Leading Youth to Lifelong Values, Service and Achievement...
An Open Letter to our Friends:

2015 was another amazing year for Westchester-Putnam Council, BSA! The achievement of “Bronze” Journey to Excellence is the hallmark of a Scout council that is making things happen in the lives of the youth we serve, 8,594 strong this year, served by nearly 3,000 dedicated volunteers.

Some of the highlights of 2015 include:

- Over 550 Cub Scouts had a day camp experience at Durland Scout Reservation or our STEM/NOVA camp held at Iona Prep.
- 3500 Cub Scouts and their families participated in the annual Thunderbird Games held at Croton Point Park.
- 178 young men earned the Eagle Scout Rank, Scouting’s hallmark of achievement. In the course of earning their Eagle Badge these Scouts conducted and lead service projects that accounted for nearly 20,000 hours of service.
- Over 2,000 Boy Scouts had a true “mountaintop” experience during a week at Read Scout Reservation, our jewel in the Adirondacks.
- The Popcorn Fundraiser taught Scouts how to support and fund their programs and the council received a share to support the operation.

There are many more examples of the great things happening in Westchester-Putnam Council, but none more so than the fact that nearly 3,000 volunteers give of themselves every single day to make Scouting happen. Their dedication, and that of you, our donors and supporters is truly inspirational. We thank you for all you have done, and look forward to our continuing partnership in the development of our next generation of leaders. Thank you all!
Youth Participation & Financials

TRADITIONAL SCOUTING PROGRAMS YOUTH
Cub Scouts (boys in 1st through 5th grades) ................................................................. 4,794
Boy Scouts (boys ages 11 to 18) ....................................................................................... 2,721
Sea Scouts & Venturers (young men & women ages 14 to 21) ....................................... 289
Total Traditional Membership ....................................................................................... 7,804

LEARNING FOR LIFE PROGRAMS
Exploring (worksite based career education program) ...................................................... 359
Special Need & Elementary School Program .................................................................. 431
Total Learning for Life Participation ............................................................................... 790

GRAND TOTAL YOUTH SERVED (12/31/2015) ................................................................ 8,594

Income Sources

- Camping & Activities 48.2%
- Friends of Scouting 12.3%
- Special Events 10.3%
- Trust Fund Support 18.4%
- Product Sale 4.9%
- Other Revenue 4.1%
- Other Direct Support 1.8%
- Friends of Scouting 12.3%

Council Expenses

- Fundraising 7.9%
- Management & General 8.4%
- Program Services 81.9%

The financial data was summarized from the financial statements which are audited by O’Connor Davies LLP, CPA’s. Copies of the report are available at the Council Service Center after June 17, 2016.

The Westchester-Putnam Council Inc., Boy Scouts of America is tax exempt under 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Council Highlights

- Achieved the “Bronze” level in Scouting’s Journey to Excellence recognition for achievements in finance, membership, program, unit service, leadership and governance.
- Successfully completed majority of benchmarks established for the second year of the Council’s 2011-2015 Strategic Plan.
- Recognized as a leader in Youth Retention (78%) within the Boy Scouts of America, a testimony to the quality of our volunteer leaders, Unit and Council programs and outstanding camp facilities.
- Continued to expand grassroots financial support through successful Family Friends of Scouting campaign, Popcorn Fundraiser, and Bowl-O-Ree revenue, providing needed resources for program and membership growth.
- Our “Good Scout” Dinners, Golf Tournament, Sporting Clays Tournament and Gathering of Eagles, increased community awareness and support from individuals, businesses and organizations throughout Westchester and Putnam Counties.

Operating Fund
Total Income ........................................... $2,862,469
Total Expenses ........................................... $2,941,867
Deficit ................................................... ($79,398)
Westchester-Putnam Council
Boy Scouts of America

Serving nearly 9,000 youth in Westchester and Putnam Counties

**Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Westchester-Putnam Council of the Boy Scouts of America to deliver the highest quality, values-based youth program of character development and leadership training, based upon the precepts embodied in the Scout Oath and Law, and to prepare our young people to make ethical decisions in order to reach their full potential and to better serve their family, community and country.

**Vision Statement**

In Scouting’s second century, we are building the leaders of tomorrow. Scouting’s dynamic and engaging journey beckons to America’s young people. Our exciting programs and outdoor adventures inspire lives of leadership, character and service. Relevant and adaptive, we are a trusted advocate for youth. Our adult volunteers and employees are widely admired for their leadership excellence. The Westchester-Putnam Council of the Boy Scouts of America is strong and financially secure. True to our mission, Scouting reflects our nation in its ethnic diversity and shapes our nation by developing responsible citizens.