

Being number four at something can be a pretty good achievement...and so it is for the La Crosse area Boy Scouts.

The national Scouting organization ranks the Gateway Area Council as the fourth-best council in the U-S, based on a set of several criteria. Local director Sean Henneman says he knew the La Crosse scouting program was good...but didn't realize it was rated so close to the top.

The Gateway Council has a high retention record...meaning about 70 per cent of the local boys who enter Scouting stay in the program for many years.