



2017 Patriots' Path Council Year in Review
2017 National Boy Scouts of America Gold Council Award

Advancement

- 424 young men earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
- 74,407 total community service hours from Eagle Scout projects.
- 2,316 Boy Scout ranks earned (including Eagles).
- 155 Eagle Palms awarded.
- 12,350 merit badges earned.
 - Merit badges over 500 –First Aid (564), Swimming (503)
 - Merit badges over 400 – Fingerprinting (484), Environmental Science (467), Camping (415), Citizenship in the World (412), Cooking (400)
 - Merit badges over 300 – Citizenship in the Nation (397), Personal Management (368), Communications (360), Family Life (346), Citizenship in the Community (333), Emergency Preparedness (309), Personal Fitness (301)
- 5,389 Cub Scout ranks earned.
- 340 Boy Scouts participated in the annual Merit Badge Workshop.
- 321 Cub Scouts attended the 2nd annual Electives Extravaganza.

Alumni Development

- Conducted a successful Eagle Scout Recognition and Reunion Dinner.
- Awarded an Eagle Scout Scholarship of \$1,000.
- Awarded an Eagle Scout with the Glenn A. and Melinda Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award.
- Successfully conducted many alumni events including 6 district gatherings and Camping Hall of Fame Award Reception at Winnebago Scout Reservation. New events included National Jamboree visit, Saratoga Race Track/ Lake George brunch boat trip, Skytop Retreat, and West Point football game.
- Conducted the 7th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Classic.

Camping

- Silver level in Journey to Excellence for Boy Scout camping.
- Gold level in Journey to Excellence for Cub Scout camping.
- 8 nationally accredited camps – Camp Somers, Specialty Week at Camp Somers, Camp Wheeler, Winnebago Scout Reservation, Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp, Webelos Resident Camp, Sabattis Adventure Trek, Sabattis Treks
- 3,099 youth and 1,052 adults participated in weekday and weekend programs at Mount Allamuchy and Winnebago Scout Reservations. Income totaled \$32,339.00.
- Increased catering services to districts and units for weekend events at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation and Winnebago Scout Reservation.
- 4,550 Cubs and parents participated in day camp, Webelos resident or family weekends at our camps.
- STEM program continues to grow at all camps.
- 72% of Cub Scouts participated in a camping program.
- 3,671 Boy Scouts participated in a long term or high adventure camping program.
- 73% of Boy Scouts participated in a long term camping program.
- 53 Venturers participated in a camping program.
- Over 15,000 Scouts and Scouters attended weekend camp year round
- Total camper days over 36,000.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camp Somers hosted 1,350 Scouts in week long summer camp programs. • Camp Wheeler hosted 576 Scouts at Cub Scout Day Camp. • Winnebago Scout Reservation served 816 Scouts in week long summer camp programs. • Webelos Resident Camp hosted 77 Webelos Scouts and their families. • Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp hosted 668 Scouts at. • Sabattis Adventure Camp served 341 Scouts in a patrol style cooking summer camp. • Adirondack Treks served over 150 people. • Sabattis Adventure Camp sold 22 out of the 25 treks offered. • Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation hosted the LDS group for a second year serving 465 Scouts in a week-long program. • Winnebago Scout Reservation hosted over 100 Scouts from the City of Elizabeth as part of our Scoutreach program. • Over 20 youth attended LEDR (Leadership, Development-Direct Results) Program. • Provided camp staff opportunities to over 250 youth at our six summer camps. • Camp Coley had a record attendance of 178 participants. • Camp Noble Cause, a free program for active military families to go to camp, hosted its sixth year with over 500 attendees. • 92 packs and 30 troops received a camp promotion. • Welcomed Keith Dlugosz as the new camping director at the council office and Dave Lage as the new reservation director at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation.
<u>Community Service</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council reached Gold in Journey to Excellence for community service. • Units reported 135,360 hours total. This is an increase from 125,125 hours in 2016. • Over 80,000 food bags were distributed by Scouts council wide for the Scouting for Food drive. • 177 SERV awards (Scouting Excellence Recognizing Volunteerism) were earned, recognizing Scouts and adults for service hours above and beyond their Scouting requirements. • The council annual toy drive campaign collected 500 toy items at multiple locations. Donated toys benefitted the Salvation Army's Christmas distribution to needy families. This is the second year of partnership with the Salvation Army. • The annual blood drive took place in Long Valley and at the council service center. Over 1,000 pints have been collected throughout the ten year campaign. More than 3, 000 lives have benefitted from our blood drives.
<u>Council Activities</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 101 Cub Scouts and parents hiked the Cub Scout portion of the Jockey Hollow Trail. • 80 Boy Scouts and adults hiked the Boy Scout portion of the Jockey Hollow Trail. • 15 Scouts and adults completed the entire length of the Victory Trail.
<u>Council Administration</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 new board, trustee and president council members were recruited. • Board and alumni retreat was attended by 82 members. • Council again received an unmodified opinion on the audit of 2016 financial statements. • Governance committee updated the council by-laws and other policies. • Council was recognized a Gold Journey to Excellence Council.

