



BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Preparing youth for life by developing character today



Three Fires Council
Boy Scouts of America

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What do parents want for their kids?

(Pew Research Center - American Trends)

Responsibility
Hard work
Good manners
Helping others
Independence
Persistence / Determination
Religious faith
Empathy for others
Creativity
Tolerance
Obedience
Curiosity

What does Scouting provide our kids?

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 other people 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 and reverent.



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**BUILD THE
ADVENTURE**
THREE FIRES COUNCIL, BSA

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The mission of the Three Fires Council is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

14,791
MEMBERS

WERE SERVED BY OUR
COUNCIL LAST YEAR.



171

girls participated in
Venturing and Exploring
in our council last year.

5,424 SCOUTS attended
our council's camps last year.

387

SCOUTS
in our council
earned the
Eagle Scout
rank last year.



Unique facts about our council:

- > 195 Scouts from our council attended the 2017 National Scout Jamboree.
- > 1,567 Scouts at our Merit Badge University worked on 80 separate badges and earned more than 3,000 in one day.

5,602

**ADULT
LEADERS**

served in our council.



**10 DISTRICTS
IN OUR COUNCIL**

- Chanonee
- Fox Valley
- Foxfire
- Great Bear
- Indian Prairie
- Kishwaukee
- Maramech Hill
- Northern Trail
- Potawatomi Trails
- Thunderbird

Our council:

- Headquarters is in St. Charles, Illinois.
- Was formed in 1925.

Our council's camps:

- Camp Big Timber
- Camp Freeland Leslie



42,132
**COMMUNITY
SERVICE**



hours were accumulated in
Eagle Scout projects last year.

142,134

HOURS of community service
were served by our council last year.

Prepared. For Life.®



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CAMPAIGN VISION

Three Fires Council is committed to making a significant impact on the future of our communities by providing the best programs, leadership and facilities to attract, engage, retain and serve more girls and boys through the BSA Program.

The **Build the Adventure Campaign** is vital to this vision.

The Campaign will:

- Provide facilities with the capacity and technology to engage more youth
- Increase impact through enhanced and relevant experiences and community partnerships
- Build sustainable facilities in natural settings to promote outdoor learning experiences



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The Benefits of the Outdoor Classroom

Scouting uses the outdoor environment to help kids learn about life and leadership, and the value of our environment.

Through planning trips, organizing a campsite, to leading expeditions and project – boys and girls learn what it is to be a leader. They organize their troop, complete tasks and effectively engage their friends to get the job done.

Today, sustainability is critically important as a growing population stresses our planet's limited resources. Scouting is intent on helping our youth move from leaving no trace to leaving a positive legacy. We have integrated sustainability at every level of our organization.

Scouting has been successfully teaching leadership skills for more than a century, and is embracing ecological and sustainability literacy as a critical outcome of our program's impact.



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Away from their screens, into the woods.

While there is no definitive rule for the right amount of time a child should spend engaging with technology, most researchers and pediatricians agree that limiting screen time is better for cognitive and social development. Camp Big Timber is a place where kids spend time sharing fun, real-world outdoor experiences with their peers and families.

By introducing children to new experiences, the BSA program helps capture their creativity and encourage exploration. The BSA offers many ways for kids to practice having low-tech fun: going on outdoor adventures, creating cars and rockets through derbies or helping the community through service projects. These experiences not only pay off in terms of development, but they also help start habits or hobbies that last for a lifetime.



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Camp Big Timber Improvements

Located in Elgin, Illinois, Camp CBT is comprised of 70 acres of meadows and wooded land, a main lodge, campsites and cabins designed to make year-round quality outdoor experiences available to Scouts and their families. It is adjacent to Burnridge Forest Preserve, a 590 acre public park that offers significant hiking trails, lakes, wetlands and nature areas to explore. It's close proximity to our communities makes it a convenient and accessible location for our busy suburban families.

