



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.



Cub Scouts
served
1,262,311 boys
ages 6-10



Boy Scouts
served
822,999 boys
ages 11-17



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.

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



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

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.



**STEM
SCOUTS**
SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING
MATH



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.

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.