<u>District Accomplishments</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 11,900 youth and adults participated in Klondike Derbies, Cub and Boy Scout Camporees and other district events, a 5% increase over last year. • Over 303 volunteers provide leadership to the six districts. • 2017 District JTE levels: Black River – Gold; Fishawack-Gold; Munsee-Gold; Raritan Valley-Gold; Sussex-Gold; and Watchung Mountain-Gold.
<u>Black River</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District achieved Gold JTE in 2017. • 440 Scouts and leaders registered and attended the district Klondike Derby at Camp Trexler. • 1,013 Cub Scouts and family members participated in the spring and fall Cub Family Camporees held at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation and Winnebago Scout Reservation. • Second annual Webelos Woods held at Camp Wheeler, with 300 youth and adults attending. • 91 Scouts earned Eagle rank with 15,400 service hours. • 3 Scouters recognized with the District Award of Merit. • 23 Scouters recognized with the Black River Best award, highest number in the past five years. • First pack established at Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, Randolph. • New Soccer in Scouting pack established at Grace United Methodist Church, Dover, with 19 youth. • 6% increase in Cub Scout advancement • 47% Boy Scouts earning rank advancement • 21% increase in Cub Scout camping
<u>Fishawack</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold District for JTE. • Growth in Cub Scouts. • Overall growth in membership. • 74 Eagles. • 816 attendees at Fishawack Cubelos. • 115 attended the Webelos Adventure breakout at Cubelos. • 260 attendees at the Fishawack Klondike Derby. • 27 Webelos enjoyed activities at our Klondike. • Held our first Cub Scout Spring Camporee since 2010. • Growth in Cub Scout membership. • 83% youth retained. • 51% Boy Scouts earning rank advancement. • 70% Cub Scouts earning rank advancement. • 3 volunteers recognized with the District Award of Merit. • 36 volunteers recognized with the Fishawack's Finest Award. • New units – Post 5 at Soul Search Records for Theatre Arts, Post 140 at Morris County Sherriff, Crew 28 at Stanley Congregational, Crew 173 at Sedgfield Civic Association
<u>Munsee</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruited a new district chair, 4 new vice chairs, and several committee chairs • Youth membership grew 14.2% to 3,146. • 2 new packs and 5 Explorer posts were established. • Popcorn sales for 2017 were up 8% to \$77,601. • Over 82% of Cub Scouts and 71% of Boy Scouts attended summer and long-term camps. • Boy Scout and Webelos Klondike's were held in the Watchung Reservation with over 300 participants. • The Boy Scout Klondike had 181 Scouts registered, 15 troops and 27 sleds. • The Webelos Klondike had 98 registered participants.

