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CUB SCOUTING
1,546 Participants / 98 Troops

Boyscout Summer Camps

Youth Leadership Training

175 Boy Scouts / 71 Troops

Venturing

174 Venturers / 14 Crews

Expedition

408 Explorers / 31 Post

STEM SCOUTING

129 STEM Scouts / 6 Labs

TOTAL Service Hours of Youth AND Volunteers: 54,742 Hours

CAMP OLD INDIAN

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Cub Scout Resident Camp

73 Participants

Cub Scout Day Camps

543 Cub Scouts

Cub Family Weekend & Webelos Woods

1,831 Participants

EAGLE SCOUTS

175 Scouts

22,404 Eagle Project Hours

Membership and STEM - Through the many efforts and passion of dedicated volunteers the Blue Ridge Council recruited 1,461 new youth to Scouting during the fall. Youth and scout unit retention improved and 22 new units were organized in 2017.

The STEM Scouts program continued its second year in the Blue Ridge Council and focuses exclusively on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The program is for both girls and boys in third through twelfth grade. STEM Scouts uses hands-on activities, field trips and interaction with STEM professionals to build interest in STEM related careers. The Blue Ridge Council is one of a select number of councils chosen to run this program. Since the introduction of the program in 2016, STEM Scouts has served more than 200 youth in 7 STEM Scout Labs.

The Duke Energy Foundation, Greenville Water, and 3M Corporation are among local Supporting Sponsors of the STEM Scouts program. This support helps underwrite program materials, equipment, scholarships, and leadership for the STEM Scouts Labs.

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