



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 1.1 million youth participants. With more than 493,000 adult volunteers in 253 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

- 649,248 boys and girls ages 5 to 10 in Cub Scouting
- 474,403 boys and girls ages 11 to 17 in Scouts BSA
- 23,731 young men and women ages 14 to 20 in Venturing and Sea Scouting
- 52,007 young men and women ages 10 to 20 in Exploring career-based programs
- 51,804 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 70,493 boys and girls in elementary through high school in Learning for Life character-education programs.

WHAT WE DO

For 110 years, Scouting has stood for adventure, excitement, and leadership. The following provides an overview of the impact of Scouting during the past year.

Building Leaders

The Boy Scouts of America made history in 2018 by welcoming girls into Cub Scouting and in 2019 by welcoming young women into Scouts BSA. History was made again in 2020, when nearly 1,000 young women made a landmark accomplishment by achieving Scouting's highest rank – Eagle Scout. At the close of 2020, the BSA was serving more than 108,000 young women in Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA.

In 2020, 47,573 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.

Eagle Scouts have been leading positive change for more than a century. That tradition continued with the historic Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts. On February 21, 2021, the BSA celebrated their accomplishments with an event called “Be The Change,” which was streamed online. With tributes and congratulations from female leaders including *CBS Evening News* anchor Norah O'Donnell, BSA National Executive Board Member Tonya Acker, and many others, “Be the Change” highlighted the impact that Scouts make every day. The event was viewed more than 343,000 times. The first class of female Eagle Scouts also generated unprecedented positive news coverage with more than 2.5 billion impressions across local and national news outlets.

Growing Interests and Understanding

Scouts earned more than 1.1 million merit badges, predominantly in a virtual setting. With many camps unable to welcome Scouts, typical outdoor subjects shifted to badges compatible with online instruction. Family Life, the Citizenship series, and Personal Management were the most-earned badges.

For over seven decades, the Exploring program has been helping young people discover their potential in diverse career fields, including Arts and Humanities, Aviation, Business, Communications, Engineering, Fire and EMS, Health Care, Law and Government, Law Enforcement, Science, Skilled Trades, and Social Services. Exploring enables young adults to sample a career and learn from frontline professionals. In 2020, more than 52,000 students were enrolled in over 3,000 unique Exploring programs.

Protecting the Environment

Pollution, changes in water quality, and human impact are threatening Florida's coral reef, the third largest in the world and the only coral reef in the United States. The reef is home to thousands of species of marine life, plays an important role in protecting the coast from tropical storms, and produces oxygen that we breathe. Through the Coral Restoration program at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base, Scouts participate in growing and planting coral on the reef to rebuild this critical part of our ocean environment. Through a process of fragmentation, which speeds up the coral's growth, the Sea Base coral nursery grows up to 10,000 corals each year. Scouts help grow, care for, and plant those corals on the reef. The BSA is breaking ground below the surface to restore this critical ecosystem.

Protecting our Communities

Jacob Finch, a Life Scout from Troop 1 of Ballston Spa, N.Y. (Twin Rivers Council), led an effort to collect neckerchiefs to use as cloth face coverings. At Jacob's request, the BSA national organization sent 35,000 new and unused neckerchiefs to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in New York and New Jersey. With additional help from surrounding councils, this project helped thousands of residents in several states and preserved critical medical-grade face coverings for frontline health-care workers.

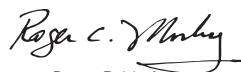
2020: A Unique Adventure

Despite a pandemic that gripped the nation, the Scouting spirit never wavered. Scouts and leaders quickly shifted, using technology to meet virtually. While packs, troops, crews, posts, and ships used a blend of virtual and in-person meetings, many councils offered virtual day- and overnight-camp experiences. For the first time, Scouts across the country gathered virtually for a National Camp In, enjoying celebrity interviews and shout-outs, games, adventures, activities, and even a closing virtual campfire. More than 475,000 people participated in this historic event.


Three national high-adventure bases, in collaboration with health officials, served over 10,000 participants in rugged wilderness and high-adventure programs. These programs in Minnesota, Florida, and West Virginia maintained the vital outdoor experience that members sought to counteract the pandemic's grip.

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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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