



The **Scoutreach** mission is to recruit strong adult leaders and to develop solid relationships with chartered organizations (community partners that adopt the Scouting program) in urban and rural communities which ensures that over 6,200 culturally diverse youth have the opportunity to join Scouting through Learning for Life, and Traditional Programs..



Learning for Life Programs

Over 4,000 Youth Served in 2003

In-School Programs: Age/grade appropriate character education curriculum designed to reinforce social, ethical and academic skills in youth.

Exploring: A co-ed program for ages 14-20, Exploring allows young people to get hands-on experience in a career field of their choice.



Scouting Volunteers

Adults who volunteer for Scouting and its programs feel that Scouting helps them in many aspects of their lives:

- Helps me be a better citizen** 90%
- Develops pride in being an American** 68%
- Develops pride in my community** 67%
- Encourages patience with people** 69%
- Adds more fun to my life** 85%
- Builds my self esteem** 63%
- Helping me become a better parent** 88%
- Being a positive example to my children** 71%

*Study conducted by Harris Interactive, Inc.

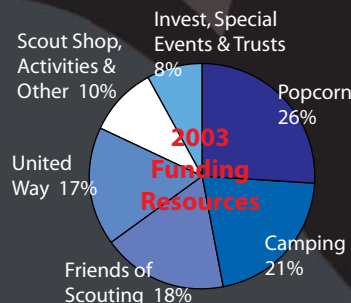
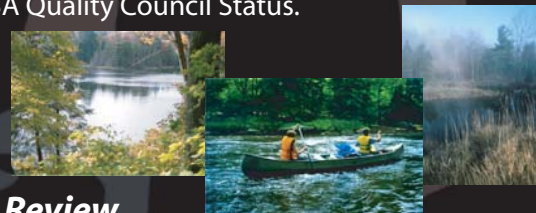


LaSalle Council, BSA Mission



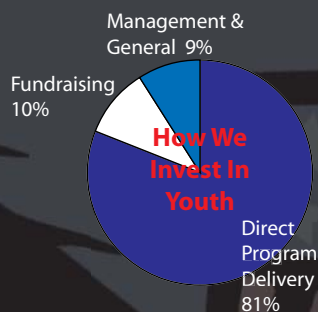
It is our mission to be the best youth-serving organization in our communities by having quality programs, leaders and units. We will do this through:

- ✦ Training and recruiting quality volunteer leaders at all levels;
- ✦ Recruiting and retaining youth members;
- ✦ Sustaining qualified staff to properly support our youth and volunteers using National BSA guidelines;
- ✦ Maintaining a strong financial position, both operationally and through a growing endowment;
- ✦ Publicizing the successes and contributions of our Council; and achieving National BSA Quality Council Status.



2003 in Review

In 2003, the LaSalle Council served over 16,000 youth in Elkhart, LaPorte, Marshall, Porter, St. Joseph, and Starke Counties in Indiana and Cass and Southern Berrien Counties in Michigan.



- ✦ Over 3,500 adults provided the Scouting program to America's youth, maintaining a 1:4 registered adult-to-youth ratio.
- ✦ There were 161 Cub Packs, 123 Boy Scout Troops, 37 Venture Crews, and 29 Learning for Life Units partnering with 350 Chartered Organizations.
- ✦ There were a record 85 boys that earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
- ✦ Local Scouts performed over 82,000 hours of community service.
- ✦ Boy Scouts earned 4,451 merit badges.
- ✦ Over 55% of Cub and Boy Scouts improved their reading skills through Boy's Life Magazine.
- ✦ LaSalle Council has shown growth in membership, units, finance support, and program for each of the last 7 years.
- ✦ In 2003, LaSalle Council, once again, earned the honor of National BSA Quality Council, making it an accomplishment in 6 of the last 7 years.

LaSalle Council Vision Statement

We will serve more youth in our eight-county Council area through quality programs and recruitment of quality volunteers and staff, providing appropriate training at all levels.



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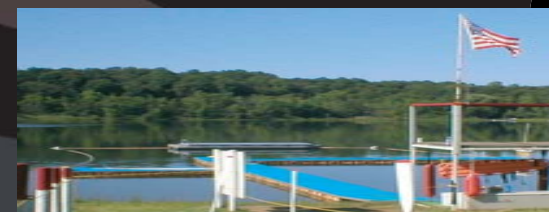
Properties

Ernest M. Morris Scout Service Center

The Service Center boasts a full-line trading post and full-time staff available to assist volunteers as needed.

Camp Tamarack At Wood Lake Scout Reservation

A Class "A" National accredited camp by the Boy Scouts of America Wood Lake Scout Reservation's beauty includes two lakes (56 acres and 18 acres respectively) making this property the premier location of LaSalle Council outdoor programming.

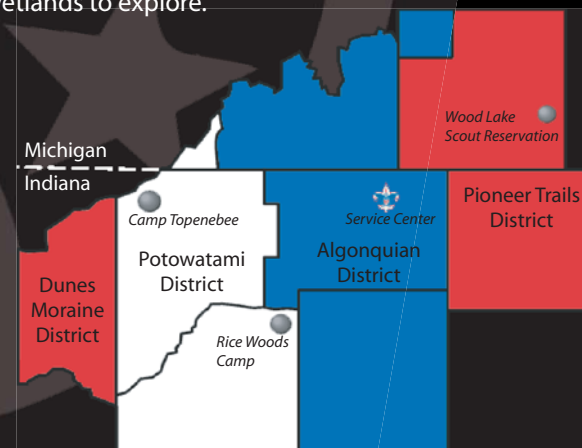


Camp To Pe Ne Bee

Encompassing 166 acre, the property offers five lodges and 13 campsites complete with lake access. The camp has a diverse geological makeup and has been a Scouting tradition since 1947.

Rice Woods Camp

This rustic property offers 132 acres of woodlands and wetlands to explore.



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