

Scouting Brings Change

I have really changed during the last four years. If it weren't for the Boy Scouts, I might not have learned how to cook or treat someone who sliced their hand chopping potatoes for a stew.

Boy Scouts gave me the leadership skills needed to be elected National Junior Honor Society President in 8th grade and later become Sophomore Representative for the Hightower High School marching band. Recently I was elected Senior Patrol Leader. I learned how to quickly handle problems, not if, but when they arose.

I learned independence and how to take care of myself when my parents weren't there. **I learned a lot of life skills without having to do it the hard way, and I got to experience them on purpose rather than out of necessity.**

Something my dad said at my Eagle Scout Court of Honor sums it all up, it's not the accomplishments that are the most important - it's who you have become, and I like who you have become. I have to agree with my dad- I like who I have become, and who I have become is because of Scouts.

- Daniel Ogilvie, Eagle Scout 2005



He Loved Cub Scouting

An elderly friend dropped by to visit after the loss of her son to cancer at the early age of 46. Since her life was in its twilight she was very deliberate - making the most of life. She sat down and shared stories of her son, his life, death and how Scouting had a special place in his heart.

She went on to say that on his 8th birthday she and her husband gave him a small sterling silver Cub Scout ring. He loved the ring as much as he loved Cub Scouting. He wore it daily and eventually had to have it cut from his finger because he never took it off.

From her purse she produced a small folded tissue containing the tarnished silver Cub Scout ring belonging to her son and gave it to me because she wanted to be sure her son and his love of Scouting would not be forgotten.

Such a small gift with so great a remembrance!

We continued to visit a while longer before she had to part company and take care of other visits that day. **The significance of Scouting is so often underestimated.**

- Committee Member, Troop 120



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Harry E. Boyoy, Jr. Council President 1983-84

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 Mr. Harry E. Boyoy, Jr. is a valued member of the Sam Houston Area Council family of Scouters, beginning his service in 1960 as a member of the Board of Directors and continuing to serve as Chairman of the Board in 1965 and 1966. Harry now serves a Life member and has been awarded the Silver Beaver, Silver Arrowhead and Silver Buffalo for his distinguished service to Scouting and a Baden-Powell Fellow of the World Scouting Organization. Due to Mr. Boyoy's foresight and generosity, the Boyoy Scout Ranch was built. We are proud that his name will be a part of the Sam Houston Area Council for many generations.

On Saturday, May 11, 2006, Mr. Harry Boyoy, Jr. received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor at a ceremony in the Great Hall on Ellis Island.

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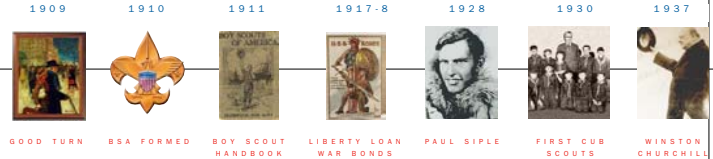
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Growing with Scouting

Scouting has done a great deal for our society by creating members that are virtuous, selfless, and most importantly those that know how to work as a team. Society cannot function unless everyone contributes.

Teamwork is one of the many things Scouting teaches its members. When I first started Scouting, I thought of nothing but myself. I did many things to benefit myself even at the expense of others (much like my 10 year old does). Gradually I began to form a fellowship with the other Scouts and an interesting thing occurred. **Rather than undercut one another, we started to work together to get things done.**

I have noticed a stark contrast between Scouts and non-Scouts. While the Scouts mature into responsible citizens, many of my non-Scouting friends continue to act with childish behavior.

I attribute my growth to Scouting experiences. None of my other friends have ever set up camp in the rain, or built a fire from wet wood. Few have been backpacking in Philmont or sailing in the Florida Keys, or even organized an Eagle project. These Scouting activities require everyone to pitch in and work together.

No one person can do it by themselves, and as a consequence, we all came together as a team. The single greatest thing that Scouting left me is the feeling of camaraderie with my fellow man.

Christopher Nunu
 Eagle Scout 2005



Eagle Scout Family

Astronaut and Eagle Scout, Mike Fossum, one of three STS-121 mission specialists onboard the recent Discovery shuttle carried his nephew's Eagle Scout patch into space.

Davis Fossum and his 48-year-old uncle are two of several Eagle Scouts in the family. Davis' father, Greg, a dentist and fellow Eagle Scout serves as a Scoutmaster. Davis' other uncle, Terry also earned his Eagle Scout badge as a teenager.

