

100 YEARS IN REVIEW, 1910–2010

Key Dates

Boy Scouts of America incorporated	1910
First <i>Boy Scout Handbook</i> published	1911
<i>Boys' Life</i> premiered	1911
First Eagle Scout, Arthur R. Eldred	1912
<i>Scouting</i> magazine premiered	1913
Registration of Scouts began, 25¢ annual fee	1913
Order of the Arrow began	1915
Federal charter granted by Congress	1916
First season at what would become Northern Tier High Adventure Base	1923
Boy Scout membership tops 1 million	1925
Cub Scout program began	1930
Philmont donated to the BSA	1938
First BSA Wood Badge course taught	1948
First Pinewood Derby® held	1953
Webelos program added to Cub Scouting	1954
Exploring program began	1959
Florida National High Adventure Sea Base officially opened	1980
Tiger Cubs program added to Cub Scouting	1982
1 millionth Eagle Scout, Alexander M. Holsinger	1982
Learning for Life program began	1991
Venturing program began	1998
100 millionth member registered	2000
2 millionth Eagle Scout, Anthony Thomas	2009



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Membership*

Total Cub Scouts	62,226,396
Total Boy Scouts/Venturers	52,077,933
Total Youth Served	114,304,329
Total Adult Volunteers	33,364,261

Awards

Total number of merit badges awarded	117,649,303
Top 5 merit badges awarded**	
First Aid	6,537,232
Swimming	5,929,179
Camping	4,364,027
Cooking	4,122,629
Citizenship in the Community	3,178,473
Eagle Scout Awards	2,043,375
William T. Hornaday Award <i>(since 1914)</i>	3,799
Honor Medal <i>(since 1923)</i>	2,234
Honor Medal With Crossed Palms <i>(since 1924)</i>	231
Silver Buffalo Award <i>(since 1926)</i>	686
Medal of Merit <i>(since 1945)</i>	5,927
Distinguished Eagle Scout Award <i>(since 1969)</i>	1,840
Heroism Award <i>(since 1977)</i>	3,081
National Certificate of Merit <i>(since 1989)</i>	1,501

*Local Council Index, including multiple registration

**Estimated

Interesting Facts and Figures

Chief Scout Executives	11
BSA National Presidents	33
Scouts and Scouters who have attended Northern Tier	348,642
Scouts who have attended Philmont	908,047
Scouts who have attended Florida Sea Base	200,000
National Jamboree Attendance <i>(as of 2005)</i>	642,489
Scouts who have become astronauts	181
Norman Rockwell works with Scouting themes	51
Joseph Csatari works with Scouting themes	36



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