For generations Scouting has provided more than a chance to experience the glories of nature. It has and continues to be the doorway to a lifelong journey of personal discovery and service, helping build boys and young men into leaders for life. Three Fires Council conducted a camp utilization and facilities study and strategic plan to identify the need for new and improved facilities at our camp properties and programs appealing to young people, keeping them in Scouting longer, and increasing the benefits they receive. Our goal is to invest significantly into these priority areas over the next several years, with an initial focus on Camp Big Timber.



Camp Big Timber Improvements

Leadership Training Center

A Needed Community Resource

The process of providing training, instruction and inspiring our youth is a hallmark of Scouting success. The new CBT Leadership Training Center will be used for Scout and adult training, merit badge classes and housing of troops and community groups who desire a setting for large group and overnight accommodations during the school year. The building will be constructed to be used as a conference center for training and educational programs. It will be self-contained with restrooms, kitchen and showers. Most important, it will meet the needs of parents and leaders who come to camp.



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STEM Center

Where Scouting Innovates

The Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) Center at Camp Big Timber will provide Scouts and students with an experiential education opportunity for exciting, engaging, and enriching programs through a hands-on, learn-by-doing approach. Through our engaged community partners and utilization of the “outdoor lab”, CBT’s STEM programs will provide unique experiences and opportunities for learning about conservation and sustainability, cornerstones of Scouting’s commitment to outdoor ethics and environmental sciences.

We will inspire the next generation of STEM leaders by developing an awareness and passion for careers at a young age, and helping maintaining interest throughout middle and high school.



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Camp Big Timber Improvements Program Activities

- Summer and Winter Cub Day Camps
- STEM Engineering Challenges
- Merit Badge Weekend Sessions
- Adult Outdoor Skills Training
- Adult Leadership Training
- Adult Wilderness First Aid Training
- Adult Winter Camping Training
- COPE Ropes Confidence/Team Training
- Summer Robotics
- Cub Family Camping Weekends
- STEMBOREE Weekend STEM Activities
- Adaptive Programming for Disabilities



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Camp Big Timber Improvements Accessibility

The basic premise of Scouting for youth with disabilities is that every child wants to participate fully and be respected like every other member of their unit. Barriers to access can exist in many outdoor environments, and accommodations are necessary to enable participation in Scouting by everyone.

The new Leadership Training Center, STEM Center and outdoor areas at Camp Big Timber have been developed with the accessibility and accommodations needed to allow our youth with challenges and disabilities the opportunity to participate and have the benefits of the BSA program.



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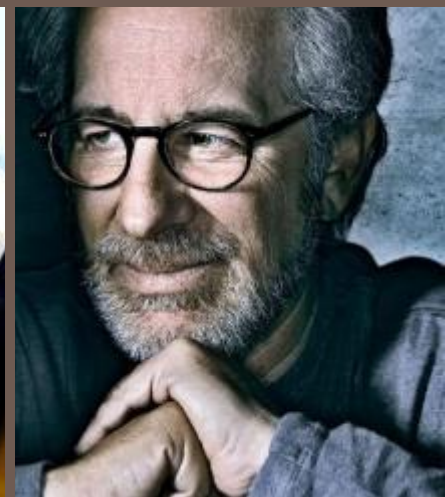
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“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a boy.”

~ Forest Witcraft ~

Boy Scouts have become leaders in every industry. From presidents to astronauts to film makers – scouts lead the way. They are also leaders in business and at home as fathers.

Join us in this critical work to ensure a future with a **Next Generation** of great leaders in our communities.



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Camp Big Timber Improvements: Making an impact on our families and our communities:

Naming Opportunities:

Camp Big Timber	\$ 2 Million
Leadership Center (Lodge)	\$ 1 Million
Dining Room	\$ 250 K
Shower Facility	\$ 250 K
Maintenance Building	\$ 250 K
Camp Roadways (2)	\$ 100 K
3-sided garage	\$ 100 K
STEM Center	\$ 50 K
Maker-Space	\$ 50 K
Campsites (12)	\$ 5 K
Shelters (4)	\$ 5 K



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