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Dear Scouting Friends,

The Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America has shaped young lives through character, leadership, and service for nearly a century. Today, we honor that legacy while embracing a more dynamic future where the entire family can experience all the benefits of scouting.

In 2025, the Boy Scouts of America proudly begins a new chapter as Scouting America. We are excited to announce that the Daniel Webster Council will now be doing business as Scouting America New Hampshire. This new name clarifies who we serve and demonstrates our resounding commitment to Scouting. We invite all youth — boys and girls — into a world-class leadership program rooted in the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Our mission remains steadfast: to develop leaders of character through service, responsibility, and integrity.

## Unparalleled Outdoor Adventures

New Hampshire's diverse landscapes and our camps provide the perfect setting for Scouts to challenge themselves and grow. Our programs offer:

- **Backpacking & Hiking** – Exploring the diverse geography of New Hampshire from the Seacoast to Monadnock, the Lakes Region, the White Mountains, or the North Country, Scouts develop confidence and resilience from their experiences.
- **Camping & Survival Skills** – From weekend campouts to high-adventure expeditions, Scouts develop teamwork and self-reliance.
- **Aquatic Adventures** – Canoeing, kayaking, and sailing teach water safety and navigation.
- **Winter Activities** – Cold-weather camping, ice fishing, and snowshoeing foster adaptability.
- **STEM in the Outdoors** – Rock climbing, conservation, and orienteering integrate science and exploration.

These experiences create lifelong memories while instilling leadership, perseverance, and a deep appreciation for the outdoors.

## A Future of Scouting for All

We invite you to join us on this journey. Whether you are a current member, an alum, a new Scout, a dedicated volunteer, or a supporter of our mission, your involvement is vital as we continue to build the future of Scouting in New Hampshire.

We believe in a future where every child can experience the joy and growth that Scouting provides. Our program welcomes the entire family to take part in adventure, skill-building, and service.

Together, we will honor our past, embrace the present, and shape a future where young people can lead, serve, and thrive. Visit [nhscouting.org](https://nhscouting.org) to become part of our community.

Yours in Scouting,



Jay Garee  
Scout Executive and CEO  
Scouting America New Hampshire

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# SCOUTING is a FAMILY TRADITION



**D**onnie Shedd of Bedford shares more than his first and last name with his father, Donald Shedd. They share a love of Scouting, both dedicating decades to being a Scout and then a Scoutmaster. They've both held other leadership roles, believing deeply in the mission of Scouting. It's a love and dedication they are now passing on to a third generation.

Donnie Shedd grew up on Sunset Lake in Hampstead, N.H., where he first joined Scouting as a Cub Scout in Pack 111. His father, a lifelong Scout, was serving as assistant scoutmaster of his Cub Scout Pack. Shedd went on to earn the Order of the Arrow, the highest award in Cub Scouting, and crossed over to join Troop 33. He earned the rank of Eagle, the highest honor in Scouting, at 14, several years before most achieve that rank. He went on to join Venturing Crew 121 and earned the Silver and Venturing Ranger awards at that level.

Now he is Cubmaster of Pack 5, one of three packs in Bedford, N.H. Extending the family affair even further, his wife is a Den Leader in Pack 5, and his father is a

Unit Commissioner for Pack 5. Keeping it all in the family, his sons, Bryson, 10, and Liam, 7, are Cub Scouts in Pack 5.

"Cub Scouts is designed to be a family program," the younger Shedd said. "Years ago, you used to drop off and pick up the kids for a meeting. Now the family stays. We have adult partners for the kids. The message I give to new families is if your child joins Cub Scouts, you join Cub Scouts."

He said all family members can join in activities such as meetings and camp-outs, but there is flexibility. He said if a family isn't interested in camping or has a conflict, they don't have to go. There are camping requirements for older Cub Scouts as they prepare to move to the



Scouting is a family tradition in the Shedd family. From left: Donna, Donnie, Liam, Donald, Bryson and Jillian.



Liam Shedd is a Cub Scout in Bedford.

next level, but those skills can be taught and practiced during other events and meetings.

“There is something for everybody. ... I think one of the bigger benefits is the way Cub Scouts is designed to be a family program. It’s great where you can have the entire family, especially with the changes that they’ve made with allowing females into the program. We are now a family pack,” he said. “You have a lot of families in the unit that have two children in the program, sometimes three. The entire family can participate in one extracurricular.”

