



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
HOUSATONIC COUNCIL
2018 ANNUAL REPORT





President's Message - Congratulations and Thank You!!!

Dear Friends of Housatonic Council,

The Housatonic Council has served the Lower Naugatuck Valley and our local communities with excellence for over 98 years. The commitment of service to others became noteworthy early on in our history and certainly did not waver in 2018.

Ours is an endless cycle of leadership and commitment to help others bestowed from the most senior youth through the ranks to the most junior. Add in the mentoring of the dedicated adult leaders, it is no mystery to discern the positive impact this Council has made and continues to make in our neighborhoods, communities and beyond.

The youth and volunteer adults of this Council deserve the best we can offer in the form of resources, facilities and opportunities to continue leadership development and personal achievement for the youth of the Valley for generations to come. This Annual Report demonstrates numerous successes achieved in 2018, attributed to the hard and diligent work of our Executive Board.

On behalf of the Board, I extend our most sincere appreciation and gratitude to our funding partners for their continued support in 2018. The benevolent contributions of the Valley United Way, the Valley Community Foundation, the Matthies Foundation along with many other foundations and organizations provided tremendous contributions. But it does not end there.

The Friends of Scouting Campaign and special events supported by our families, our leadership, our community leaders and the folks of the Valley heeded our calls for assistance again in 2018. To each and all, thank you!

This Annual Report is presented in honor of all youth the Housatonic Council has served in the 98 years leading up to 2018 and more importantly to those we have not YET served as we approach our 100th year in 2019 and into our second century.

Yours in Scouting,

Gary M. Parker
Council President





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The Housatonic Council, Boy Scouts of America is pleased to present our 2018 Annual Report highlighting the accomplishments and future of the Housatonic Council. Our scouting program serves the towns of the Lower Naugatuck Valley (Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Seymour, and Shelton), and incorporated in January of 1923. As one of the smallest councils in the Boy Scouts of America, the Housatonic Council’s mission is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetime, based on Scout Oath & Law.

In 2018 the Housatonic Council provided opportunities for all youth 5 - 10 years old, young men aged 11 - 14 years old, and young adults 14 to 21 years old.

2018 accomplishments:

- In February 2018, we were an “Early Adopter” of Family Scouting. Family Scouting enabled young ladies 5 - 10 years old to join the Cub Scouts. In 2018, 20 young ladies joined the Cub Scouts.
- Twenty-four young men earned the rank of Eagle Scout. One of the requirements of an Eagle Scout is to select, organize, and lead an Eagle project. In 2018 over 2,400 hours of service were donated through these projects.
- Our Order of the Arrow, an honor society of Boy Scouts that encourages youth to participate in cheerful service refurbished our amphitheater and added lighting to the stage.

While we recognize our accomplishments we also realize that to provide the best Scouting program, we need to grow and expand our programs in:

- Marketing and Publicity
- Increase volunteer participation
- Collaboration with other organizations for membership growth
- Continue reconnecting with our alumni

As we move into 2019, we desire to position ourselves to grow Scouting and continue to focus our resources on providing additional programs, and opportunities for all youth of the Lower Naugatuck Valley.



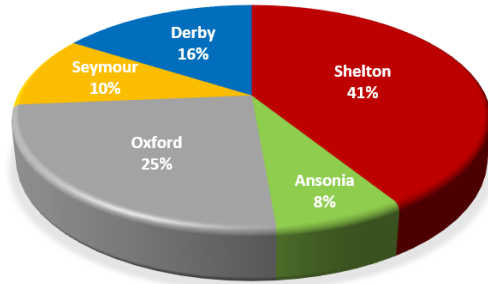
Membership Summary

At the end of 2018, our membership declined, but to offset this Scouting continues to evolve and in 2018 we participated in an “Early Adopter” program to recruit girls into the Cub Scout Program and provide opportunities for families participating to enjoy Scouting together.

In 2019, we look forward to expanding our programs and a new opportunity with Scouts BSA. Scouts BSA expands our programs to young ladies aged 11 - 18 by offering the opportunity to join and participate in the leadership and character-building programs of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Council will continue to collaborate with over twenty organizations with similar missions in 2019 and have a desire to serve additional youth and increase Scouting’s influence by collaborating with more organizations within the Lower Naugatuck Valley.

MEMBERSHIP BY TOWN



Program Summary

Through the leadership and resources of the Council we enable our youth, their families, and our volunteer leaders to enjoy a challenging and safe Scouting program. The Housatonic Council continues to provide opportunities for units to strengthen their individual programs and provide additional training for unit leaders. In 2018, training offered by the Council to our unit leaders included; Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation Training (BALOO), Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, and Youth Protection Training.

