

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

**CUB SCOUTS** (grades 1-5) is a year-round program designed to meet the needs of young boys and their families through fun and challenging activities designed to promote education, character, and physical development.



**BOY SCOUTS** (ages 11-18) is an outdoor program created to develop character, citizenship, and fitness in young men.

**VENTURING** (14-20) is a program for young men and women designed to help young adults grow into responsible and caring adults through education and high adventure recreational experiences.

## LEARNING FOR LIFE

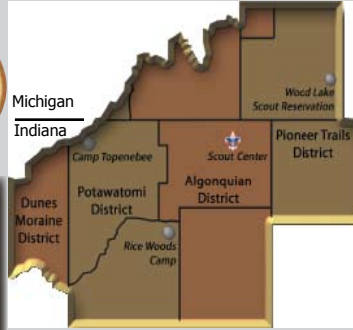
Exploring (14-20) is a co-educational program that offers character and career education through role models and hands-on experience.

In-School Scouting which is an age and grade appropriate character education program designed to reinforce social, ethical and academic skills in boys and girls.

## CAMPING



LaSalle Council offers a wide variety of camping experiences for all youth. During 2007, nearly 2,200 Cub Scouts attended Day Camp, Resident Camp and Parent/Cub Camping Weekends where they spent valuable time participating in activities such as fishing, archery, crafts, hiking, BB guns, swimming, cooking, and learning new skills. This year saw tremendous use of all our camping properties. For example, Camp Topenebee had a record 14,706 participants! Additionally, over 1,400 Boy Scouts attended long-term Summer Camp.



We serve Elkhart, LaPorte, Marshall, Porter, St Joseph and Starke Counties in Indiana, and Cass and Southern Berrien Counties in Michigan.



## PROPERTIES

Camp Tamarack **Wood Lake Scout Reservation** is a Class A National BSA accredited camp spread over 500 acres. Its two beautiful lakes make this property the premier location of LaSalle Council outdoor programming.

**Camp Topenebee** encompasses 166 acres. It offers 5 lodges and 13 campsites complete with lake access. The camp boasts a wonderfully diverse geological makeup. The Ed Szczepanski Sr Fitness Trail (2.7 miles) was added in 2007. Camp Topenebee will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2008.

**Rice Woods Camp** is a rustic property that offers 132 acres of woodlands and wetlands to explore.

The **Morris-1st Source Scout Center**, adjacent to Fredrickson Environmental Park, was opened in April of 2007 and houses the Scout Shop, administrative offices, and a spacious training/conference center.



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### SCOUT OATH

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help others at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

### SCOUT LAW:

**A Scout is:**  
**TRUSTWORTHY**  
**LOYAL**  
**HELPFUL**  
**FRIENDLY**  
**COURTEOUS**  
**KIND**  
**OBEDIENT**  
**CHEERFUL**  
**THRIFTY**  
**BRAVE**  
**CLEAN**  
**REVERENT**



Family Life



First Aid



Communications



Citizenship in the Community



Personal Fitness



Lifesaving



Emergency Preparedness



Personal Management

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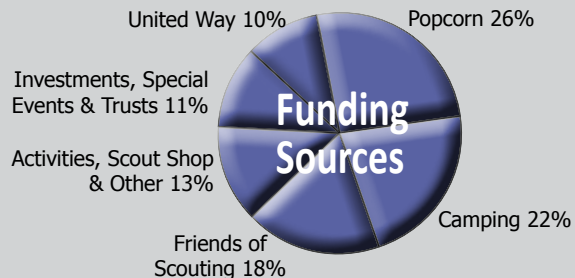
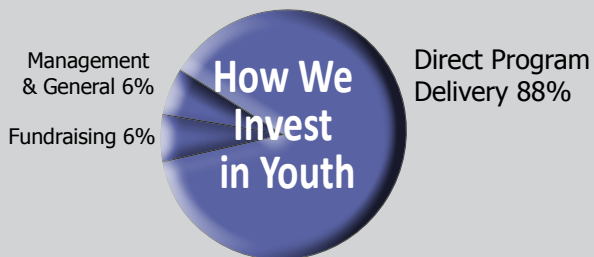
**LaSalle Council Mission**

Our mission is to be the best youth-serving organization reflective of our communities by having quality programs, leaders and units.

We will do this by:

- effective recruitment and training of volunteer leaders at all levels
- successful recruitment and retention of youth
- having enough 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
- consistently achieving National BSA Quality Council status

**2007 Annual Income \$1,208,000**



**LaSalle Council Vision**

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.

**2007 YEAR IN REVIEW**

With the help of 276 Charter Partners in our community, LaSalle council served over 12,000 youth in our eight-county area, including:

- ...over 6800 Cub Scouts in 132 Packs
- ...over 2500 Boy Scouts in 103 Troops
- ...over 200 Venturers in 25 Crews
- ...over 100 Explorers in 7 Posts
- ...over 2400 Learning for Life participants
- ...all with the tireless effort of over 3000 adult volunteers!



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Other great achievements:

- 4:1 youth to adult ratio
- 88 Eagle Scouts
- Over 84,000 hours community service
- 1550 merit badges earned
- Over \$3 million Endowment Fund
- 60% reading Boys' Life magazine
- 1 new Scout Center



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"I plan to use the things I have learned in Scouting in the future by taking the values that the Scouting program has instilled within me, those of the Scout Oath and Law, and making those a part of the way I live my everyday life. I want to be a person that others can look to as exemplifying those values of trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, etc. I think Scouting has played and will play a crucial role in the way I live..."

James McShane

Eagle Scout, Troop 325, People of Praise Church



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According to a 2005 Harris Interactive Study,

- 96% of Scouts say that Scouting has had a positive affect on their honesty
- 78% responded that Scouting has taught them to care for other people
- 82% indicate Scouting taught them that saving money for the future is important
- 95% say that Scouting helped them develop their respect for the life and property of others
- 93% report that Scouting has taught them to have confidence in their abilities
- 95% say that Scouting had a positive effect on their effort to take better care of the environment
- More than half of all current and previous Boy Scouts say that Scouting improved their performance in academic and non-academic areas, particularly athletic skills, science, reading, and math



**SERVICE TO OTHERS**

COMMUNITY SERVICE is one of the benchmarks we can use to judge how our society is truly performing. Our Scouts provide thousands of hours of community service each year in various ways including Eagle Scout projects, highway clean-up, and food drives. In 2007 alone, almost 85,000 non-perishable food items were collected by Scouts on behalf of local shelters and food pantries.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The Mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the SCOUT OATH and LAW. The proud tradition of the Boy Scouts of America is quickly approaching 100 years! So many other organizations have come and gone or completely changed their mission. We believe that our longevity is rooted in our values. A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. This is a code that transcends time. These truly are "words to live by."

We want to thank all our leaders who have helped prepare our thousands of youth members, one at a time, using these values and making a difference not only today but for a lifetime! We know from recent research studies in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing that we do indeed continue to make a positive difference by teaching these important principles.

Today, perhaps more than ever, young people need a sense of direction, and Scouting helps provide that by encouraging the simple truths and courage that the Scout Oath and the Scout Law define.

Once again, we offer our special thanks to the approximately three thousand registered volunteers of the LaSalle Council, our donors, and our supporters. You help keep the Scouting movement alive and well for generations to come.

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Council President

*Kenneth L Sherry*  
Council Commissioner

*Patrick D Bridges*  
Scout Executive/CEO