### “Scouting laid a foundation for the direction of my life as an adult in the workforce,”

He said the addition of girls to Packs and Troops makes Scouting a desirable extracurricular because the whole family now can go to one place and one meeting, simplifying the need to drive each kid to a different activity or sport. His Cub Pack also offers year-round programming, meeting twice a month during the school year and once a month over the summer so the cost of membership — a Scout’s annual dues — go further and provide access to many different activities all year long, instead of just one for a season or semester.

“There have been so many program changes, and there’s been such an expansion of the program with allowing girls to join, and other changes,” he said. “Scouting had to change to come in line with other activities ... The program would have gotten stagnant had they not made the changes that they did. The changes have been unbelievably beneficial.”

He noted the breadth of the activities through which merit badges build skills. “They’ve really gone above and beyond to include something for everyone, from digital technology to landscape architecture,” he said.

His favorite merit badge to work on as a Scout was the three levels of the

Citizenship badge. Another favorite memory is his service as a bugler. Shedd’s father played trumpet in the Army band during his military service. When Shedd got old enough to pick an instrument in school, he picked the trumpet. His father also taught him to play the bugle and he would play “Taps” often in Scout ceremonies and events. Later, he was in the Air Force Junior ROTC in high school and was usually the one chosen to perform at the town of Hampstead’s Memorial Day and Veterans’ Day services.

Shedd feels his Scouting experience as a boy directly influenced his career choice.

“Scouting laid a foundation for the direction of my life as an adult in the workforce,” he said.

A public servant all his life, he worked as a police, fire and EMT dispatcher from 2008 until a few months ago when he started a new job as a paralegal in the city of Manchester’s law office.

He is the president of the Paralegal Association of New Hampshire, on the advisory board for the Paralegal Studies program at Middlesex Community College, and is on the advocacy committee for the National Federation of Paralegal Associations. He was honored as one of the Union Leader’s 40 under 40 award winners for 2024. Shedd also coaches Little League in Bedford in addition to being a Cubmaster.

He cited his father as his primary role model. The 75-year-old still lives in Hampstead and is a Unit Commissioner, for Troop 33, Donnie’s childhood troop as well as a Unit Commission for his grandsons’ Pack in Bedford. He said Craig Cascadden, his former Scoutmaster at the troop level, was a big influence, too, and he still keeps in touch with him.

Cub Scouting is a good choice for families.

“It comes down to the overall aim of Scouting. You’re looking to develop

a young person’s character, their citizenship, their personal fitness, and their leadership,” he said. “I think parents see this as we work on different activities. It all goes to creating a well-rounded human being.”

He said the effect of his Scouting experience on him has been lifelong.

“Families with more than one child really do have to pick and choose their extracurriculars, because there’s only so many hours in a day; there’s only so many days in a week,” he said. “I think that people do need to give Scouting a look. ... As a kid, I was involved with more than Scouting. I did Little League, I did soccer, I did all those things. But out of all of the extracurriculars that I’ve done, only one of them has followed me into my adult life. Eagle Scout is the only one listed on my resume. ... It’s like a signal that this is a well-rounded, responsible and trustworthy adult.” ■

## Weekly Summer Camps for Boys & Girls

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\*You do not need to be a registered member of Scouting America to attend Day Camp.

# OPPORTUNITY Starts Here

Scouting is known for giving youth opportunities to grow leadership skills and character. But being part of a Pack or Troop also opens the door to extracurricular experiences they might not be able to access as an individual.

Becoming part of the Scouting community creates space for children to dive into special interests or discover a new hobby. Supported by their peers and adult volunteers, boys and girls can collaborate by completing merit badges, planning adventures and serving the community. Here's a look at a few of the many experiences that New Hampshire youth have had the chance to participate in through Scouting:

## High Adventure Bases

Outdoor exploration has long been a hallmark of the Scouting experience. BSA National High Adventure Bases take that to new heights with four base camps offering multi-day adventures. In Minnesota, the Northern Tier offers incredible canoe journeys and wild winter wilderness camping. Sea Base in the Florida Keys provides access to aquatic programs like sailing, scuba diving, rustic camping on an undeveloped barrier island, fishing, ocean kayaking or paddle boarding. Philmont Scout Ranch offers 214 square miles of rugged New Mexico wilderness. It even offers training, service programs, and best of the old west programs — burro packing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history. The Summit Bechtel Reserve is an adventure center for the millions who love whitewater kayaking, ATViing, or archery.