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Mike Fossum - Eagle Scout 1975








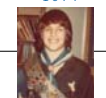

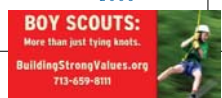
You Took My Boy...

Does Boy Scout summer camp really make a difference in the lives of boys? Harris Hattis, investigative conducted a survey among parents of boys attending camp. For decades parents have given anecdotal evidence that the camp experience changed their sons. A commonly communicated sentiment has been, "You took my boy and he came home more like a young man." **More than 80% of parents indicate summer camp resulted in positive changes in their sons.**





Legacy Timeline

1943  SSS JOLLY ROGER	1950  POPULAR MAGAZINE	1951  CAMP STREAK	1955  FAT STOCK SHOW	1957  CUB RING GIVEN	1960  ROCKWELL STAMP	1963  HARRY BOYAV, JR.	1974  HALBACH EARNS EAGLE	1975  MIKE FOSSUM EAGLE	2006  A PROUD LEGACY CONTINUES
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Preparing Youth for Life

Dr. Ed Young, pastor of Houston's Second Baptist recently recalled his Scouting experience with Troop 22 in Columbia, S.C., one of the oldest troops in the country, while speaking at the Boy Scouts of America Duty to God Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

"The first time I slept out under the stars was as a Cub Scout," Dr. Young said, noting that he later participated as a Boy Scout, Explorer, and Sea Scout and that "going to camp in Mississippi was a life-changing experience for me."



Scouting is in both the "preparing business and the repairing business," Dr. Young pointed out. "Every Scout leader knows that of the young boys who come under our care, so many of them need repairing.... We have to stand in the gap, because there are so many gaps out there, so much brokenness among youth."

When it comes to preparing youth for life in the 21st century, "thank God for the Boy Scouts of America," Dr. Young declared. "We already have in place the perfect program that will make a radical difference in the life of these boys.... I don't know of a higher calling on this planet than the calling God has placed on Scouting volunteers."

Now is a great time to join Scouting!

The council hopes to recruit more than 12,000 Scouts this fall. Parents and congregations encourage boys to join us! Scouting fills a need. Please visit our website buildingstrongvalues.org or call us at 713-059-8111 for more information.

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Eagle Scouts, cont.

During the recent STS-121 mission Mike Fossum and Piers Sellers conducted spacewalks to test the 50-foot robotic arm boom extension as a work platform, perform maintenance on the station's Mobile Transporter, and install a spare part on the station's thermal control system.

"It's kind of a tradition in my family. I saw my uncles, my dad and my cousins were Scouts, and I said 'Hey I want to be a part of that club,'" Davis said.

Davis started as a Cub Scout at the age of 10 and earned the highest award offered by Boy Scouts of America this past June. Only about 4 percent of all scouts ever reach the rank of Eagle Scout.

Last summer, Davis and his father Greg spent 12 days on a hiking trip at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico using basic survival skills they learned in the program and said they plan to make a canoeing trip to Canada for the next summer trip.

"I don't think I'd love being outside as much if it weren't for Scouts. You learn a lot of things that help you with friendships, school and just tools for life," said the incoming high school junior.

Mike Fossum said that through Scouting he learned vital skills that helped him persevere through years of intensive training on the road to becoming an astronaut. "I'm a huge believer in the Scout program," "It helped me develop many of the skills I use today - the biggest being self-reliance."

The astronaut said his 9-year-old son Kenny is currently a Cub Scout, but he said he hopes to one day present his youngest son with one of the Eagle Scout patches he'll take up to space with him during the mission.



Mitch, 19, his oldest son, earned his Eagle Scout badge a year ago, and his 15-year-old son John is also working toward that accomplishment.

Mike Fossum did have one last piece of advice for future astronauts: "Have the dream. Grab hold of the dream and figure out every day how to reach it and maybe in a few more years I'll be handing off the torch."



Davis Fossum showing a photo of his Uncle - Mike Fossum

Tad Halbach

While many Eagle Scouts remain active in the program throughout their lives, Tad Halbach got busy with college and law school, and did not reconnect until early in his law career. It was the mid-1980s and the Houston Young Lawyers Association was looking for volunteers to restart its Law Exploring post. Halbach stepped forward serving as its advisor for 4 years. Halbach also participated with the committee that judged the Sam Houston Area Council's Scout Fair - the largest Scout Fair in the country.

Halbach's next brush with Scouting came when his oldest son joined Cub Scouting. Then a state district judge, Halbach tried to keep a low profile, but he ended up taking over his son's den in 1996 when the previous leader stepped down. "Ever since then, I've been adding square knots to my uniform," he said. In the years since, Halbach has served as den leader, Webelos den leader, pack committee member, assistant Cubmaster, and troop committee chairman.