- The Annual Chess Tournament had 40 participants
- District Pinewood Derby was run by Pack 47 with 55 Cub Scouts attending.
- “Back to Basics” Spring Cubelos at WSR with 432 in attendance
- “Munsee Around the World” Fall Cubelos at Camp Somers with 292 in attendance.
- “A Journey into the Past” Fall Camporee at Valley Forge National Historical Park with 150 participants.
- Liger Day was attended by 35 new Tigers and Lions, along with their parents.
- 39 Scouts from 14 troops attained the rank of Eagle, contributing over 10,144 hours of service.
- Presented 6 District Awards of Merit and 15 Munsee Knots.

Raritan Valley

- Attained 2017 total youth membership growth!
- Cub Scout membership growth – more Cub Scouts than one year ago.
- 84% youth retained in the program year over year.
- Achieved points necessary in revenue development to attain the Gold JTE rating.
- 110 Raritan Valley Boy Scouts earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2017
- Reporting of advancement in Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting attained Silver in JTE.
- 394 Boy Scouts and Webelos participated in the District Klondike Derbies.
- 105 Cub Scouts attended the RV Pinewood Derby and Games - several advanced to the World Championships in NYC.
- 163 Boy Scouts attended the RV Greenbar Camporee.
- 168 Boy Scouts attended the RV STEM Camporee
- 95 Webelos attended the RV First Responder Event
- 66 Cubs attended the Rocket Launch.
- 506 Cub Scouts and adult leaders attended the Fall Cub Scout Family Camporee and Webelos Woods events.
- 320 Cub Scouts and adult leaders attended the Spring Cub Scout Family Camporee and Webelos Woods events.
- 73 people attended the Raritan Valley Recognition Breakfast.
- Reporting of camping for pack and troops attained Bronze/Silver. Reporting of community service hours earned Silver on JTE.
- Training of volunteer leaders earned Silver.
- Expanded district operating committee and established multi-year succession plan.

Sussex

- 80% youth retention.
- 400 Boy Scouts and leaders attended the 2 night Sussex district Klondike Derby at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation.
- More than 500 Cub Scouts, leaders and family members attended the successful Fall & Spring Cub Scout camporees at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation.
- 95% unit retention for 2017.
- 71.27% of our Boy Scouts attended a summer camp experience.
- 732.7% of our contact leaders are trained.
- Organized 2 new Cub Scout packs and an Exploring post.
- Held our annual district alumni gathering with over 40 people in attendance.
- Recognized 1 adult volunteer with the Chuck O’Brien Memorial Award.
- Two district members received the District Award of Merit.
- Hosted the best attended roundtable in the council with an average of 40% of our units in attendance.
- 44 Scouts achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.
- JTE Gold district for the second consecutive year

<u>Watchung Mountain</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieved Gold in Journey to Excellence. • Increase in overall membership. • Exceeded our Family Friends of Scouting goal for 2017. • Only district to have an increase in Boy Scout membership. • 72 young men earned the rank of Eagle Scout, contributing over 12,000 hours of service to local communities. • Partnered with Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp to hold our second annual Adventure Day at Watchung Reservation with over 300 attendees. • Increased already high attendance at our two-annual district Cub Family Camping weekends to approximately 1,400 attendees combined! • Almost 400 Scouts and Scouters participated in the Boy Scout Klondike Derby and Webelos Klondike Trek at Watchung Reservation. • Held our annual Multi-District Camporee with units from 5 districts and 3 councils in attendance. Almost 700 Scouts, Scouters, Webelos, and parents participated. • Partnered with Summit Medical Group Foundation to start our new Health Careers Exploring Post 5. • Inducted 12 Scouters into our first class of Watchung Mountaineers • Awarded 2 District of Merit Awards and one honorary James E. West Fellowship. • Held 4 Good Scout Award Dinners honoring outstanding citizens in Summit, Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and the Watchung Hills Community.
<u>Exploring</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47 active Exploring posts serving over 1,200 youth, covering a range of interests including aviation, law enforcement, fire/emergency service, law, and first aid. • Exploring became an integral part of the VEX Committee. • Continued to participate in the National Exploring Explosion campaign • Presented two Spurgeon Awards. • Awarded the first Joe Franklin Law Enforcement Exploring Award, Explorer and Venturing of the Year Award. • Expanded our middle school Exploring Club programs. • Participated in a statewide Healthcare Exploring luncheon leading to an increase in healthcare Exploring Posts.
<u>High Adventure</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 220 Scouts and Scouters (total of 19 crews) attended Philmont Scout Ranch. • Celebrated the 20th year of the Watchu Adventure Experience. • Four troops (40 Scouts and Scouter each) and a half crew of 20 Scouts and Scouters attended the 2017 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.
<u>Major Gifts</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 new James E. West Fellows. • Over \$17,500 was added to the Warren Wheeler Adventuershship Fund.
<u>Marketing</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced the Social Media Award • 1,010 people follow us on Twitter: Patriots'Path@patriotspath • 1,912 follow us on Facebook • Facebook – follow us at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ facebook.com/ppbsa ○ facebook.com/BlackRIverDistrict/?fref=ts ○ facebook.com/fishawack ○ facebook.com/MunseeDistrict ○ facebook.com/rvdistrict (Raritan Valley) ○ facebook.com/Sussex-District-Patriots-Path-CouncilBSA-155549931550897/?fref=ts ○ facebook.com/wmdppcbsa (Watchung Mountain)