## Scout Day at Fisher Cats

Since the team first arrived in Manchester in 2004, Scouts have had the opportunity to experience an action-packed evening with the Fisher Cats at Delta Dental Stadium. Youths first watch the minor league team compete in an Eastern League baseball game. After the final pitch, it's not time to go home. Scouts may choose to camp out on the field. In 2024, 340 Scouts attended Scout Night, with about 160 participating in the sleepover. Campers watched a movie on the outfield scoreboard as part of the campout experience.



## Scout Day on Broadway

Last November, 54 Scouts and chaperones filled a charter bus in New Hampshire before dawn broke and headed to the Big Apple. Several hours later, they arrived on Broadway to watch Disney's "Aladdin" at the New Amsterdam Theatre in New York City. The Scouts were introduced to A Whole New World of professional theatre. The youth participated in a question-and-answer session with some of the cast following the performance. Each received a patch to remember the experience.



## Merit Badges Offered

Lakes Region Community College hosted its inaugural Merit Badge College, welcoming over 113 participants from Scouting America in October. Ranging in age from 11 to 17, these young leaders traveled from as far as Rhode Island and Vermont to earn merit badges through hands-on learning experiences with LRCC faculty and merit badge counselors. The program featured a diverse array of sessions aligned with LRCC's academic offerings, including graphic arts, robotics, digital technology, first aid and automotive. In all, Scouts earned 171 merit badges. This collaboration inspired future leaders and showcased the LRCC campus to Scouts, highlighting the valuable skills and opportunities available at community college.



## Girls in Scouting: Expanding Opportunities for All

Scouting America continues to grow stronger — welcoming girls into Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA. This milestone has opened the door for more youth across the Granite State to experience the adventure, leadership, and values Scouting provides. Since the program expanded, we've seen meaningful growth and incredible enthusiasm from those who've joined. In 2024, 301 girls were enrolled in Scouting America New Hampshire. These trailblazing Scouts are hiking trails, leading service projects, earning ranks, and building lifelong friendships — all while living the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Perhaps the most inspiring milestone of all — of the 160 Scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2024, 16 were female. These young women have proven that leadership, perseverance, and a commitment to service know no boundaries. With every campout, badge earned, and good turn, girls across New Hampshire are showing us what's possible when every child has the chance to Scout.



## Scouts Read Sacred Texts

On May 2, 2024, during the National Day of Prayer, Scouts from around the world came together for the first-ever Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide event, a remarkable demonstration of unity, respect, and spiritual reflection. More than 3,600 youth from 174 councils participated, representing the diversity and inclusivity that lie at the heart of Scouting. Scouts of various faiths read their sacred texts in 15-minute intervals. The initiative included writings from Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Muslim faiths, while also featuring readings from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Eastern Orthodox, Sikh, Hindu, and other religious traditions. The goal was simple yet profound: to celebrate the global Scouting family's commitment to fostering mutual respect and understanding. In total, over 800 hours of sacred texts were read.



## A Celebration of Adventure, Learning, and Family Fun

On September 7, 2024, nearly 3,000 excited families gathered at Bass Pro Shops in Hooksett for NH KidsFest 2024, a cornerstone event hosted by Scouting America New Hampshire. A perfect blend of hands-on activities, Scouting spirit, and community connection, this year's event brought families together for a day of learning and fun, while providing families with a chance to connect with their community. While NH KidsFest was a playground of fun, its deeper mission was clear: to introduce families to the world of Scouting and its commitment to building leadership, character, and lifelong skills. Plans for NH KidsFest 2025 are already underway, with organizers promising an even bigger and better event on Sept. 6, 2025.



# SCOUTING SKILLS

## FOUNDATIONAL TO LIFE'S SUCCESS

Scouting teaches life skills and survival skills, but perhaps the most important skill it teaches is leadership. Through opportunities of mentoring, collaboration and experiences young people can't find elsewhere, Scouting builds strong leaders. The values ingrained in Scouts last for an education, a career and a lifetime.



