



STRIVING AND THRIVING 2017

UTAH NATIONAL PARKS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT



Growing Membership

The Utah National Parks Council is growing with a combined **86,500** registered Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venturers, a **1% increase** over last year.

20% were new recruits to Scouting and **42** new units were created.

95% of Scouts were retained in the program.



Journey to Excellence

Using BSA's performance standards, our 2017 score made us the **#1** large council in the nation.

Family Scouting

The early adopter program for family Scouting has already been a success in our council with **4 all-girl dens**.

2017 National Jamboree

500 total Utah Scouts, including leaders and our first ever all-girl Venturing Crew, had the time of their lives at the 2017 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

Money Spent Serving Scouting



Outdoor Adventure

\$2.6 million building camps, improving camp properties, and employing staff.



Unit Service and Support

\$4.3 million on serving local units, providing training, and support functions.



Insuring Scouting

\$451,060 on insurance covering Scouts, leaders, and properties.



Other Expenses

\$1.6 million on program supplies, recognition, rent, utilities, etc.

Investing in Scouting

- **Friends of Scouting:** Donors gave generously to the FOS Campaign, raising **\$3.2 million**.
- **Capital Investments:** An additional **\$3.3 million** was given in capital gifts for camping project and facilities such as a new paved road to Tifie Scout Camp.
- **Camping:** Our 12 camps earned **\$3 million** which will provide future thrilling adventures.
- **Financial Saavy:** The Council has increased its retained earnings consistently, including in 2017.



Merit Badge Adventures



We heard you loud and clear — offer more merit badge opportunities year-round! In 2017 we hosted **12** different Merit Badge Adventures which are weekend adventures at one of our Scout camps that focus on helping youth work on one or more merit badges! Included adventures were cooking, geocaching, sailing, aviation and other Eagle-required badges.

Abundant Advancements



Our Council flies high with **2,345** new Eagle Scouts. **67%** achieved the Eagle rank after age 16. **11,000** Cub Scouts and **13,400** Boy Scouts advanced ranks this year, with almost **70,000** merit badges awarded.

Brand-New Camp Property



Thanks to a generous donation, we are excited to announce **Camp X** in Eagle Mountain! We are anxious to start developing a place where youth, families, and the community can take their adventures to the outdoors.

Outdoor Adventures For All



20,000 Cub Scouts and **35,000** Boy Scouts reported camping in 2017. That's **83%** of all Scouts in the Council, a **4%** increase over 2016. Our 12 camps served more Scouts than ever.

Connect With Us

Keep up on Utah Scout news and events:

Serving the Community

Scouts performed a combined **874,689** hours of service, including Scouting for Food, which brought in almost **400,000** lbs of food. That's over **83,000** meals for hungry families in need across Utah.

Trained Mentors Impact Youth

In Scouting, the Scouts are the leaders. We have more than **46,900** volunteers to mentor and advise our youth.

Via leadership training, **2** University of Scouting events and **12** Wood Badge courses, adults were inspired be with the youth, connect them with heaven and let them lead.

Over **50%** of all stake presidents attended a Little Philmont Priesthood Training conducted by Elder Dale H. Munk, Area Seventy for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Successful Events

The Council aims to host meaningful events that serve and celebrate our Scouts and leaders. This year we:

- Facilitated exciting **Klondikes** in the winter and successful **day camps** in the summer.
- Honored **outstanding Scouters** and leaders in the community at the Celebration of Eagles, Silver Beaver, and Influential Women in Scouting events.



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