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Membership

- The council saw an overall increase of 3.6% in membership
- Three districts had growth in Cub Scouting vs. last year – Fishawack, Munsee, and Raritan Valley.
- Watchung Mountain was the only district to grow in Boy Scouting.
- Five districts had growth in Exploring – Black River, Fishawack, Munsee, Raritan Valley, and Sussex.
- Five districts had growth in Venturing – Sussex, Munsee, Raritan Valley, Fishawack, and Watchung Mountain.
- Trained more than 100 Cub Scout packs in the Lion Pilot Program.
- Trained 57 Cub pack leaders in special Cub Scout recruiting breakfasts.
- Grew the number of volunteers on the membership committee.
- Conducted a successful recruiting campaign with 4 various themes and 6 community events.
- Launched a new online application system.
- Total membership 16,973, total traditional membership with Exploring is 16,447.
 - 191 Cub Scout packs.
 - 176 Boy Scout troops.
 - 40 Venture crews/3 Sea Scout ships.
 - 47 Exploring posts.
 - 5,683 total adult volunteers.
 - 461 total units served.
- Total of 13 new units organized:
 - Black River
 - Pack 11, Grace United Methodist Church
 - Pack 4, St, Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Church
 - Club 2290, GECP Inc/Camp COLEY
 - Club 866, Park Lake School
 - Post 1438, Washington Twp. Police Department
 - Fishawack
 - Crew 173, Sedgefield Civic Association
 - Club 1314, American Legion Post
 - Post 5, Soul Search Records
 - Munsee
 - Pack 1, George Washington PTA
 - Pack 15, Muslim Community Center
 - Pack 3, St. Peter’s Episcopal
 - Pack 49, Gateway Family YMCA
 - Pack 56, Roselle Rotary
 - Troop 15, Muslim Community Center
 - Post 3737, Woodbridge Engineering
 - Post 1212, Someone’s Daughter Inc
 - Club 2121, Someone’s Daughter Inc
 - Raritan Valley
 - Post 500, Edison Job Corps
 - Post 701, Middlesex County Sheriff
 - Sussex
 - Pack 150, Sparta United Methodist
 - Pack 98, Montague Fire Dept.
 - Post 231, Lakeland EMS Squad
 - Watchung Mountain

