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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
SAM HOUSTON AREA COUNCIL
DEAR FRIENDS

Thanks to you, 2019 was an exciting year for Scouting in Southeast Texas. The Sam Houston Area Council served approximately 47,000 youth during 2019 through traditional Scouting and career-based Exploring programs.

Over 12,000 new families joined our program, resulting in membership growth in traditional Scouting. This helped the Sam Houston Area Council achieve the BSA's Journey to Excellence Gold Level, which is the standard for quality and excellence in a local council. The programs of Scouting continue to offer varied opportunities to teach youth to be strong in character, have self-confidence, and grow in their leadership abilities.

Fostering these talents, along with service projects and citizenship activities, is how we are Building Stronger Youth.

Community service and Scouting go hand in hand. Our Scouts and volunteers participated in over 425,000 hours of community service projects in 2019. These hours accounted for a total economic impact of $10,807,750 according to the volunteer service organization Independent Sector. These service projects were highlighted by the collection and distribution of over 175,000 pounds of food during our annual Scouting for Food/Souper Bowl of Caring efforts in February.

Through service we are Building Stronger Citizens.

Experiencing the outdoors is one of the foundations of Scouting. We are uniquely positioned for the future with a $65 million construction project, our new Camp Strake. Opening in May 2020, Camp Strake will be a world-class facility designed to unleash the potential of our Scouting programs to best serve the needs of our families with the financial security of a dedicated endowment.

The outdoor program is how we are Building Stronger Leaders.

As a key measure of our community service and financial health, the Sam Houston Area Council was awarded the designation as an accredited charity by the Better Business Bureau, earned the Seal of Transparency Gold Level by GuideStar, and achieved a 4-star rating by Charity Navigator, the highest possible rating for the 7th consecutive year.

All these successes were made possible through the generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure of thousands of volunteers and donors. Thanks to your support and commitment to Scouting, we continue to lead youth to lifelong values, service, and achievement.

We hope you are proud to be part of the Sam Houston Area Council.

Together, we are Building Stronger Communities.

L. E. Simmons
Chair of the Board

Forrest J. Bjerkaas
Council Commissioner

Thomas O. Varnell
CEO/Scout Executive

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2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Outdoor adventure is the promise made to Scouts when they join Scouting. Scouts yearn for outdoor programs that stir their imaginations and interest. Through the initiatives of the Leaders of Tomorrow campaign, the Sam Houston Area Council strives to have camp properties that best serve the needs of Scouting in the 21st century.

CAMPING

47,340 total youth served in 1,381 units
31,801 Cub Scouts in 518 packs
13,798 Scouts in 474 troops
664 Venturers and Sea Scouts in 91 crews and ships
1,077 Explorers in 55 posts
14,930 Registered volunteer adult leaders
425,349 Community service hours performed by Scouts, Explorers and leaders

*statistics reflected as of 12-31-2019

OPERATING FINANCIAL SUMMARY*

INCOME
Community Support $4,304,666
United Way $1,117,869
Council Generated $5,943,439
$11,365,973

EXPENSE
Program Services $9,655,906
Direct Service (ScoutReach) $1,871,377
Administration $480,275
Fundraising $800,157
$10,936,338

*2019 Unaudited financials. Fully audited financials are available online at www.samhoustonbsa.org/annual-reports

PROGRAM

22,588 Cub Scout ranks earned
8,762 Scout ranks earned
1,227 Scouts attaining the rank of Eagle Scout

• District Day Camps – 2,931 total campers
• Cub Scout Resident camp – 278 total campers
• Scouts attending long term camp at Tellepsen Scout Camp – 823
• Scouts attending long term camp outside of Sam Houston Area Council – 5,757
• Scouts attending High Adventure Camp – 1,605
• Cub Scouts participating in a camping experience – 14,736
• Scouts and Venturers participating in a camping experience – 8,688
THANK YOU!

Annually, the Sam Houston Area Council invests over $250 in each of our Scouts through programs and services. Thank you to the following Leadership Level supporters that are helping to Build Stronger Families.

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$100,000-$499,999
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