In 2024, Fire Chief Dave Emanuel was awarded the Silver Beaver Award by Scouting America New Hampshire. The ceremony was attended by his wife Maria, and children Cole, Graham and Elly, as well as his parents Fred and Kathy Emanuel, and his mother-in-law Betty Bamberger.

### Empowerment through Leadership

Dave Emanuel of Stratham has been the chief of the Durham Fire Department since 2018. Overseeing 26 career employees and 13 part-time employees and approximately 2,600 service calls annually, he is responsible for fire and rescue coverage for the town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire's main campus. He's also the president of the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs.

Long before all this, he was a Cub Scout in Pack 185 in Stratham, the town he still calls home. Then he went on to Troop 185 and was an Explorer Post at the Stratham Fire Department. Today, he's Troop 185's Scoutmaster.

His experiences as a Scout and now as Scoutmaster, nurturing and mentoring the Scout-led Troop, are used every day in his professional life.

"It exactly carries right through to what I'm doing today. Some municipal organizations are entirely leader-led. I work my

hardest to empower every person within the Durham Fire Department to perform their best, to bring their best to the table, and to take the Durham Fire Department to levels that none of us can get to on our own," he said. "It started with the troop and in the post."

**"All these things that were building me before I knew they were building me."**

He was the senior patrol leader for the World Jamboree in Australia over New Year's 1987-88 and worked hand in hand with Scoutmaster Tom Kehoe, whom he cites as a mentor, preparing for the trip. He still keeps in touch with Kehoe, noting, "He helped me see the bigger picture."

"It was really neat being immersed in that kind of culture, camping in tents right

next to us," he said. "I think we had Italian Scouts on one side and Mexican Scouts on the other."

Troop 185 Scoutmaster Chuck Palm, assistant chief of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department, was a big influence on Emanuel's life, he says. In addition to leading his troop, Palm started an Explorer Post at the Stratham Fire Department, which Emanuel joined. Palm introduced him to the fire service he would come to love, but there was more. "I began to understand how to think and work with people from watching him," he said. "Those were fundamental lessons that I still rely on today."

He credits Palm with teaching him emergency preparedness and life-saving skills as well as communicating well and public speaking, "all the things that were building me before I knew they were building me," he said.

His experience in the Explorer Post helped prepare him to pursue a career

in fire service the minute he got to the UNH campus.

“In the fall of 1990, I came to the Durham Fire Department and asked, ‘What can I do?’ And they said, ‘Nothing, you have to be a second-semester freshman. We don’t hire first-semester freshmen,’” Emmanuel said. “I came back in January as a second-semester freshman, and that spring, they hired me as a part-time call firefighter here.”

In 1997, after graduating with dual degrees in Business Administration and Civil Engineering, he was hired as a full-time firefighter, and he hasn’t left yet.

### Exploring Interests and Developing Skills

Kyle Dimick, who just graduated from Plymouth State University in 2024, is the CEO and founder of LifeAble, a company dedicated to creating devices to help those with disabilities. He just received a patent for his first device, an automatic nail clipper called Trim-Able.

“I have always enjoyed working toward goals and learning new skills, so Boy Scouts was perfect for me,” Dimick said, who began Scouting as a Tiger in Thorn-

ton, where he still lives.

He loved learning the broad range of skills, from working with circuitry to welding, he earned 59 merit badges and supervised the building of a 16-foot-long bridge for his Eagle Scout project.

“I felt like it would make a long-lasting impact. I wanted to do something that would be there for years to come,” Dimick said.

Scouting helped him earn multiple certifications and recognitions in the areas of first aid, wilderness survival, leadership and more, all of which have helped him in his professional life, he said. He also had the opportunity to attend national youth leadership training and high adventure leadership training.

He said one of his best Scouting memories was a 50-mile canoe trip in Pittsburg. The trip was a lot of fun, he said, and took a surprising turn when a conservation officer tracked him down in the middle of it to award him Scouting’s Medal of Merit. A few months earlier, he had come upon a serious car accident and provided significant emergency care to the victims.

Dimick said he is the first person in New Hampshire and among the first in the United States to achieve the rank of Summit, the highest rank in Venturing. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, the national Scouting honor society.

“These experiences helped me be an effective leader during my college years,” the young inventor said.

