



### 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:

LaSalle Council  
2004  
Annual Budget  
\$1,162,900

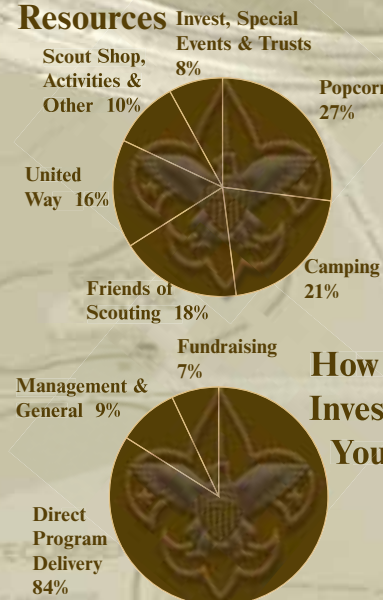


- Training and recruiting quality volunteer leaders at all levels;
- Recruiting and retaining youth members;



### 2004 Funding

#### Resources



### How We Invest In Youth



- 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.



### LaSalle Council Vision Statement

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



### 2004 in Review

In 2004, the LaSalle Council served nearly 16,000 youth in Elkhart, LaPorte, Marshall, Porter, St. Joseph, and Starke Counties in Indiana and Cass and southern Berrien Counties in Michigan.

- Over 3,000 adults provided the Scouting program to our area's youth, maintaining a 1:4 registered adult-to-youth ratio.
- There were 166 Cub Packs, 127 Boy Scout Troops, 35 Venture Crews, and 30 Learning for Life Units partnering with 358 Chartered Organizations.
- There were 85 boys that earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2004.
- Local Scouts performed over 84,000 hours of community service.
- Boy Scouts earned 4,227 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 8 years.
- In 2004, LaSalle Council, once again, earned the honor of National BSA Quality Council, achieving this outstanding accomplishment in 7 of the last 8 years.
- Our Council Endowment Fund continues to grow reaching \$2.6 Million. This fund is critical to support Scouting today and in the future.

### Our Future



Scouting Resource and Development Center  
South Bend, IN  
Draft Design



In 2004, the future of the LaSalle Council is becoming a reality. Through the continued success of the *Trailblazing for Tomorrow* Capital Campaign, the LaSalle Council has been able to begin laying the foundation of its bridge into the future.



With the completion of the Rieth Shower House and a new pier at Camp Tamarack, our youth and their families are already able to take advantage of the successful campaign. Further success

can be seen above as the new multi-purpose Training Lodge at Camp To Pe Ne Bee nears completion.

Plans are well underway for our new Scouting Resource and Development Center that will be centrally located adjacent to a new 20 acre environmental park in the City of South Bend.

### Service to Others

Community Service is one of the benchmarks we can use to judge how our society is truly performing. Scouts in the LaSalle Council service area provide thousands of hours of community service each year in an array of ways such as Eagle projects, highway clean-up, and food drives. In 2004 alone, more than 43,000 non-perishable food items were collected by Scouts on behalf of local shelters and pantries. The national campaign *Good Turn for America* was kicked off in 2004 by a tremendous effort from local units, focusing on the Scouting for Food portion of the campaign.



### Council Leadership

**Peggy Soderberg**  
Council President

**Dr. Michael D. Warner**  
Council Commissioner

**Patrick D. Bridges**  
Scout Executive/CEO