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Scouting is... **BACK**

2022 Year in Review



Scouting is... **GROWTH**

From the first time a boy or girl recites the Scout Oath as a Cub Scout to the moment they earn the Eagle Scout, Quartermaster, or Summit Awards, youth learn important skills and experience adventures that help them grow into confident, capable, and responsible young adults. This growth is shaped not only by learning values but also putting those lessons into practice. No matter how long a young person stays in Scouting, they will take away knowledge and memories that will benefit them for a lifetime.



Left: members of Cub Scout Pack 320, chartered by Bethany Lutheran Church.

Cover: Kate Pape of Scouts BSA Troop 219, first female Eagle Scout from Cedar Park. Troop 219 is chartered by Rotary Club of Cedar Park/Leander.

Trevor Roberts grew from a Cub Scout into an Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow Lodge Chief, high adventure camper, and honor student.

In 2022 he completed his open water dive certification to earn the Scuba Merit Badge - giving Trevor the distinction of having earned all 138 available merit badges.

He now serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Scouts BSA Troop 151, helping develop the next generation of youth leaders before he begins pursuit of an engineering degree next fall.

Troop 151 is chartered by American Legion Post 174 in Georgetown.



Scouting in Central Texas is recovering from pandemic-related losses, and finished 2022 with a membership increase.



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Scouting is... **LEADERSHIP**

The problems of tomorrow will require servant leaders capable of working with others. Scouting's team-based approach challenges youth to put skills into practice, asking them to not only motivate but also understand their peers. Scouts' responsibilities grow as they do, adding new leadership skills and discovering interests through the merit badge program that often inspire plans for future career choices.

Vivienne Howell of Scouts BSA Troop 72 created a patch program to raise funds for humanitarian relief in Ukraine and for Ukrainian refugees.

The project is part of the larger response by the World Organization of the Scout Movement, directing funds to the National Organization of the Scouts of Ukraine to provide food, medicine, sleeping equipment, and other necessary supplies, along with the coordination of psychological support to young people and communities impacted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Scouts BSA Troop 72 is chartered by Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church.



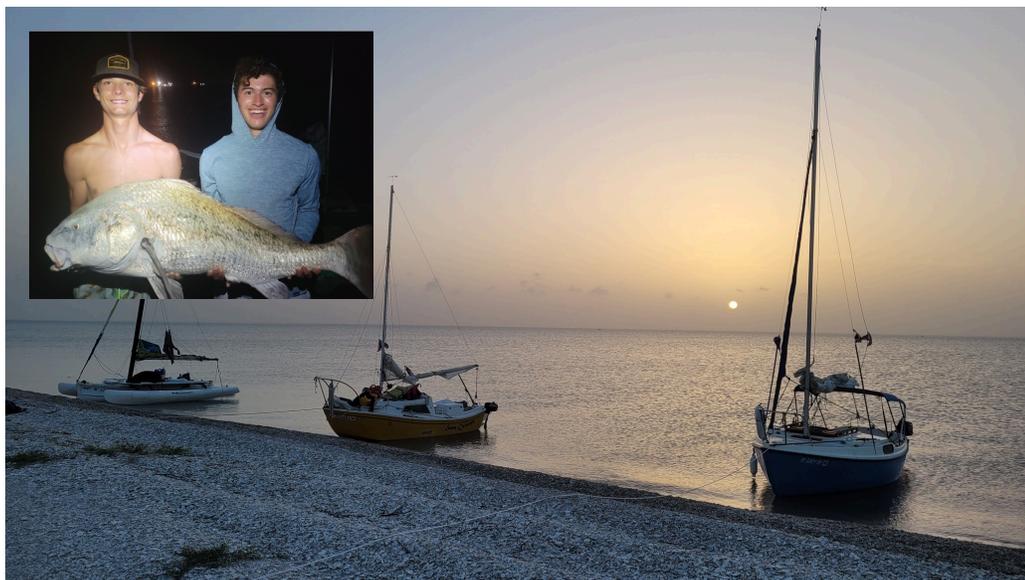
Our Scouts BSA youth earned nearly 10,000 merit badges in 2022. Our Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting youth combined to earn more than 14,000 rank advancements.



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Scouting is... **ADVENTURE**

How do you turn dreams into reality? In Scouting, youth can take part in fun yet challenging adventures that teach skills and teamwork while developing self-confidence. These outdoor experiences increase in scale and duration as youth grow older. But no matter the activity, boys and girls gain memories of natural beauty, friendships, and the knowledge that they can achieve incredible things in life with imagination, desire, and a willingness to try.



In June, Sea Scouts from Ship 405 embarked on a six-day challenge called the "Texas 200." The event challenges sailors with the task of navigating the shallow bay systems of Texas. They start in Port Mansfield and work their way to the final destination at Magnolia Beach, just south of Port Lavaca.

