

Venturing

80 young men and women (ages 14-20) participated in Venturing. This program emphasizes leadership, team work, skills development, service, outdoor and high adventure activities and other areas of interest to youth members.

Venturing's advancement program offers both core and elective educational opportunities. Core requirements include first aid, communications, cooking, emergency preparedness, land navigation, leave no trace, wilderness survival, and conservation. There are also 17 elective areas, including backpacking, cave exploring, cycling/mountain biking, ecology, equestrian, fishing, hunting, lifesaver, mountaineering, outdoor living history, physical fitness, plants and wildlife, Project COPE, scuba, shooting sports, watercraft, and winter sports.



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Scouting in Metro Lakes

Is it really just about camping?

No! It's about always exploring, always learning, always doing, always helping.

Here's what they learn.

Cub Scouting

788 Cub Scouts (grades K-5) in the Metro Lakes District participated in age-specific activities that provide them with positive peer groups and combine fun with educational programs augmenting their elementary education through exploration.

Opportunities abound in communications, conservation, fitness/sports, humanities/arts, natural sciences, personal development, physical science, public service, social studies, and trades.



Boy Scouting

580 Boy Scouts (grades 6-12) in the area learned by doing. This program promises adventure and the great outdoors, friendship, challenge at all levels, skill development, and responsibility.

Educational opportunities are everywhere. Lessons in teamwork, service, respect for others and ethical decision-making help prepare boys for a successful future. They are encouraged to explore over 130 hobby and career choices (merit badges). In 2013, these Scouts earned 1,357 merit badges.



Just the facts...

In 2013, 493 volunteer adults developed and enriched the lives of 1,448 boys and girls in the Metro Lakes District. Here is what they achieved:

- 40 young men achieved Boy Scouting's highest rank award — Eagle Scout. 297 others achieved lower rank awards.
- 61 Webelos Scouts (5th grade Cub Scouts) achieved Cub Scouting's highest award — the Arrow of Light. Other Cub Scouts earned 486 other awards.
- 80 young men and women participated in the co-ed program of Venturing.
- Over 75% of these boys and girls participated in Scouting programs for more than one year.
- Metro Lakes District Scouts spent over 7,999 hours giving back to their community, from collecting pounds of food for local food shelves, to cleaning up parks and highways, to helping with pancake breakfasts, running a bike rodeo, assisting with traffic control at community events, and more.

