



## REPORT TO THE NATION

### WHO WE ARE

The Boy Scouts of America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development, outdoor adventure, and values-based leadership training to its more than 2.2 million youth participants. With nearly 1 million adult volunteers in approximately 265 local councils throughout the United States and its territories, Scouting teaches real-life skills and qualities that help young people become **“Prepared. For Life.”**

### WHO WE SERVE

- 1,231,831 boys and girls ages 5 to 10 in Cub Scouting
- 789,784 boys ages 11 to 17 in Boy Scouting (to be named Scouts BSA starting February 2019)
- 51,815 young men and women ages 14 to 20 in Venturing and Sea Scouting
- 109,613 young men and women ages 10 to 20 in Exploring career-based programs
- 80,756 units, representing partnerships and collaborations with businesses, community and religious organizations, and agencies that support BSA programs
- In addition to our traditional programs, we serve 313,020 boys and girls in elementary through high school in Learning for Life character education programs.

### WHAT WE DO

For 108 years, Scouting has stood for adventure, excitement, and leadership. The following provides an overview of the impact of Scouting during the past year.

#### Build Leaders

From the time they enter the program as Cub Scouts until they become adults, boys learn what it takes to be a leader. In 2018, girls, too, were able to benefit from these early lessons, thanks to the BSA's historic decision to begin welcoming girls into Cub Scouting. Older girls will be able to join Scouts BSA—launching in 2019—enabling them to learn through the same program, earn the same merit badges, and advance in ranks, including the highest rank of Eagle Scout, as boys have for 108 years in Boy Scouting. In the first year of welcoming girls into the iconic program, more than 77,000 girls joined Cub Scouting.

In 2018, 52,160 young men earned the Eagle Scout rank. Reaching this pinnacle requires Scouts to conceive of, plan for, and complete a project that takes into account everything they've learned about leadership, service, outdoor skills, and values.

Nathan Fain from LaGrange, Georgia, built a fully accessible musical playground, earning him the 2018 Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. When Eagle Scout Eric Prullage's professor collapsed during his biochemistry lab at the University of Missouri, Eric put the skills he learned as an Eagle Scout into action to start CPR, an action his professor credits to saving his life and enabling a full recovery despite spending 12 days in a coma.

## Strengthen Communities

In communities throughout the nation, Scouting is administered through civic, faith-based, and educational organizations that deliver our programs to their youth members and adult volunteers.

During 2018, our members recorded more than 14 million hours of service to their communities, at a value of more than \$344 million (based on a national volunteer-hour value of \$24.69). Eagle Scout projects alone accounted for more than \$197 million (representing 8 million hours) in service to the nation.

Rafe Kotalik, an Eagle Scout from Houston who had seen Scouting step up to help families impacted by Hurricane Harvey, led a 450-hour community effort to help fellow Scouts who lost so much in the devastating wildfires in California by rallying his troop and community to donate gear to help Scouts get back on their feet and to provide 1,500 gift boxes for children at two elementary schools near the hardest-hit areas.

## Grow Interests and Understanding

Scouts earned more than 1.8 million merit badges during the year, introducing them to a spectrum of life skills topics.

In the coed Exploring career exploration program, a Career Interest Survey given to more than 32,000 students in sixth through 12th grades generated a list of favored careers that found computer programming, veterinary medicine, and teaching overtaking more aspirational pursuits such as singing and acting. More than half of respondents, or 52 percent, expressed the most interest in STEM careers.

## Build Adventure

Scouting prepares our youth for active lives full of adventure. Nearly 1 million Scouts attended our day camps and summer camps across the country. At our high-adventure bases in New Mexico, Minnesota, Florida, and West Virginia, they camped, hiked, climbed, paddled, and sailed. In all, this added up to millions of nights under the stars.

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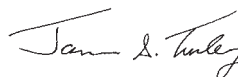
Today's participants in Scouting's many programs are following in the footsteps of millions of boys and girls who set off on great adventures. In doing so, they are serving their families, their communities, and their nation while learning skills and building friendships that will guide them throughout the course of their lives. They are becoming **"Prepared. For Life.®"**



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