



NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA SCOUTING

Adopt-a-School Program

Proposal to School Administrators



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ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM



About

Scouting America National Capital Area Council Adopt-a-School program is an exciting and comprehensive undertaking that will connect our Scouting programs located across the DMV with schools in their communities. Participating Scouting units partner with school administrations and offer the volunteer services that will most effectively meet their school's needs with clearly-defined guidelines. Each unit will offer a minimum one-year commitment to the school. Our intent is to create a mutual and meaningful community relationship that will bring significant positive changes within the schools.



Project Scope

The Adopt-a-School program of Scouting America National Capital Area Council (NCAC) was established to build strong, sustaining relationships with our local schools, creating thousands of lasting community partnerships across the DMV. Through committed volunteer efforts — from school cleanup and landscaping to Scouts' active participation in school events throughout the year — the NCAC intends to provide a defined, helpful presence in our schools.



These cooperative efforts are aimed at helping schools meet their goals for student achievement and success while proactively addressing the local community's/ school's need for volunteer service and community outreach.

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Volunteer Ideas

- Grounds Beautification
- Building Improvement
- Giving Tree Coordination
- Helpers during Festivals
- Book Drive Coordination
- Food Drive Coordination
- Green Effort Coordination
- Literacy Program
- Teacher Appreciation
- Cleaning up after School Events



Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the time commitment?
 - We request a year's commitment, but our hope is to build strong sustained relationships.
- How much time is expected to be given?
 - At least 1 service project each school year.
- What commitment is expected from the school?
 - We expect the school representatives to be cooperative in identifying their needs and helping outline the projects that will best satisfy those needs.
- Can the Unit or School opt out if the commitment is not working?
 - Yes, but we hope both parties will do everything possible to honor the one-year pledge.





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33,142

Youth Served in the DMV in 2023



Cub Scouting
Grades K-5

Cub Scouting encourages boys and girls to make friends, be helpful to others, and do their very best no matter the outcome. The program involves the whole family as parents pitch in to plan and deliver activities. Cub Scouting helps form a foundation of character in ways that are affirmative and fun.



Scouts BSA
Grades 6-12

In Scouting, leadership is learned through adventure, both in the great outdoors and in our communities. Scouts BSA learn leadership by putting the principles of Scouting into practice every day. In this time-tested program, youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.



Venturing
Ages 14-20

Venturing is a coed program that focuses on adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service. Venturing crews are youth-led and adult-advised. Crews can have specialty interests, and youth can work on Venturing awards while also continuing to work toward Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.



Sea Scouting
Ages 14-20

Sea Scouting is adventure in, on, around, and under water. Sea Scout ships are high adventure on oceans, rivers, and lakes. They provide limitless opportunities and exciting challenges while providing a place to grow and learn, find adventure, and build long-lasting friendships.



Exploring
Ages 10-20

Exploring is a work-site based career program for young men and women that provides hands-on career experiences in a real world setting.



STEM Scouts
Ages 8-18

STEM Scouts re-imagines creative ways to learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in hands-on meetings.

DMV COMMUNITY IMPACT

SCOUTING FOR FOOD



Scouting for Food is Scouting America National Capital Area Council largest annual community service project to help feed families in need by collecting non-perishable food and distributing it to local food pantries and food banks. In 2023, **537,225** pounds of food were collected in support of our local communities.



SERVICE

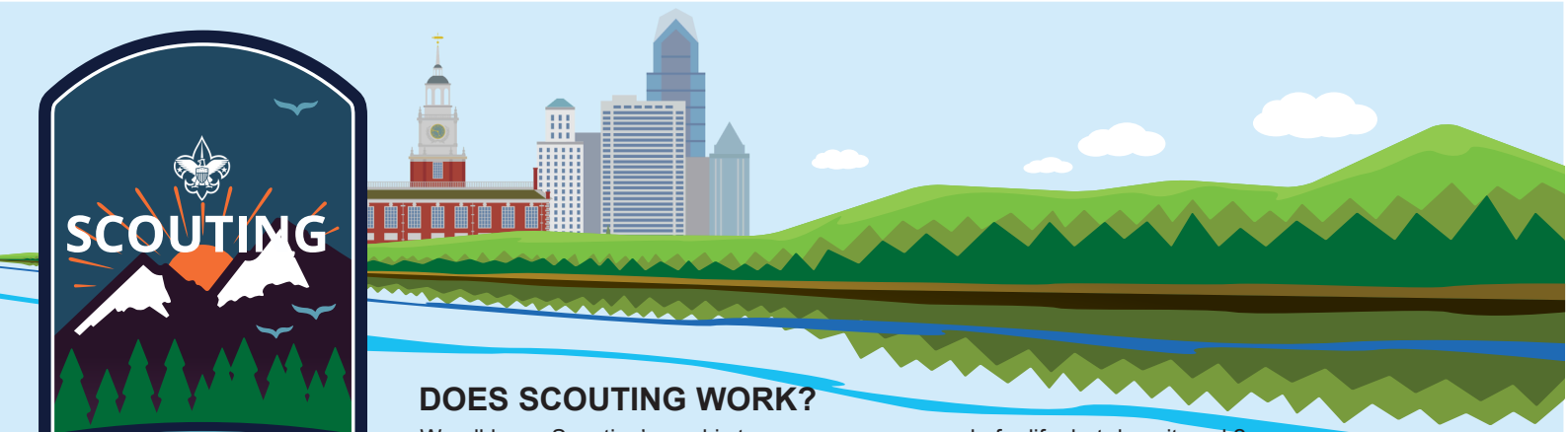


159,137 Hours of Community Service During Eagle Projects which provide the opportunity for our youth to demonstrate leadership while performing a project for the benefit of the community.

