

Bucktail Council Program Descriptions

Program Summary

The Boy Scouts of America is comprised of several different programs that were designed to meet the interest and needs of ALL youth. Currently, we are serving nearly 1600 youth and 600 adults in our council. The following is a summary of the council programs:

Lions – A school-year program for Kindergarten (or 6-year-old) boys and girls along with their adult partner. The Lion program encourages youth to learn and explore through hands-on, high-energy activities. Adult partners take turns leading a den meeting or outing during the year. Dens are single gender.

Tigers – A school-year program for first-grade (or 7-year-old) boys and girls along with their adult partners that stresses simplicity, shared leadership, learning about the community, and family understanding. Dens are single gender.

Cub Scouts – A family and home-centered program for boys and girls in the second through fifth grade (or 8- 9- and 10-year-olds). Fourth-and-fifth- grade (or 10-year-old) boys and girls are called Webelos Scouts (We'll Be Loyal Scouts) and participate in more advanced activities that begin to prepare them to become a part of the Scouts BSA program. Cub Scouting's emphasis is on quality programs at the local level, where the most youth and families are involved. Dens are single gender.

Scouts BSA – An exciting and more popular program of the Boy Scouts of America for youth ages 11-18. It teaches important life skills in an outdoor environment with mentoring and peer groups. Troops are organized into male or female only units.

Exploring – Designed for young men and women ages 14 (who have completed the eighth grade) through 20 to gain insight into a variety of programs that offer leadership training, fitness, outdoor, service, and career hands-on experiences. Exploring promotes the conditions necessary for the growth and development of adolescent youth.

The Bucktail Council serves the counties of Elk, Cameron, Jefferson, Clearfield and the western portion of Centre. The Bucktail partners with more than 30 local organizations to bring Scouting to the various communities. Local churches, service and fraternal clubs, and businesses are among them. This relationship enables community groups to use the Scouting program under their own leadership as a service to their children, youth, and families. It also empowers our local councils to help these local organizations effectively use the Scouting program and to expand the use of the program to other community groups.