of the Charles and Phyllis Frias Trust Legacy \$100,000 Scholarship. The scholarship is through the Public Education Foundation and LVCA, BSA.

Community Events during 2023 The Las Vegas Area Council was host to several Community Events in 2023 including the following: Alpha Phi Omega Leadership Retreat and Alumni Event, American Red Cross Blood Drives, Blue Diamond Stake Activity and BBQ, BSA National Training Conference, City of Hope weekly food distribution, Las Vegas Rotary Santa Clothes holiday event, National Education Foundation Resource Fair, Rugby Internation Clinic, and the Trails End Popcorn Conference.



SPECIAL EVENTS

2023 was a record-breaking year financially. The 15th Annual Sporting Clays Fun Shoot and Auction raised a combined total of \$300,000 as we moved venues to the Clark County Shooting Complex. Our 30th Annual Good Scout Award Luncheon honored Diana Bennett, CEO and founder of Paragon Gaming. Thanks to our generous supporters at the luncheon, a record of \$425,000 was raised! The 2023 SkyJump for Scouting raised an all-time high of nearly \$25,000.

\$273,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was used to rebuild the OutREACH programs in the Council, The Las Vegas Area Council was also the recipient of a \$25,000 grant from the Las Vegas Chapter Safari Club International, and an additional \$25,000 grant was given by MGM Resorts Foundation for furthering our Exploring Programs. Nealy \$1,250,000 of popcorn was sold by our Scouts in 2023. A new endowment event honored the 2023 James E. West Fellows and the event added additional endowment gifts.



PRODUCT SALES

Popcorn and Camp Cards returned \$545,322 in commissions to local scout units.

Product Sales	
Popcorn	\$1,246,578
Camp Cards	\$172,015

2024 PRIORITIES

- Base Camp Grand Opening: Completion of the STEM classrooms, Cashman Family Foundation esports lounge, and the Richard Haddrill Climbing Experience.
- Replace American Recovery Plan OutREACH funding.
- Create 1 new Special Event grossing \$100,000.
- Continue membership growth and strengthen our cash flow position.
- Establish sound endowment initiatives.



Special Events - Net

Sporting Clays	\$184,420
SkyJump for Scouting	\$24,751
Good Scout Award Luncheon	\$425,150

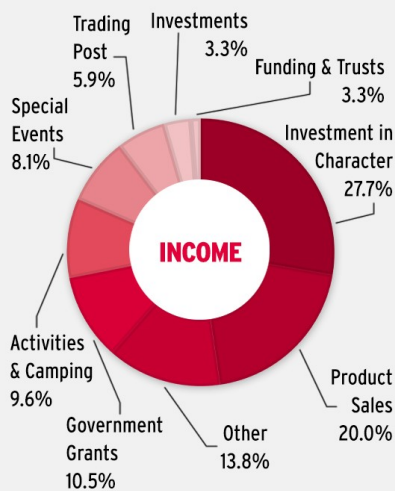


FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

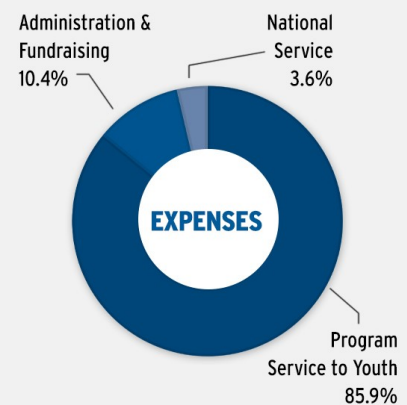
The Las Vegas Area Council continues to be a wise steward of the funds entrusted to us that provide Scouting programs to the youth of our community.



Income	
Investment In Character	\$756,140
Product Sales	\$545,322
Other	\$376,158
Government Grants	\$285,768
Activities & Camping	\$262,382
Special Events	\$221,452
Trading Post	\$161,751
Investments	\$88,840
Foundations & Trusts	\$32,467
Total Income	\$2,730,280



Expenses	
Employee Related Expenses	\$1,603,237
Occupancy/Maintenance	\$171,388
Supplies/Printing	\$146,587
Professional Fees	\$132,435
Other (Jamboree, Bank Fees)	\$186,540
National Charter Fees	\$99,457
Insurance	\$88,842
Travel	\$82,831
Recognition/Awards	\$65,204
Rental & Equipment	\$62,510
Specific Assistance	\$50,206
Telephone/Postage	\$38,169
Total Expenses	\$2,727,406



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