372,478 Total Community Service Hours valued at **\$2,979,824!**



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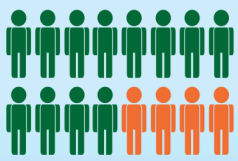


DOES SCOUTING WORK?

We all know Scouting's goal is to prepare young people for life, but does it work?

Scouting was put to the test over the course of three years, when a research team from Tufts University worked with Scouting America's Cradle of Liberty Council to measure the character attributes of both Scouts and non-Scouts — all with a goal of better understanding the character development of youth as it was happening.

The project, which was funded by the John Templeton Foundation and led by Dr. Richard M. Lerner, surveyed nearly 1,800 Cub Scouts and nearly 400 non-Scouts under age 12 using both interviews and survey data. **In the beginning, there were no significant differences in character attributes between the two groups. By the end, however, the differences were striking in several areas:**



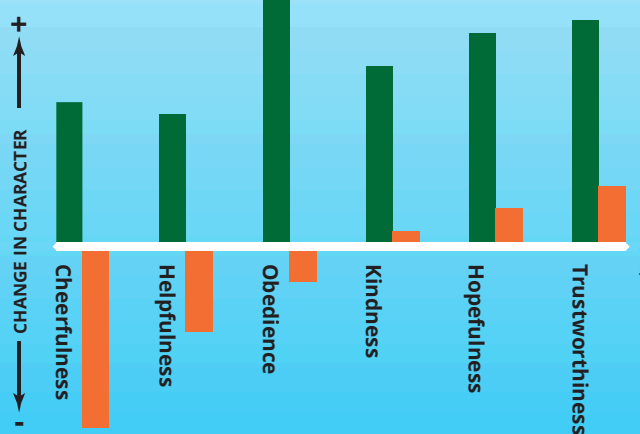
2,000+
Scouts and non-Scouts
aged 6-12 from across the
Philadelphia area were
measured in 6 key areas:



*Hopeful Future Expectations

CHANGE IN CHARACTER

during the course of
the 3-year study:



KEY FINDINGS:



The **more time** kids spend in Scouting, the **better the outcomes** in character development



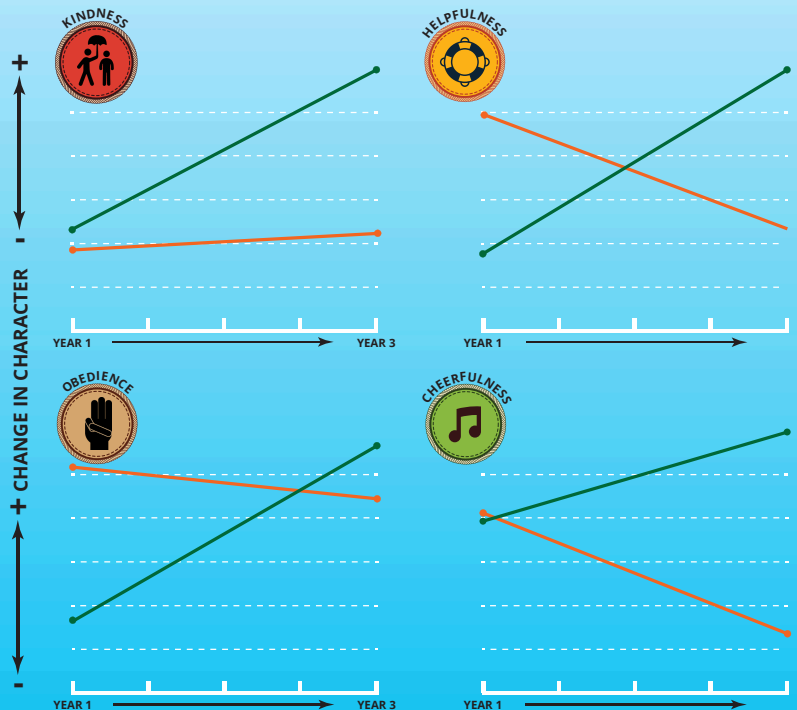
Those who **attend meetings regularly** report higher **outcomes** virtually across the board when compared to Scouts with lower attendance



Scouts are more likely to embrace **positive social values** than non-Scouts



Scouts who are **more engaged** in the program report higher outcomes in nearly every category



With fun and discovery at every turn, Scouting makes the most of right now. But what's more, it builds positive character and provides young people a foundation they can stand on to embrace opportunity, overcome obstacles, and make new discoveries.

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Pledge Letter

We, _____, pledge to adopt _____ for a period of one school year, beginning _____. We will fulfill our commitment by completing a minimum of one volunteer service project by spring break through the time and talent of our Scouts and Scouters. We look forward to working with the principal and staff to identify the school's needs and establish a plan that will bring meaningful progress.

We are honored to serve in this way, and through volunteer service we hope to contribute to the advancement of this school and to the spirit of community between our scouts and our adopted school. At the end of the year, the unit and school will both receive a certificate recognizing completed projects and the year's overall success.

Our Project(s) will be:

To be completed by:

Unit Type and Number

School Name

Unit Leader Name

School Principal Name

Unit Leader Signature

School Principal Signature

Unit Leader Email

School Principal Email

National Capital Area Council Office

Received Date: _____

Please scan a copy of this completed pledge letter to Keenan Pallone at
Keenan.Pallone@Scouting.org

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School Signup Form

Please scan the QR code below or visit [NCAC's Adopt-a-School Initiative: Unit Signup Form](#) to participate in this amazing opportunity to give back to our local communities!

National Capital Area Scouting
Adopt-a-School Initiative: School
Signup Form



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