- Post 5, Summit Medical Group
- Post 8, Passion for Spice

Order of the Arrow
Woapalanne Lodge

- Achieved Gold level JTE status for the second straight year.
- Closed 2017 with a lodge operating balance exceeding budget projection.
- Contributed \$7,000 in cash gifts to Patriots' Path Council - \$1,000 to endowment, \$1000 to FOS, \$1,000 to the adventureship fund, \$1000 in marketing support for council camps, and \$3,000 towards renovation of the OA Building at Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation.
- Grew dues-paid membership from 609 members in 2016 to 791 members in 2017 (30% increase).
- Achieved a year-over-year lodge member retention rate of 76%.
- Conducted OA elections in 133 troops within the council, increasing unit election rate from 37% in 2016 to 78% in 2017.
- Conducted 4 Ordeal/Fellowship weekends at council camps and inducted 331 new Ordeal members vs. 171 inducted in 2016.
- Converted 54 Ordeal members to Brotherhood level, a conversion rate of 26% of those eligible.
- Attracted average participation in excess of 19% of our members at all lodge-wide events.
- Accumulated over 4,100 service hours performed by our lodge members, an average of 5.2 hours of hours of service per lodge member.
- Conducted a Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) weekend in November attended by 37 lodge members.
- Exceeded lodge attendance goals at section and national events by 21% with 39 attending the section conclave at Forestburg Scout Reservation, 5 youth attending the National Leadership Seminar, 4 adults attending the Developing Youth Leaders Conference, 3 youth supporting the Operation Arrow program at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree, and 1 youth participating in the OA Trail Crew program at Philmont.
- Prepared and distributed High Adventure materials to every troop and crew in Patriots' Path Council.
- Assisted troops in earning the OA Unit of Excellence Award with 12 troops earning the award for 2017 (a year-over-year increase of 9 awards).
- Presented Founder's Awards to two youth members (Seth Abbott, Jake Jellison) at the Annual Lodge Banquet conducted in January 2017.
- Recognized and inducted 4 youth members (Brandon Fontanes, Raleigh Gough, Michael Quartucci, Grady Szuch) and 3 adult members (Alan Grossman, Patricia Hawkins, Adam Sonzogni) into the Vigil Honor.

Properties

Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation

- Creation of new campsite 5B.
- Expansion of campsite 4 to 4 a & b now accommodating 80 people.
- New co-ed changing shelter at Camp Somers water front built.
- Timber stand improvements- removing over 60 unhealthy trees in camp sites.
- New mountain bike trail around Wheeler lake.
- New tents and cots purchased.

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- Completion of the trek center renovations.
- Installation of new fire alarms in resident buildings.
- 10 new picnic tables.

- Fall work weekend attendance 43 people; spring work week attendance 11 people.

Winnebago Scout Reservation

- Timber stand improvements at south end of camp with selective timber harvest.
- Timber stand improvements on north end removing 100 dead trees from gypsy moth infestation.
- New handicraft pavilion constructed on old Flintlock building site.
- New co-ed changing shelter for waterfront.
- New trampoline at waterfront.
- Renovations to the Wink Dousa cabin.
- New campsites being developed in south end.
- New tents and cots purchased.
- New picnic tables added.
- Two new storage sheds.

Recognitions

- 7 Scouters received the Silver Beaver Award
- 2 Exploring Spurgeon Awards presented
- 7 Scouters received the Trailblazer Award
- 7 youth members received the Youth Leadership Award
- 3 National Diversity Awards were presented
- 3 Torch of Gold Awards
- 3 Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Awards
- 5 Northstar Awards
- 1 Winthrop Rockefeller Award
- 20 Scouters received the District Award of Merit
- 30 Scouters received the Arrowhead Award
- 8 Scouters received the Distinguished Commission Award
- 14 Scouters received the Commissioner Key
- 12 Unit Leader Award of Merit Certificates were issued
- 11 packs received the Summertime Pack Award
- 3 Venturing Leadership Awards
- 3 youth members received the Dr. Frederick H. Midlige Award
- 1 Sea Scout Leadership Award
- 1 Venturer of the Year Award
- 1 Lt. Joseph Franklin Law Enforcement Explorer of the Year Award
- 2 Mary E. Tomchuck Servant Leadership Awards

Revenue Development

- Total popcorn sales of \$1,340,720, an increase of 4% over 2016 sales
 - The highest popcorn selling unit was Troop 14 with \$40,017 from the Raritan Valley District
 - 383 Scouts joined the \$750 club
 - The top 100 Scouts sold over \$234,000 of popcorn
 - The top Scout sold over \$11,000
 - 102 Scouts earned a Free Week at Camp
- The 2017 Friends of Scouting Campaign raised \$606,288, an increase of 8% over 2016
- The Scouting Adventure Card had sales of \$8,145
 - The Strive for 25 contest had 23 winners