Each year, up to half of the participants don't make it to the finish of this event. This year, several boats suffered broken steering components and one boat was de-masted in the high winds; all had to retire from the event. But Sea Scouts Conor McAlister and Sam Medina became the youngest crew to complete the trip, joined by their Sea Scouting Skipper and a few other adult Scout leaders. Each day required 10 to 12 hours of sailing. Conor and Sam gained experience in radio communications by interacting with other participants as well as the Coast Guard and commercial shipping traffic. The trip took months of preparation to ensure the Scouts were able to crew their own boat, including learning advanced sailing skills and studying navigational charts.

Sea Scout Ship 405 is chartered by Christ Lutheran Church of Georgetown.



87% of adults who were Scouts five or more years say their time in Scouting helped them develop self-confidence later in their careers.

"Values of Scouts: A study of ethics and character," Harris Interactive



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Scouting is... **LEARNING**

Learning is part of every step of Scouting, whether earning the next milestone towards advancing in rank or discovering a new career interest through a merit badge. Every age group has the opportunity to learn new things and experience new challenges, whether they are outdoors or in a classroom-based setting. Either way, our activities are flexible, allowing any Scouting group to incorporate them.



Scouts in a STEM program at Blake Manor Elementary in Manor ISD enjoyed learning about chemical reactions while conducting the classic “volcano” experiment. We’re grateful for our partnership with Manor schools that allows us to bring Scouting and expanded science learning to these and other boys and girls.



Scouts are more likely than peers who have never been Scouts to report they earn mostly A's (25% to 17%). This is especially true of youth who have been Scouts for five or more years (29% to 17%).

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Scouting is... **OUTDOORS**

Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the worldwide founder of the Scouting movement, once said, "A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room." The outdoors present a change in elements that can test how well you lead others when conditions are less than ideal. Being outside is not only a proven benefit to youth mental health but can also reinforce key lessons in conservation and caring for the environment in a first-hand way not possible in purely classroom surroundings.



Members of Scouts BSA Troop 365 paddle through the Boundary Waters of Northern Minnesota during an 8-day trek at the Boy Scouts of America's Northern Tier High Adventure Base. The 67-mile adventure featured incredible scenery, plenty of fishing, and developing the confidence to overcome anything life will dish out in the future.

Outdoor program attendance in 2022:

Scouts BSA Summer Camp	1,125
TechLab STEAM Day Camp	241
Cub Fun Days/Activity Days	501
Webelos Extreme Adventure Camp	116
Scouts BSA Winter Camp	686
National Youth Leadership Training	102
STEM Adventure Weekend	147
Conservation Award Weekends	247

Scouts BSA Troop 365 is chartered by Round Rock Presbyterian Church.



88% of people surveyed who were a Scout for five or more years say Scouting helped develop their ability to work with other people.

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Scouting is... **ACHIEVEMENT**

Scouting provides opportunities for recognition and achievement for youth members and adult volunteers alike. Common threads found through the many awards and honors are leadership and service. These achievements mean more than just an individual honor; they are the practical embodiment of living a life according to the Scout Oath and Law.



(Above, right) Tito Rodriguez, Eagle Quest Director at our Lost Pines summer camp, was the 2022 recipient of the Lost Pines Scout Reservation (LPSR) Staff Association \$5,000 college scholarship.

(Right) Our council's 2022 recipients of the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award: Richard South, Kelly Cooper, Peter Sargent, Bobby Ray Williams Jr.



(Above) Eagle Scout Cole Kosch of Scouts BSA Troop 990 received the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award for National Service Territory 7, chosen from all Scouts in west, central, south, and southeast Texas and all of Louisiana. For his project, Cole made an original film on the dangers of vaping.

Scouts BSA Troop 990 is chartered by St. John Neumann Catholic Church.



82% of adults surveyed who were Scouts five or more years say Scouting improved their ability to accomplish personal goals.

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2022 Silver Beaver Award recipients

The highest honor presented at the local council level for service to youth through Scouting

Christy Cochran
Jason Fry
James Graham
Quida Kammer
James McClure
Bob Oatman
Kris Tolman

2022 Whitney M. Young Service Award recipients

Presented to adult volunteers/organizations providing exceptional service to rural and/or urban at-risk youth

Dale Clay
Gregory Smith
Hon. Larry Wallace, Jr., PhD
Kris Tolman

2022 William H. Spurgeon III Award recipients

Presented to adult volunteers/organizations providing exceptional service to youth through the Exploring program

Chief Joel Baker

2022 Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award recipients

Linda Huebner
Spencer Ledoux
Toni Nelson
Wayne Seifert
Heather Spencer
Terry Vlach

2022 Sea Scout Leadership Award recipients

Richard Florence
Emma "Gidget" Hurley

2022 Venturing Leadership Award recipients

Robin Reitler
Meghan Silva
Joseph Urban

2022 ¡Scouting ... Vale la Pena! Service Award recipients

Presented to adult volunteers providing exceptional service to Hispanic youth

Judge Maya Guerra Gamble



Ben Turner, Past President and member of our council's Executive Board, received the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Antelope Award. The award recognizes Scouters of exceptional character for distinguished service to youth in their territory. In addition to his years of leadership locally, Ben has helped guide the Exploring program and other activities across the country.



Tom Trefny and Peter Sargent received the National Sea Scout Leadership Award for exceptional service to Sea Scouting at the national level. Tom and Peter were two of just eight people nationwide to be recognized this year with this prestigious honor.