Youth Opportunities included:

Five Merit Badge days for our Boy Scout aged youth, attendance included youth from the Housatonic Council, surrounding Councils and scouts from Massachusetts. Merit Badge classes included Citizenship in the Community, First Aid, Photography, and Pulp & Paper to name a few. Each of these Merit Badge Days enable scouts to work in a group setting outside of summer camp.

In November and December 2018, we created new opportunities for advancement for our Cub aged youth. In November, we held a Cub Advancement Day at the Huntington Chapel, and in December we continued our Order of the Arrow Campfire with an advancement component.





Camping Summary

Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation: Once again in 2018, and for the more than fifty-seven years, the summer and year-round camping programs at Camp Strang have continued to provide outstanding experiences and memories for hundreds of Scouts, Scouters, visitors and staff alike.

Thanks to the campers, volunteers, summer camp staff, and professionals whose tireless efforts and generosity support the pride of the Housatonic Council in the Northwest Hills of Goshen, CT.

In 2018, the Housatonic Council continued its Weekend Programs to develop and offer a calendar of weekend activities for units to participate in. We are looking forward to continuing our additional opportunities for youth and others who share the values of Scouting.

Year-round Camping: For the second straight year our weekend camping use of Camp Strang continues to increase. In 2018 over 80% of the available weekends had at least one unit in camp each weekend to deliver on the promise of an outdoor experience to youth.



Boy Scout Summer Camp: In 2018, we introduced additional new programs, including expanded use of bicycles at camp. Camp Strang offered over fifty merit badges including Drafting, Programming, Welding, Nuclear Science, Camping, and Climbing. The summer camp staff continues to increase customer service and provide outstanding opportunities for our youth to explore new challenges and experience the outdoors in a safe environment.

In 2019, we are excited to continue our successful programs, and introduce additional specialty weeks at summer camp. We are also looking forward to the opportunity to deliver the Scouting program to young ladies attending camp.



Cub Scout Day Camp: St. Jude's in Derby, Camp Cedar Crest in Orange, and Goshen were home to Cub Scout Day Camp in 2018. The Cub Scout Day Camp included girls attending as campers for the first time. Through the dedication of the staff many of our youth, chose to attend for two weeks. The 2018 theme was Tropical Island. Our exciting schedule of activities included an all-day field trip to the Edmund D. Strang Scout Reservation each week.



2018 Eagle Scouts

In 2018 twenty-four young men achieved Scouting's highest rank of Eagle. One of the requirements to attain the rank of Eagle is a Leadership Service Project. Eagle Scout projects accounted for over 2,400 hours of community service and supplies with an estimated value of over \$70,000.



Council Awards Bestowed in 2018

2018 National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award: Andrew Bickford and William McDonnell

The NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award is a prestigious recognition granted by the local council's NESA (National Eagle Scout Association) committee to Eagle Scouts who have demonstrated outstanding achievement at the local, state or regional level.



2018 District Awards of Merit: Christopher Kellogg and Ralph Noel

The District Award of Merit is a Council recognition presented through the local Council Court of Honor for outstanding service to Scouting at the Council level.



2018 Silver Beaver: Carole Cafaro

The Silver Beaver is the highest council level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. It is awarded to registered adult leaders, recognized for their impact on the lives of youth through service.



2018 James E. West Recipients: Genevieve Williams, Council Executive Board, Donald French, and John Zseller Sr.

A donation of \$1000 dollars is required to begin a James E. West award. A person can make the contribution or funds can be collected to honor someone. The James E. West endowment fund was established to ensure that future generations of youth would benefit from scouting.



2018 North Star Award: Valley United Way

This award is for non-Scouters and used to recognize individuals for significant contributions. This award is on par with the Silver Beaver which recognizes registered Scouters for their distinguished service.



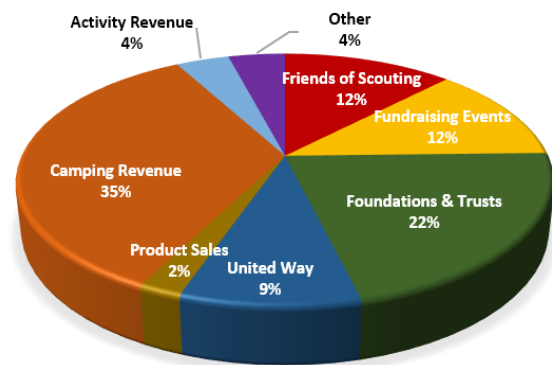
Administration Summary



All Boy Scout of America councils have placed an emphasis on reaching 100% Youth Protection Training (YPT). In 2018 a new Youth Protection Training was offered by the National Office, and all leaders were required to update their training. Support from our Executive Board, instructor led training sessions, and the unit re-Chartering process have assisted our units and unit leadership in completing their YPT and the importance of our goal to achieve 100% YPT.