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council special events achieved revenue totals of \$1.8 million dollars exceeding goal by \$170,000. • Held our first Stars & Stripes Council Fundraising event raising \$87,000. • The Good Scout Award Dinners, the Tribute to Women Luncheons and the Lifetime Award Dinners raised \$255,000, an increase of 21%. • Council level Friends of Scouting obtained goal of \$180,000. • Seven new volunteers were recruited to the revenue development committee covering foundations and trusts, Amazon Smile, vice president, assistant vice president, planned giving, and project sales. • 36th Annual Sussex County Distinguished Citizen Award raised nearly \$140,000 the highest amount raised in its 36 years. • National Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Dinner was held recognizing Distinguished Eagle Scout Ernesto Soler. Event raised \$112,000. • Four new Good Scouts were added and successfully run in Denville, Long Valley, Montville, and Parsippany. • Five Tribute to Women Award Luncheons were held and exceeded their goals. • Exceeded foundations goal of \$100,000.
<p><u>Risk Management</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 147 Scouters trained in Wilderness First Aid • 76 Scouters trained in CPR • 92 camp staff trained in CPR and Wilderness First Aid • 26 members on the training team • No serious injuries were reported at summer camp 2017
<p><u>Scoutreach & Diversity</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served a total of 1,623 inner-city youth in 29 units. • Scoutreach contingent attended the State Police Camporee in May. • Re-imagined Scoutreach Pack 3 the leadership of the PPC Diversity Committee. • Established Troop 3, Perth Amboy at St Peter’s Episcopal Church. • Established Pack 11, Dover at the Methodist Church. • Established partnership with Someone’s Daughter in Elizabeth, Rahway and Roselle. • Established communication and future partnering with New Brunswick Board of Education. • In conjunction with the diversity committee arranged six Scouting marketing opportunities at diverse festivals and fairs. • 100 Elizabeth inner-city youth and adults attended Winnebago Scout Reservation for a weeklong summer adventure. • 120 leadership Venturers from Union and Middlesex Counties participated in outdoor experiences at MASR. •
<p><u>Scouting for Special Needs</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 100 youth with special needs attended the annual Scoutoree held at Winnebago Scout Reservation. • Youth and adults with special needs attended the 30th annual Spring Fishoree held at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation. • Began providing programs to students in Pack 866 at Park Lake School in Rockaway. • Training on working with youth with disabilities was held at the University of Scouting for leaders. • Over 1,000 Scouts with special needs participated in Pinewood Derby programs. • More than 1,000 Scouts with special needs participated in Raingutter Regattas. • Over 15 chartering organizations sponsor special needs packs, troops, crews, and posts serving over 1,000 youth and adults.

