

# REPORT TO THE NATION

## 2016

The Boy Scouts of America helps build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun and adventure. Scouting provides opportunities for families and communities to create the next generation of conscientious, responsible, and productive citizens.



served 1,262,311 boys ages 6-10

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Exploring
(and STEM Scouts)
served 119,268 boys and
girls ages 10-20



Boy Scouts served 822,999 boys ages 11-17



Venturing and Sea Scouts served 136,629 boys and girls ages 14-20



#### **Building Communities**

Scouts and Explorers across America recorded more than **15.4 million hours** of service to their communities, at a value of more than **\$363.5 million** (based on a national volunteer-hour value of \$23.56).

Eagle Scout projects, which are planned, developed, and led by Scouts, accounted for more than **\$196 million** in service to the nation alone.



#### **Building Leaders**

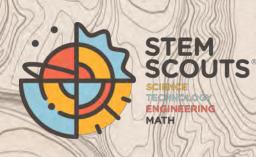
A recent study revealed that, with as little as three years of participation, youth involved in Scouting are more likely to have positive character attributes and choose helping others over being the best.

In 2016, a total of **55,186** young men earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the program's highest honor.

#### **Building Interests and Understanding**

The BSA's **STEM Scouts** pilot program gives students in grades 3-12 hands-on experience with in-demand STEM topics.

The new **Lion** program, designed as an introduction to Cub Scouting for 5-year-old boys, introduces families to the adventures available through Scouting.





Boy Scouts earned nearly **2.4 million** merit badges while exploring a range of offerings in 138 fields that reflect both their interests and our rapidly evolving culture.

### **Building Adventure**

Scouting prepares our youth for active lives full of adventure. Just over 1 million Scouts attended our

thousands of day and summer camps, as well as our high-adventure camps in New Mexico, Minnesota, Florida, and West Virginia, adding up to **6.5 million nights** nights spent camping during the year.







