

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2023

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youth earned Scouting's highest rank, the Eagle Scout award. Approximately 6 percent of youth who join Scouting will earn the rank of Eagle Scout.



THOUSANDS
of Merit Badges and ranks earned.

2,076

Scouts and leaders attended camp in the Pony Express Council from eight different states.

Each week thousands of Scouts throughout the: Pony Express Council raise their right hand, make the Scout sign, and recite the Scout Oath and Law. "On My Honor," They make a promise to do their best to do their duty to God and Country and to help other people at all times.

MEMBERSHIP SERVED

- More than 653 Cub Scouts
- More than 563 Scouts BSA
- More than 209 Venturers
- 100 Packs, Troops, and Crews

2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Kevin Bailey Trenton	Rick Hamman Parkville	Nick Robb St. Joseph
Bruce Baker Savannah	Clark Hampton St. Joseph	Mike Robertson Platte City
Ken Baker Olathe	Jay Hemenway Bethany	Steve Rosenak St. Joseph
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Lisa Clark Maysville	David Lewis Jr. St. Joseph	Ed Stroud St. Joseph
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Matt Gerstner St. Joseph	Ken Paden St. Joseph	Alex Zanatta St. Joseph
Todd Graves Edgerton	David Powell Stewartsville	

2023 OFFICERS

Chairman Kevin Bailey	Vice-Chairman Marketing Alex Zannata
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Commissioner Lisa Clark	Vice Chairman Program Chuck McIntosh
Vice-Chairman Community Leadership Clark Hampton	Vice-Chairman Relationships Steve Rosenak
Vice-Chairman Facilities Dave Fox	Vice-Chairman Strategic Planning Ed Stroud
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Vice-Chairman Endowment Nick Robb	Scout Executive/Secretary Alan Franks



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COUNCIL OVERVIEW

For more than 108 years, the Pony Express Council has been delivering positive, life-changing experiences for all youth served. 2023 was a positive year in our commitment towards delivering dynamic program to all our members. We achieved membership growth, increased our camping participants, and continue to be fiscally sound.

The Pony Express Council is a leader amongst all councils in the Midwest territory when it comes to retaining youth, increased youth market share served, entire families registered in Scouting, and safety.

A Focus on growth and improvement continued with additions to the new disk golf course throughout Camp Geiger. Other improvements made at camp included new roofs on the Flaming Crow Trading Post, the octagonal pavilion, and the Heartland Shower House. Progress has begun on residing the Headquarters building.

Our council continues to be fiscally sound overall. All assets of the Pony Express Council are owned by the Pony Express Council, governed by a local executive board made up of men and women throughout our entire council territory.

Scouting and everything it gives back to the community could not be accomplished if it were not for the ongoing continued dedication and support of all adult Scouting volunteers and hundreds of other community businesses and leaders who believe strongly in the values and guiding principles of the Boy Scouts of America.

Thank you for your continued support and all that you do for Scouting.

Kevin Bailey
Council President

Lisa Clark
Council Commissioner

Alan Franks
Scout Executive



\$1,286,542

In total support and revenue (unaudited)

Friends of Scouting	\$219,255
Special Events	\$23,446
Other Direct Support.....	\$80,376
Indirect Support.....	\$67,096
Sale of Supplies.....	\$27,302
Product Sales.....	\$40,608
Investment Income	\$77,273
Camping Revenue	\$678,585
Activity Revenue	\$71,523
Other Revenue	\$1,186
Total Expenses.....	\$1,252,642

2023 Tribe of Mic-O-Say

207 new Braves
71 new Honorary Warriors
136 Braves to Warriors

Other elevations included 105 Fire Builders, 54 Tom-Tom Beaters, 35 Runners, 23 Keepers, 10 Sachems, 4 Medicine Men, and 1 Chieftain.

Silver Beaver Recipients



Recognized two adult leaders with the Council's highest award...the Silver Beaver award.

This award is bestowed upon individuals who have given their time and talent to strengthen Scouting as well as the community at the highest level.

Recipients:

Louis Millenbruch Don Payne



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Lodge Inducted

19 new Ordeal members
8 new Brotherhood members