Today, Dimick works as an AV information systems specialist at Plymouth State while also working on his business and developing Trim-Able. He feels that those who need accessible products are underserved, and the products available are overpriced. He wants to change that and their everyday lives.

His prototype and business idea of a company that produces accessible technologies won the Panther’s Pitch contest at Plymouth State and received the second-place prize in the 2024 Paul J. Holloway Innovation to Market Competition at the University of New Hampshire.

“What I’m doing is taking a task that most people have to deal with, and I’m making a device that will help not just people who have difficulty with that task, but everyone as a whole,” he said. “My goal is to have completely able-bodied people also want to buy this because it is a better way of doing the task.”

### Living the Scout Law

Jim Merrill is the managing partner and state director for The Bernstein Shur Group in New Hampshire, where he is one of the state’s top public affairs advisors, developing strategic plans and campaigns for navigating public affairs and communications for corporate, non-profit and political clients. He has been a senior advisor to the presidential campaigns of Marco Rubio, George W. Bush and Mitt Romney. Now living and working in Manchester, he feels the values he learned as a Scout have influenced him throughout his career.

“I think in the professional context, your word is your bond. To be a good consultant, to be a good lawyer, to be a good colleague, you’ve got to be trustworthy. That means something,” he said. “And people need to know they can rely on you.”

Merrill joined Cub Scouts in 1981, becoming a member of Pack 104 in the

Juniata Valley Council in central Pennsylvania, where his family moved for his dad’s job. After a couple of years, his father, Frank Merrill, took over as his Scoutmaster for Troop 104. Merrill had joined Scouts with a group of friends that close-knit group of fathers and sons took amazing trips the Scouts have not forgotten.

As a New Hampshire native, Merrill brought the Pennsylvania troop to hike the White Mountains. Staying in the Appalachian Mountain Club huts, the Scouts hiked Mount Madison the first day, then over to the Lake of the Clouds hut the second day. On day three, they hiked out the Crawford path to the Mizpah Spring hut, then hiked out on day four.

“It was a blast. I couldn’t say more about my experience,” he said. “It was really a formative part of my childhood.”

He said Scouting has shaped him as a professional and as a person.

“I could cite the Scout Law and its different aspects. I do think about it. You’re

taught it, and you kind of live it — trustworthy, loyal and helpful,” he said. “I’ve taken it upon myself to pay it forward in the community — ‘help other people at all times,’ right? You try to be supportive, to be a force for good and to help improve other people’s lives.”

He also values how Scouting taught him to be a good team member.

“Scouting is about a team. There’s individual advancement, yes, but it comes within a unit. And the idea of team-building really resonates with me,” he said. “I learned a lot of that in Scouting, doing team-building exercises in everyday chores like building a fire, pulling a sled, portaging a canoe, preparing meals, all of it encouraged us to work together. We had different ways of approaching it, and it made you think differently about how you interact with other people whose background may be different than yours, and whose perspective may be different than yours, and that has served me so well in everything that I’ve done since.” ■



**SCOUTING ALUMNI**

**Legacy**  
continues when you reconnect, give back, and help shape the future of Scouting.

**Community**  
connecting with Scouting alumni, fostering mentorship, and continuing a legacy of leadership and service.

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# Rekindle the Fire of Scouting

## 5 Easy Ways Alumni and Supporters Can Reconnect

For many, Scouting was a life-changing experience — an introduction to teamwork, leadership, community service, and outdoor adventure. But as life’s responsibilities grow, our connection to Scouting often fades into the background. Yet, for thousands of former Scouts and supporters, the path back to Scouting is not only possible — it’s deeply rewarding.

Reconnecting with Scouting isn’t just about nostalgia or revisiting childhood memories. It’s about rediscovering a community that thrives on values and purpose. If you’ve admired Scouting’s mission from afar, there are countless ways to connect and reignite your journey.

### The Lasting Impact of Scouting

Ask anyone who has been part of Scouting, and they’ll tell you that it’s more than camping trips and earning merit badges. Scouting shapes individuals into leaders, problem-solvers, and engaged citizens. Studies consistently show that those who participate in Scouting are more likely to volunteer in their communities, take on leadership roles, and demonstrate a commitment to civic duty.

The beauty of Scouting is that its impact reaches far beyond just youth.

