



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## CAPITOL AREA COUNCIL

### About the Capitol Area Council

#### Purpose of the Boy Scouts of America

Incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916 – is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and to develop personal fitness.

#### Communities served by the Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

The council serves youth and families in 15 central Texas counties: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, DeWitt, Fayette, Gillespie, Gonzales, Hays, Lavaca, Lee, Llano, Mason, Travis and Williamson.

#### Scouting's impact on youth

There are many youth organizations, including sports, service clubs, fitness and educational programs. We salute them all for the work they do to help young people. But Scouting goes above and beyond, providing programs and activities that:

- allow boys to try new things,
- provide service to others,
- build self-confidence, and
- reinforce ethical standards.

Scouting is filled with fun, adventure and values that last a lifetime. Men who were Scouts five or more years as boys are more likely than men with no Scouting experience to:

- Graduate from high school (91% versus 87%)
- Graduate from college (35% versus 19%)
- Earn higher annual household incomes (\$80,000 versus \$61,000)
- Have lifelong friendships (89% versus 74%)
- Attend religious services (87% versus 77%)
- Believe helping others should come before one's own self-interest (92% versus 83%)

*Source: Harris Interactive Study*

#### Central Texans enriched by Scouting

Currently, the Capitol Area Council counts among its membership:

- 600 Scouting units
- 20,000+ registered youth members
- 7,500+ registered adult volunteer leaders

