



BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA®  
CENTRAL GEORGIA COUNCIL

## Our year at a glance

It's been a busy year for the Boy Scouts of America. In 2017 the Council had a total of 75 Scouts attain the rank of Eagle. We raised 103% of our Friends of Scouting goal for a total of \$641,755— the most raised in council history.

The council also collected \$135,000 dollars in new endowment gifts. As the year wraps up, let's look back at some highlights from the Central Georgia Council.

---

### January • February • March

---



January was Scouting for food month. **Scouting for Food** is the annual food-collection drive ran by the council. Over 20,000 pounds of food were collected and donated to local food banks.



The Council banquet in February, sponsored by Navicent Health honored our 2016 class of Eagle Scouts and our Silver Beaver Recipients. We honored 92 Eagle Scouts and 5 Silver Beaver Recipients.



Our annual Safari Wild dinner held at Idle Hour Country Club in March featuring Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr. was a tremendous success. General Stenner served his Country for more than 39 years in the U.S. Air Force. Serving as The Commanding General of Warner Robins Air Force Base and Chief of the Air Force Reserve.

---

### April • May • June

---



Because of the support of the Peyton Anderson Foundation a **Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience** course or, Project **C.O.P.E.** was constructed at Camp Benjamin Hawkins this past April. The **C.O.P.E.** course consists of 9 Low C.O.P.E. elements, 6 High C.O.P.E. elements, a 50 foot climbing tower and a 7' high by 50' wide Cub Scout bouldering wall.

A new swim dock was also constructed at Camp Benjamin Hawkins by our hardworking dedicated volunteers.

#### Day Camp & Resident Camps

The summer was a busy month of camping for scouts. Thanks to an amazing staff of volunteers the council hosted 2 Day Camps, a Cub Scout Resident Camp and a Webelos Resident Camp to over 196 Scouts.

These camps are perfect for new and younger Scouts. The camps offer the outdoor adventure Scouting promises but a little closer to home. Activities include bb guns, archery, crafts, nature activities, and scouting skills.



---

## July • August • September

---



### NATIONAL JAMBOREE

A Council contingent of 45 Boy Scouts and Venturers went to the National Jamboree at the Summit Scout Reservation in West Virginia. The Jamboree Troop participated in a Messenger of Peace Project in West Virginia while there, providing over 360 hours of community service.

**YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY** - Over 100 at risk youth from Youth Challenge Academy in Baldwin County attended a weeklong leadership development training course at Camp Benjamin Hawkins. They completed CPR & First Aid classes, team building exercises on the ropes course, **Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)** classes, and participated in aquatics programs.



Council Commissioner David Gowan hosted a College of Commissioner Science this past August. This training was an excellent opportunity for both new and experienced commissioners to expand their skills, share their experiences and build their Scouting network.

Popcorn sales kicked off in August. This year scouts in the Central Georgia Council sold over \$250,000 in popcorn.



The Central Georgia Council received funding to implement a Cowboy Action Shooting Program. This range has an Old West style façade and a variety of targets.

189 Boy Scouts attended the "Wild West Camporee" at Camp Benjamin Hawkins this past September. The camporee features a variety of competitions to allow troops and patrols to show off their skills.

---

## October • November • December

---

The Annual Sporting Clays for Character was held on October 6th at the Meadows Gun Club in Forsyth, Georgia. Publix Super Market Charities served as the tournament's presenting sponsor!



Over 904 youth participated in the Wild West Fall Cuboree and Webeloree at Camp Benjamin Hawkins in October.

The Whitney M. Young Service Award Banquet was held on November 9th at the Anderson Conference Center. This years recipients were GEICO, Demetrius Andrews, Ruby Jacobs, Sam Macfie, Jimmy Mills and Dr. Noris Price. The Keynote Speaker for the evening was former Dallas Cowboy Greg Ellis.



Over 75 Boy Scouts attended a Shooting Sports Weekend filled with different Shooting opportunities. Cowboy Action shooting with rifles, pistols, and shotguns. A walking field archery course with 3d animal targets. Tomahawk and knife throwing area. Knife handle paracord wrapping class, an orienteering course and a shotgun walk up event.

Over 100 Cub Scouts and Leaders attended the first ever Cub Scout Shooting Sports event at Camp Benjamin Hawkins. This was an all day shooting event followed by an awards ceremony.

94 Boy Scouts attended Winter Camp that was held December 27-31 at Camp Benjamin Hawkins. At Winter Camp scouts had the opportunity to earn up to 4 merit badges.