Volunteers, parents, and community members often find a deep sense of purpose and belonging through their involvement. It’s a community of like-minded individuals united by a shared commitment to mentorship, service, and personal growth.

### Why Reconnect Now?

Scouting has continually evolved to meet the needs of today’s youth, blending modern skills with timeless traditions. Scouting continues to highlight leadership, environmental stew-

ardship, STEM education, and community involvement, all while staying true to its core traditions like camping, first aid, outdoor survival, the Scout Oath & Law, and our Duty to God and Country.

Scouting is a lifelong adventure, enriched by the voices, wisdom, and talents of those who have been part of it. When alumni and supporters reconnect — by offering their time, skills, or encouragement — they strengthen the movement, helping it thrive and make a lasting impact for future generations.

### Ways to Reconnect and Support Scouting

#### 1. Volunteer Your Time

Scouting America New Hampshire thrives through the dedication of volunteers who help shape meaningful experiences for youth. Whether serving on committees, mentoring as merit badge counselors, organizing events, or lending a hand as needed, every role makes a difference. No extensive Scouting background is required, just a passion for guiding young people on their path to growth and leadership.

#### 2. Mentor the Next Generation

Scouts gain invaluable insight from real-world experiences. By serving as a mentor or guest speaker, you can share your career journey, life lessons, or personal passions with Scouts eager to learn. Many merit badges encourage Scouts to connect with professionals across various fields, whether it’s finance, engineering, environmental science, or even culinary arts, offering them a deeper understanding and real-life perspectives.

#### 3. Support Financially

Your support helps fund local youth programs, provide camp scholarships for New Hampshire Scouts, and strengthen community service projects across the state. You can also direct your gift to areas you’re most passionate about, such as outdoor adventure, hands-on learning experiences, or leadership development, ensuring your generosity directly benefits Scouts in your community.

#### 4. Attend Events and Celebrations

Scouting America New Hampshire hosts alumni gatherings, service days, and camp open houses, providing a welcoming and low-pressure way to reconnect. These events offer the chance to meet current Scouts, see the positive impact Scouting continues to have across the state, and relive meaningful moments around a familiar campfire or at a camp that still holds a special place in your heart.

#### 5. Share Your Scouting Story

Social media and digital platforms have made it easier than ever to share personal experiences. Post a throwback photo, talk about how Scouting shaped your values, or highlight local troops doing great work. Your story could inspire someone else to get involved or reignite a fellow alumnus’s interest.

### The Power of Community

Reconnecting with Scouting isn’t just about giving back — it’s about reigniting that sense of purpose, belonging, and connection that leaves a lasting impact. Scouting is a place where values are lived, service is celebrated, and everyone has the power to shape the future.

Whether you once wore the uniform or are just now discovering what Scouting is all about, you’re building something meaningful for the next generation, helping young people grow into confident, compassionate, and community-minded leaders. ■



“Scouting was an incredible program for our boys. It gave them the freedom to be themselves, discover what they were passionate about, and grow into confident, young men. Whether your child is drawn to adventure, leadership, science, being outdoors, or loves making new friends, there’s a place for them in Scouting. And for us as parents, we became really connected to a supportive, inspiring community of Scout families.”

— Kathy Sevigny  
CEO of Altos

To learn more and find a Scouting program near you, visit [603Scouts.org](https://603Scouts.org).





# SCOUTING

## IN THE GRANITE STATE

**4,538** YOUTH SERVED  
across the Granite State

**252** UNITS SERVED  
building futures through  
one scouting mission

**2,675** VOLUNTEERS  
served as role models and  
mentors for our Scouts

**9,837** MILES HIKED  
embodying the spirit of  
Scouting with each step

**10,827** DAYS CAMPED  
thousands of days and nights,  
countless adventures

**11,557** ITEMS COLLECTED  
during our annual Scouting  
for Food drive

**160** EAGLE SCOUTS  
excelled and earned Scouting's  
top rank

**21,237** ACHIEVEMENTS  
introduced Scouts to new  
skills while advancing in rank

**44,873** SERVICE HOURS  
performed by Scouts to  
improve communities

**\$1.5M** VALUE OF HOURS  
performed by scouts totaled  
over \$1.5 million

### TOP EARNED MERIT BADGES



First Aid  
**455**



Camping  
**425**



Cit. in the Nation  
**372**