Halbach said he has always listed his Eagle Scout Award on his resume. Although the award did not get him appointed to the bench it did not hurt either. In 1996 when he first met the Texas governor - a man named George W. Bush - the governor said "Oh you're our Eagle Scout." Halbach recognizes that being an Eagle Scout comes with a great deal of responsibility. "It's an obligation you carry with you the rest of your life," he said.



Tad Halbach was reconnected with Scouting in the mid-1980s when he agreed to serve as adviser for the Houston Young Lawyers Association. He has remained active since.

Select Timeline Views:

- Good Turn Brings Scouting to USA - 1909
Since the BSA's inception in 1910, both Scouts and Scouters alike have learned to live the principles of the Scout Oath and Law through community service and "helping other people at all times."
- 1st Edition of the Boy Scout Handbook featured cover artwork by Gordon Grant - a line drawing of a Scout in front of a campsite waving his campaign hat, beckoning Scouts to join in the adventure.
- Scouts Sell Liberty Bonds 1917-1918. Scouting's full resources were placed at the service of the United States Government in World War I under the slogan "Help Win the War." As part of the war effort, 1917-18, Scouts sold 2,350,977 Liberty Loan bonds, totaling \$147,876,902; war savings stamps, to a value of \$53,043,698.
- Eagle Scout Paul Siple sailed to Antarctica with Admiral Byrd in 1928.
- James E. West, Chief Scout Executive, poses with the first officially recognized cub unit, Pack 43, Brooklyn NY, in 1930. Its program was developed through experiments with British-style Cubbing begun in 1928.
- The Boy Scout Movement speaks to every heart its message of duty and honor: 'Be Prepared' to stand up faithfully for Right and Truth, however the winds may blow - Winston Churchill 1937
- Jolly Roger 3, SSS Jolly Roger, Houston, TX, 1943: Spotting a skiff in distress was the task assigned to these Sea Scouts who sped across Trinity Bay in the cabin cruiser Clayjack, which was available at the Houston Yacht Club when an SOS came from an anxious mother (Houston Chronicle, October 1943)
- Rockwell stamp issued Feb 8, 1960. First day covers broke all records with 1.4 million.

Endorsed by Moms



There were fun times and difficult times, both taught my son to endure and achieve. He has confidence and strength in himself and what he can accomplish. -Karen Davison, Bryan, TX

We Salute Jacob

Cub Scout Honors Flag Nine year old Cub Scout, Jacob Ceasar went out to eat lunch with his family at a local Whataburger. While enjoying his meal he looked outside and saw that the American flag which flew at the restaurant looked tattered and worn due to tree branches being too close to the flagpole.

Jacob took responsibility for the matter and told his father that he would like to contact Whataburger's corporate office and ask them to allow his Pack to remove the flag, replacing it with a new flag.

Whataburger officials responded to Jacob's request and the flag at the Whataburger (Hwy 6 and West Rd) was retired by Birkes Elementary Pack 2. It is refreshing to see a 9 year old honor his nation in this manner. We salute Jacob for caring enough about his country to take action. May God continue to bless these United States of America.



Jacob and his proud dad, Douglas pose with citations at the Whataburger

Bus Loads Head to Camp

Bus loads of Scouts headed out to camp this summer - packed with fishing poles, sleeping bags and smiles from all over the 16.5 county Sam Houston Area Council. While there they enjoyed the advancement, camping programs and some down time where they were able to put those fishing poles to work!

Most were unaware that the adventure included more than memories of hikes and campfires - it was an outdoor leadership laboratory - where they learned teamwork by living out their week in the patrol method based on youth leadership - teaching both strong personal values and character. Learning is a natural outcome since Scouts learn by doing throughout the weeklong experience.

Thanks to the generosity of George Fleming whose gift made this week of camping more than memories for hundreds of young men and future leaders.



Scouting Helps Build Families

Nicholas received the Arrow of Light, the highest rank of Cub Scouting ... He earned his Scout Badge within weeks of joining his troop and has become an excellent cook (indoors and out!!). I am a very proud parent and am inspired by his natural reverent outlook on life.

Scouting is one of the best p- times a family can be involved in. Most of my greatest childhood memories are of Scouting and having my mom involved as a leader. She set an example of serving the community that I felt I could follow. I realize values, visions, models and tools of my experience will allow me to be the kind of leader I saw within my mom. And hopefully my son will see that within me. -Stephanie Romero

