

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



of Latter-day Saints Boy Scouts of America, partners since 1913 unchanging values.



# **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 and Boy Scout troops. 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 and young men how to rely

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





**President** Thomas S. Monson 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.'

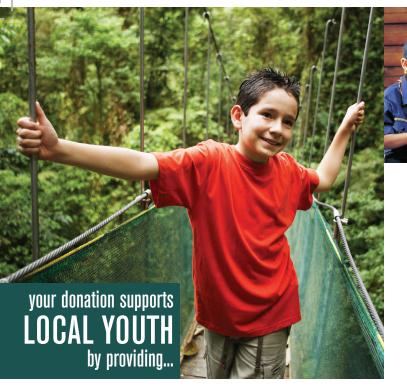


Elder Brian Rawson While there are many worthy causes in this world, I invite you to please consider investing in support of Scouting. For more than one hundred years, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has invested in the future of its youth by investing in Scouting. It has workedmarvelously! The Church continues its support of Scouting. I invite you to do the same. Your assistance now can make a difference for good in the lives of young men who will change the world for goodthanks to you.



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**Support** for 29,830 youth members, 14,255 adult volunteers, and 1,100 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

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

more than 90% of

**EAGLE SCOUTS** 

serve full-time missions

- · 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

The Mormon Trail District serves 1,802 LDS youth members in 161 Scouting units.

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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

This Past Year, the Heart of America Council...

Explored future Career Choices by awarding 32,119 Merit Badges

Provided **Outdoor Learning** experiences to **18,148** Scouts at a council **Summer Camp** 

Made Scouting available to all by serving 3,903 At-Risk youth in Kansas City's **Urban Core** 

Recognized 898 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 160,986 hours of Community Service to local neighborhoods

Encouraged continued Participation by awarding 15,597 Rank advancements

Provided \$91,195 in campership assistance to ensure all youth could attend **Summer Camp** 

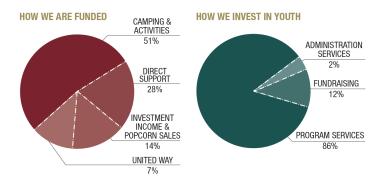
Exemplified continued **Distinction** as a Journey to

**Excellence Gold** council

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# **Council Budget**



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