



Facts About Scouting

FACT SHEET

Service

In 2013, service projects were conducted by more than 2.6 million youth members and more than 1 million volunteers.

- 17 million service hours were reported in 2013 for Journey to Excellence.
- \$384.3 million of service was provided by Scouts and leaders to communities across America. (Based on the \$22.55 Independent Sector value of volunteer time for 2013)
- Service projects most commonly reported for Journey to Excellence in 2013 include
 - Food collection and distribution
 - Litter cleanup/community beautification
 - Community dimension
 - Conservation projects
 - Fun run/walk/hike/cycle

Scout Activities and Outdoor Adventures

Nearly 1.1 million youth attended a council camp or national high-adventure camp.

- National high-adventure base—Boy Scouts and Venturers
 - 35,054—Philmont
 - 13,922—Florida Sea Base
 - 5,686—Northern Tier

Advancements and Awards

In 2013, 56,841 Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank.

- About 6 percent of all Boy Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank in 2013.
 - From 1912 to 2013, 2.7 million Boy Scouts have earned the Eagle Scout rank.
 - 2,110,848 merit badges were earned by Boy Scouts in 2013.
 - 117,288,535 merit badges have been earned by Boy Scouts since Scouting was established in 1910.
 - The most often earned merit badges since 1910 include:
 - First Aid—6,900,983
 - Swimming—6,242,264
 - Camping—4,608,447
 - Cooking—4,238,453
 - Citizenship in the Community—3,410,028
- (Source: 2013 BSA Local Council Index)



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Volunteers

More than 1 million volunteers provided leadership for Scouting programs in 2013.

- On average, Scout volunteers give 20 hours per month in service to Scouting. This equals approximately 246.8 million hours of volunteer time given to support Scouting in 2013. (Source: Volunteer Outcomes Study, Research & Program Innovation)
- \$5.57 billion of volunteer time was given in 2013 to support Scouting across America. (Based on \$22.55 Independent Sector value of volunteer time for 2013)

Alumni

- 181 NASA astronauts were involved in Scouting (57.4 percent of astronauts).
—39 are Eagle Scouts.
 - 36.4 percent of the United States Military Academy (West Point) cadets were involved in Scouting as youth.
—16.3 percent of cadets are Eagle Scouts.
 - 22.5 percent of United States Air Force Academy cadets were involved in Scouting as youth.
—11.9 percent of cadets are Eagle Scouts.
 - 25 percent of United States Naval Academy (Annapolis) midshipmen were involved in Scouting as youth.
—11 percent of midshipmen are Eagle Scouts.
 - 191 members of the 113th Congress participated in Scouting as a youth and/or adult leader.
—28 are Eagle Scouts.
 - 18 current U.S. governors participated in Scouting as a youth and/or adult volunteer.
—Four are Eagle Scouts.
- (Source: Membership figures from each organization)