



# Facts About Scouting

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### Service

In 2010, service projects were conducted by more than 2.7 million youth members and more than 1.1 million volunteers.

- 28,335,249 service hours were reported in 2010.
- \$605,240,919 of service was provided by Scouts and leaders to communities across America. (Based on the \$21.36 Independent Sector value of volunteer time for 2010)
- Service Projects most commonly reported for Journey to Excellence in 2010 include
  - Food collection and distribution
  - Litter cleanup/community beautification
  - Military support/appreciation
  - Conservation projects
  - National Park Service Resource

### Volunteers

1,111,453 volunteers provided leadership for Scouting programs in 2010.

- On average, Scout volunteers give 20 hours per month in service to Scouting. This equals approximately 266,748,720 hours of volunteer time given to support Scouting in 2010. (Source: Volunteer Outcomes Study, Research & Evaluation)
- \$5,697,752,659 of volunteer time was given in 2010 to support Scouting across America. (Based on \$21.36 Independent Sector value of volunteer time for 2010)

### Alumni

- 181 NASA astronauts were involved in Scouting (57.4% of astronauts).
  - » 39 are Eagle Scouts.
- 35.5 percent of the United States Military Academy (West Point) cadets were involved in Scouting as youth.
  - » 15.6 percent of cadets are Eagle Scouts.
- 23 percent of United States Air Force Academy cadets were involved in Scouting as youth.
  - » 12 percent of cadets are Eagle Scouts.
- 25 percent of United States Naval Academy (Annapolis) midshipmen were involved in Scouting as youth.
  - » 11 percent of midshipmen are Eagle Scouts.
- 206 members of the 112th Congress participated in Scouting as a youth and/or adult leader.
  - » 29 are Eagle Scouts.



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### Scout Activities and Outdoor Adventures

In 2010, nearly 1.1 million youth attended a council camp or national high-adventure camp.

- Cub Scouts
  - 271,995 attended day camp.
  - 199,762 attended family camp.
  - 95,150 attended long-term resident camp.
- Boy Scouts
  - 424,235 attended long-term resident camp.
  - 61,387 attended high-adventure camp.
- Venturers
  - 5,161 attended long-term camp.
  - 20,596 attended high-adventure camp.
  - 22,577 attended Venturing activities.
- National high adventure base—Boy Scouts and Venturers
  - 21,201—Philmont
  - 8,971—Florida Sea Base
  - 4,428—Northern Tier
- Other outdoor adventures
  - 85,896—COPE
  - 139,593—Climbing and Rappelling

### Advancements and Awards

- 56,176 youth earned the rank of [Eagle Scout](#) in 2010. (Source: Program Impact Department—Eagle Scout Service)
  - From 1912 to 2010 more than 2 million Boy Scouts have earned the Eagle Scout rank. (Source: National Eagle Scout Association)
  - Eagle Scout rank is earned by only 5 percent of Boy Scouts each year. (Source: National Eagle Scout Association)
  - 2,056,870 [merit badges](#) were earned by Boy Scouts in 2010.
    - 110,837,443 merit badges have been earned by Boy Scouts since Scouting was established in 1910.
    - The most often earned merit badges since 1910 include:
      - First Aid—6,626,926
      - Swimming—6,008,004
      - Camping—4,426,201
      - Cooking—4,126,177
      - Citizenship in the Community—3,237,364
- (Source: 2010 BSA Local Council Index)