2012

Report to the Community & Scouting Partners

SCOUT OATH: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW: A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent.

Shenandoah Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Prepared. For Life.™

Who We Are

Shenandoah Area Council serves the counties of Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan and the town of Capon Bridge in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia and the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, Warren and the City of Winchester in the Northern Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

With more than 1,780 adult volunteers in our nine county area, the Shenandoah Area Council, Boy Scouts of America helps its 4,954 plus youth members to be Prepared For Life. The value of that preparation lives in the heart of every person involved in Scouting who has ever overcome one of life's challenges, and it helps inspire a lifetime of character and service.

The Shenandoah Area Council has a proven history of offering a quality program in "Journey to Excellence", a National quality assessment program for councils based on 18 key measurements.

Financial Disclosure

In 2012, the Shenandoah Area Council, Boy Scouts of America had an operating budget of more than $1.1 million providing program services to our Charter Partners, Scouts and Leaders. The Direct Support and Contributions from Friends of Scouting, Special Events, Foundation's & Trusts equals $315,000 and income from camping related activities equals over $500,000. The balance is derived from sale of product goods and Scout Shop. Our total net assets, that includes operating, properties and endowment totaled over $2 million.

Who We Serve

- 2,250 boys ages 6 - 10 in Cub Scouting
- 1,423 boys ages 11 - 17 in Boy Scouting and Varsity Scouting
- 354 young men and women ages 14 – 20 in Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring
- 927 boys and girls ages 5-10 in Learning for Life
- 1,780 adult volunteers
- 192 Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews, Posts and Groups in 100+ charter community partners

What We Do

The BSA prepares young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The following provides an overview of Scouting's impact in 2012.

Prepared. For Service.

The BSA prepares young people for service by providing opportunities for them to help their communities through service to others. Collectively, Scouts across our council give more than 194,000 hours of volunteer time annually at a value of $4.1 million dollars (bases on national volunteer hour value of $21.36).

Scouting's service to the communities within our nine county area includes collection of over 75,000 pounds of food for the needy, blood drives, improvement projects for local schools and parks.

Prepared. For Leadership.

The BSA prepares young people for leadership by giving them the skills to take responsibility and teach by example. For example, the Eagle Scout is the highest attainable rank in Boy Scouting, and Scouts must demonstrate proficiency in leadership, service, and outdoor skills at multiple levels before achieving the Eagle rank.

There were 95 Scouts who earned the rank of Eagle in 2012. In addition to the 21 life skills merit badges required, each Scout must complete an extensive service project that he plans, organizes, leads and manages before his 18th birthday. The average number of hours spent on Eagle Scout projects is 130, which means that 2012 Eagle Scout service projects represented over 12,000 hours of community service.

Prepared. For Learning.

The BSA prepares young people for learning by mentoring youth to set goals and work to reach them one step at a time. The Boy Scouts of America has built partnerships with ExxonMobil, NASA, and other key organizations to develop curriculum in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and to engage young people in considering a career in these fields. There are over 30 life skills merit badges related to STEM that Scouts can earn.

For the past 40 years, the Boy Scouts of America has conducted student career interest surveys and worked with businesses and organizations to offer firsthand job experiences to enhance a student's financial success, career readiness and college studies.

Promoting physical health and well-being has always been at the foundation of scouting. The BSA has introduced a formal initiative, called SCOUTStrong™, which seeks to ensure that Scouts and all young people are healthy in mind, body, and spirit.

The Boy Scouts of America partnered with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and launched its Cyber Chip program to help teach Internet safety to Scouts and their families and to enable them to make responsible decisions both online and in real life.

Promoting a Scout is "Thrifty" BSA partnered with Discover and launched the Scout Discover Prepaid Card that helps teach Scouts how to manage their money and finances while giving parent's peach of mind.

In 2012 we had over 2,400 youth advance in rank and earned over 4,000 merit badges.

Prepared. For Adventure.

The BSA prepares young people for adventure and life long skills by encouraging them to abandon a sedentary lifestyle, live healthier, and enjoy the great outdoor classroom. More than 1,300 Scouts attended a week long experience at Camp Rock Enon where we spent over $60,000 on upgrading facilities, infrastructure and program equipment during the year. For those wishing more adventure, 38 Scouts attended the Florida Sea Base, a national high adventure base where they sailed and dived off the coast of Florida.

In all, Scouts camped more than 50,000 camper nights with 12,000+ at Camp Rock Enon during 2012. All of our camping programs received national accreditation. Over $9,400 in camperships/scholarships were given to Scouts in need to join Scouting and to have an outdoor experience. Scouting goes beyond teaching outdoor skills. The program instills respect for the environment and ethical use of natural resources, including 11 life skills badges related to conservation.

2013 Outlook

Our communities' faces a number of challenges in the future, and the Shenandoah Area Council, Boy Scouts of America is helping prepare today's youth to face and overcome those challenges. While most people avoid obstacles, the Boy Scouts of America teaches Scouts to face them head-on.

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Vision Statement:

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

Scouting's Mission:

To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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