

Kansas and western Missouri to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the partners since 1913 in supporting unchanging values.



The Church Boy Scouts of America,



History of Scouting and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

In 1911, after a thorough investigation, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints officially organized Scouting under the direction of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association (YMMIA), which dated back to 1875.

In May 1913, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America issued a charter to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Since that time, the Church has continued to follow the programs of the Boy Scouts of America to help achieve its objectives for boys and young men. Wards and branches across the country charter thousands of Scout units including Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity teams and Venturing crews. These units serve hundreds of thousands of young people.

Scouting helps young men develop desirable character traits, citizenship, and physical and mental fitness. The Scouting program plays a strong role in the Church as it teaches boys

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and young men how to rely on themselves, lead others, prepare for emergencies, conserve natural resources. and become actively involved in community, school, and Church service.



Thomas S. Monson

"In this world where some misguided men and women strive to tear down and destroy great movements such as Scouting, I am pleased to stand firm for an organization that teaches duty to God and country, that embraces the Scout Law. Yes, an organization whose motto is 'Be prepared' and whose slogan is 'Do a good turn daily.'

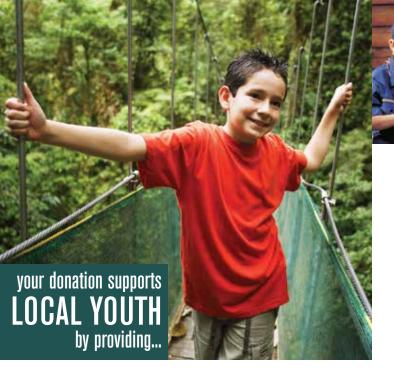


"The impact that Scouting has in building the character of boys is huge. Supporting this important cause is a wise investment in the future of our country.

"Investing in causes that positively build the character of young men will yield a great return on our investment. Scouting makes such a difference in the lives of young men."



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Support for 31,885 youth members, 14,773 adult volunteers, and 1,120 Scouting units

Quality Camping and Outdoor Programs at the H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Naish Scout Reservations

Primary Liability Insurance for adult leaders and chartered organizations

Activities such as merit badge forums, youth leadership trainings, camporees, and Cub Scout Day Camps

Training for adult and youth leaders through basic training, monthly roundtables, Wood Badge, National Youth Leadership Training, and University of Scouting

A Council Service Center offering support and resources for adult leaders including a professional staff of 65 full-time employees

Program Communications such as websites, eNews, flyers, and Adventures in Scouting newsletter

more than 90% of **EAGLE SCOUTS** serve full-time missions

How does Scouting support the purposes of the LDS Church with young men?

- · Helps them fulfill their Priesthood responsibilities and magnify callings
- Enhances their ability to give meaningful service
- · Prepares them to become a worthy husband and father
- Enables them to commit to, prepare for, and serve an honorable full-time mission
- Helps instill a duty to God
- Helps them make and keep sacred covenants

A partnership that works

The Heart of America Council and The Church of Jesus **Christ of Latter-day Saints**

For more than a century, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has partnered with councils to lead boys on the path that keeps them close to their families and the Church as they develop the qualities of citizenship, character, and fitness through the aims and methods of the Boy Scouts of America.

Working closely with the stakes in our council, Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity teams, and Venturing crews address the needs of families within the Church.

> Nearly 1,900 LDS SCOUTS from more than 175 LDS SCOUTING UNITS are currently served by the Heart of America Council.

This past year the Heart of America Council... BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA' HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL



Reaffirmed its Duty to God and Scouting Values

Explored future Career Choices by awarding 34,568 Merit Badges

Provided **Outdoor Learning** experiences to **15.491** Scouts at a council Summer Camp

Made Scouting available to all by serving 6,258 At-Risk youth in Kansas City's Urban Core

Recognized 675 young men with the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest honor

Trained 100% of adult volunteers with the tools to deliver a Quality Program

Provided 183,083 hours of Community Service to local neighborhoods

Encouraged continued Participation by awarding 16,850 Rank advancements

Provided \$111,373 in campership assistance to ensure all youth could attend **Summer Camp**

Exemplified continued **Distinction** as a Journey to **Excellence Gold** council

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