<p><u>Scout Shop</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earned over \$403,644 in net revenue to support council programs. • Continued the “Traveling Scout Shop” to all districts, generating an additional \$4,000+ of income for these events. • Added additional merchandise signs at Cedar Knolls and Mountainside stores, at no cost to the council. • Programmed seasonal music to Xibo TV at Cedar Knolls store as well as adding merchandise slides on a weekly basis to inform our customers of new and upcoming items and sales. • Added new merchandise (Adidas high/low hiking boots and Fox River socks) at the Mountainside and Cedar Knolls stores via PPC Outfitters which generated \$1,700 extra income. • Maintained project sales (donated rent, heat and electric) of \$ 63,360 at our Mountainside store. • Continued the “Personal Shopper” service of e-mailing orders, which the Scout Shop Staff fills and has ready for the customer to pick up. We have grown to over 33 orders per month, as well as using this site to answer Scout Shop questions in a timely manner. • Continued to have a reduced rack for discontinued merchandise. This generated over \$1,000 in sales for inventory that was previously not selling. • Continued to promote the Nathan Giving Tree Event, which provided underprivileged Scouts with the uniforms and camping supplies that they needed at zero cost to their families. Scouts with special needs were also provided pinewood derby cars at no cost to their units or families.
<p><u>STEM</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted the third annual Summer STEM Institute with more than 250 boys and girls for five weeks in the summer. • More than 25 Cub Scouts received the first SuperNova Awards • More than 35 Boy Scouts and Venturers attended the second annual STEM University at County College of Morris earning requirements towards STEM awards. • Held Project STEM dinners raising \$25,500 to support Scouting. • Helped coordinate STEM presentations across the council. • Participated in Elective Extravaganza and offered two STEM activities, including the closing STEM event. • Participated in University of Scouting, offering four STEM classes as well as a STEM Nova advancement session for Cub Scouts for the second year. • Increased the STEM program awareness in all levels of Scouting. • Worked with districts to infuse STEM activities into their Camporee programs. • Supported the fifth year of STEM camp at Camp Wheeler and Watchung Cub Scout Day Camp for Cub Scouts and Webelos. • Conducted our second annual STEM Adventure program with 80 students during Teachers Convention.
<p><u>Sustainability</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking session with colleges – Montclair State University. • Actively promoting Leave No Trace program with units. • Conservation booth provided at all district events. • 30 Conservation Award applications were submitted. • Winnebago logging netted \$10,000. • Held first Leave No Trace trainer course at Winnebago.
<p><u>Training</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 68 training awards presented. • 639 leaders trained in basic and supplemental training programs. • 93 den chiefs trained. • 174 Scouts attended the National Youth Leader Training Conferences. • 329 leaders attended University of Scouting. • 89 participants in Trainer’s EDGE.

<u>Unit Service</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34% of units attended roundtables, the same as last year. • 702 Scouters from 177 units attended the Tradeshow of Scouting, an increase of 60% more Scouters and 11% more units over last year. • There were 1,579 contacts to units in 2017, a 21% increase over 2016.
<u>Venturing</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded Venturing/ Exploring youth and adult committee to provide specific support, resources, and programming to council crews • More than 5 leaders attended Venture Leader Specific/Crew Committee Challenge trainings. • More than 20 youth participated in Introduction to Leadership Skills Challenge. • Stephen Rozek, council Venturing President, was elected as Area 5 Venturing President. • 67% Crew Advisors trained. • 28% associate crew Advisors trained. • 8 Venturing participants at NYLT. • 1 Venturing Leader Unit Award of Merit. • 4 W.D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Awards issued. • 1 Venturing Training Award issued. • 39 Venturing Awards. • Achieved the Silver Level Council Standards of Venturing Excellence Award. • Increased attendance at the second annual AdVenturee held at Camp Somers in the Spring
<u>Youth Executive Committee</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 total youth involved in the Youth Executive Committee. • Conducted two blood drive event • Over 236 hours of community service complete. • 10 youth members attended the annual Youth Executive Committee retreat in Mystic Seaport. • 4 members of the YEC were presented with the Youth Leadership Award. • A parent brunch was held to recognize the outstanding youth in the YEC. • YEC members assisted in various recruitment events throughout the council.
<u>Youth Protection</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded the second annual Dennis Kohl Youth Protection Champion Award to Susan P. Carter. • To observe National Child Abuse Prevention Month the committee began our inaugural "Take 5 Actions" initiative, encouraging Scouters to take just five simple actions throughout the month of April that could help keep youth in our council safe. • Taught four courses at University of Scouting; Bullying Prevention and Detection, Cyber Chip for Cub Scouts, Cyber Chip for Boy Scouts and Best Practices in Youth Protection. • Offered in-person training to observe National Bullying Awareness Month. • Continued Youth Protection training in districts on demand. • Held in person training for First Student bus drivers at Watchung and Wheeler Cub Scout Day Camps. • Revised the nomination form for the Dennis Kohl Youth Protection Champion Award. • Had two tables at the Tradeshow of Scouting with information on training, bullying, and the Cyber Chip program.