Austin Tharp of Scouts BSA Troop 511 organized N.E.R.D.L.U.C.K. (Northeast Raiders' Donated Laptops Upcycled for College Kids), a campaign to collect, refurbish, and donate previously-owned laptop computers for graduates of Northeast Early College High School pursuing post-secondary education. The Eagle Scout project involved nearly 600 hours of work soliciting and collecting donations while also organizing and managing volunteers to refurbish the computers. Austin graduated from Northeast in the top 3% of his class and is now attending The University of Texas at Austin.

Scouts BSA Troop 511 is chartered by St. Matthews Episcopal Church.



Berit Hibbs of Scouts BSA Troop 19 managed 130 hours of work by volunteers to create and install a sensory wall for children under age 5 at Congregation Beth Israel.

Scouts BSA Troop 19 is chartered by St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church.

Scouting is... **GIVING**

Our council is grateful for support through James E. West Fellowship gifts. These gifts contribute to our council's permanent endowment fund, ensuring the long-term success of Scouting through an ongoing source of re-investment into our camping properties and unit support structure. Donors this year ranged from individuals like Assistant Scoutmaster Steven Worthy of Scouts BSA Troop 198 (right) to organizations like The Gamma Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (below).



2022 James E. West Fellows

Toby Brodie
Jim Clarno
Brandon Colmark
Josette Crawford
Gamma Eta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Staci and Mike Kilpatrick
Bill Kohl
Brian Lasseter
Karl Martin
Thomas P. Rauner
Richard Scott
Ron Settele
Richard South
Steven Worthy



74% of Scouting adults surveyed say volunteering helps them be a better manager/supervisor; 66% say it helps them be a better employee.

Volunteer Outcomes Study, Harris Interactive



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Ron Garland, VP-Endowment, and Marietta Scott, Past President, recognized Executive Board member and VP-Diversity, Michael Files, and his family in April for their induction into the Boy Scouts of America's Second Century Society. This group is made up of individuals, families, foundations, and corporations who make a major gift contribution to Scouting at the local or national level. Established in 2011, the Second Century Society replaced the 1910 Society and Founders Circle as the way to recognize Scouting's major donors at both the local and national levels. Qualifying gifts to be recognized as a Second Century Society member include an outright gift of \$25,000 or more payable over five years. We are humbled by and grateful for the Files family's generosity and Michael's service on our Board.



Our council recognized a fantastic group of Scouters, business and community leaders playing a major role in the continued development of Smilin V Scout Ranch near Liberty Hill. The group's efforts have resulted in the construction of several large pavilions for units to use during weekend camping, as well as the beginning of a remodel of the kitchen at the camp's main pavilion. Thanks to this group, we plan to complete the kitchen remodel and build an additional four smaller campsite pavilions in 2023. Pictured L to R: Trey Taparuskas, Ed and Elizabeth Horne, Michael Price, Capitol Area Council VP-Endowment Ron Garland, Tom Tucker, Brian Gustison, Curtis Steger.

Scouting is... **FAMILY**

The demands of modern life often compete with parenting. But as Assistant Scoutmaster Octavio Hinojosa explains, Scouting can provide dedicated time for parents and children to enjoy together while giving youth the freedom they need to grow. "Scouting provides an enriching opportunity to spend quality father-daughter time with my eldest... Scouts BSA is an excellent and proven youth leadership development program that has allowed my Scout to feel more confident to speak in a social setting and learn new life lessons through merit badges that she would otherwise not be exposed to. Her Scouting experience also contributes to her academic performance at school. Seeing her intellectual curiosity grow with each merit badge earned is exciting... Additionally, I am delighted to see my Scout expand and diversify her social circle of friends beyond just her school friends."



Octavio Hinojosa and his daughter, Alexa, attending summer camp with Scouts BSA Troop 5131. "Given my role as an Assistant Scoutmaster, it was a great opportunity to be present with my daughter while at the same time giving her the space she needs to be independent, enjoy each day by taking merit badge classes, build new friendships with other Scouts in her troop, and for her to share the highlights of each day with me. I was proud to see her find her confidence and curiosity grow in the many possibilities Scouting offers our youth."

Scouts BSA Troop 5131 is chartered by Hope Presbyterian Church.



79% of Scouts surveyed say having close family relationships is the key to happiness.

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In Memoriam

Remembering our Scouting family lost in the past year



Ed Abrahamson



Ray Avila



Bob Barker



Lee Basore



Tom Bergstrom



Michael Bible



Max Fisher



Edmund Gamble



David Goodrich



James Gregorcyk



Joshua Hargrove



Jeffrey Hynes



Dante Ibarra



Bob Johnson



James Lackey



Kristin Lester



Thomas Linscomb



Annie Love



Roy Mast



Gordon McNutt



Brandon Oatman



Bill Pace



Dale Perry



Yuri Prentice



Mark Reeves



Lynn Reed



Josh Serrano



Ruth Smith



L. James Starr



Walter Stevens



Zack Swenson



Bruce Todd



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On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.