Fundraising Summary

2018 continued the growth in Special Events with attendance and donations increasing over 2017. Our three main fundraising events: Clay shoot, Golf tournament, and the Good Scout Award are not only established events but are anticipated events on many calendars. In 2018 we added an additional event called the Mayors' Breakfast, which was chaired by Mayor Richard Dziekan of Derby, and Mayor David Cassetti of Ansonia.



In 2018, we continued our collaboration with Connecticut Yankee Council at our annual Golf Outing. The Clay Shoot had increased participants over the prior year and the funds raised to support Scouting in the valley. The Good Scout Award honored Larry Janesky of Basement Systems, Contractor Nation for his support of the community and Scouting.

The grants we receive from our area foundations support the general operations of the Housatonic Council and improve infrastructure at Camp Strang, provide additional camp scholarships, and enhance program (i.e. Archery targets, material for 9-square, and additional robot kits for our STEM program).

Our Friends of Scouting (FOS) message shares the vision of the Housatonic Council and assists us in increasing family and community participation. During our FOS presentations we share the message and benefits of Scouting with our current families. FOS is an opportunity for our families to invest in the future of Scouting.



Council Leadership

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Charter Organizations:

- Booth Hill School PTO, Shelton, Pack 24
- Charter Hose Co. #4, Ansonia, Pack 16
- Christ Church Quaker Farms, Oxford, Pack 14
- David S. Miles Post 174, Oxford, Troop 1, Crew 2001
- Derby 2nd Congregational Church, Derby, Troop 3
- Derby Methodist Church, Derby, Pack 3
- Derby-Shelton Rotary Club, Derby, Crew 33
- Elizabeth Shelton PTA, Shelton, Pack 27
- First United Methodist Church of Shelton, Shelton, Pack 25, Troop 25
- Hill Top Hose Co. #5, Ansonia, Troop 105
- Holy Rosary Catholic Men's Club, Ansonia, Pack 7, Troop 7, Crew 77
- Huntington Congregational Church, Huntington, Troop 101
- Huntington United Methodist Church Men's Club, Shelton, Troop 55
- Immanuel Lutheran Church, Oxford, Pack 65, Troop 65, Crew 65
- Irving School PTO, Derby, Pack 90
- Mohegan School PTO, Shelton, Pack 28, Troop 28
- Regenerating Solutions, Shelton, Troop 27
- St. Joseph's Church, Shelton, Troop 19
- Sunnyside School PTA, Shelton, Pack 20
- The Huntington Chapel, Shelton, Crew 2017
- Trinity Episcopal Church, Seymour, Pack 11
- Trinity Men's Club - Trinity Episcopal Church, Seymour, Troop 11, Crew 11
- Oxford Ambulance Association, Oxford, Post 108



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2018 Housatonic Council Units in Action

Klondike Derby



On January 20, 2018 the Housatonic Council returned to Blackrock State Park for the Annual Klondike Derby. When we arrived that morning, it was a snow-covered field, and 40-degree weather. Joining us this year was the Greenwich Council.

Scouting for Food

The Housatonic Council continues Scouting for Food and works alongside and with the Food Banks/Pantries of the Lower Naugatuck Valley to address food insecurity.

The Housatonic Council continues to collect food but has expanded their assistance to Food Banks and Pantries with the sorting, delivery, and stocking of shelves.



Scout Sunday

Our scouts continue to remember the 12th point of the Scout Law. Crew 65 and Troop 65 participated in Scout Sunday at their sponsoring institution Immanuel Lutheran Church in Oxford.

Pack 7 meets a Connecticut State Trooper

In April, Pack 7 and Troop 7 got to meet with Officer Greg Lebeau. An amazing person and our hometown hero, Officer Lebeau is a Connecticut State Trooper, served in the United States Army, and is a former Boy Scout. The children listened while Officer Lebeau told them about his experiences and they asked many questions about his life and his job. We appreciate his time and his service, and the children hope that he can visit us again soon.



Council History



Thank you to Ken McGovern of Troop 55 for some family photos and history of the Housatonic Council. Ken shared that his grandfather Chet Karkut, who was a semipro magician and would perform at scouting functions.

Ken is not sure of the year but would guess these photos are from the late 60's. If you look closely you can see the youth in the top picture holding pinewood derby cars.