



2018  
A YEAR IN SCOUTING



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE CHIEF

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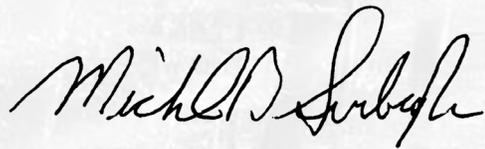
Scouting family,

From our youngest Lions to our veteran alumni, you are cleaning up parks, mentoring, and even saving lives. I am eager to share a few stories reflecting your tremendous positive impact across our nation in 2018. To all of our volunteers, families, supporters and alumni, I thank you. You are growing leaders, serving families and helping your communities. You are the heart of Scouting.

We are once again at a historic milestone in Scouting, and you have played a vital role. In 2018, you welcomed over 400,000 new families into your Cub Scout packs. To add to the excitement, over 77,000 of these families were able to introduce Scouting to their daughters! Everywhere I go, I hear amazing stories about you, our volunteers, parents and youth members, and the positive impact you have on your communities.

I thank you for the energy and enthusiasm you have extended to all of our new members. I could not be more excited for what this means for our movement and for the next generation of leaders in our nation! Because of you, 2018 was a historic success.

Yours in Scouting,



Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America



# 2018 AT A GLANCE

## Your Scouting Family



**1,231,831**

**Cub Scouts**

Youth grades K-5th grade



**789,784**

**Boy Scouts**

Boys ages 11 to 17

In 2019, Boys and Girls became members of Scouts BSA



**55,101**

**Venturing and Sea Scouts**

Young men and women ages  
14 to 20



**109,613**

**Exploring**

Young men and women ages  
14 to 20



**313,020**

**Learning for Life**

Youth PreK - 12th grade



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## Where You Are

Did you know your fellow Scouts and Scouters are in 61 different countries? That's right! Boy Scouts of America members are spread around the world. Whether you are a Cub Scout in Macon, Georgia or Chiang Mai, Thailand you all say the pledge of allegiance to the same flag.



**YOUR BSA FAMILY IS AROUND THE WORLD!**

**2,200,000**

**Youth**

**1,000,000**

**Volunteers**

**262**

**BSA Local Councils  
Around the World**



## Your 2018 Adventures



### **Summit Bechtel Reserve**

#### **Crew 514 of Lawrenceville, Ga.**

The Summit hosted the largest Venturing event in 2018, Venturingfest. Greenshirts from around the country gathered for 6 days of adventure at the Summit.



### **Northern Tier**

#### **Troop 984 of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri**

Are you up for life below zero? This Troop was.



### **Florida Seabase**

#### **Photo shared by Troop 853**

Thanks for sharing your 2018 Seabase adventure Troop 246! Those are some big fish!



### **Philmont Scout Ranch**

#### **Philmont Recovery Corps**

On May 31, 2018 the Ute Park Fire began close to the Philmont Scout Ranch property line near Cimarroncita. Over the next few weeks, brave firefighters fought this and several other wildfires around the ranch. Before the fire was even out, people like you stepped up and asked how you could help.



## MEET YOUR SCOUTING LEADERSHIP

### Who are the Key 3?

Just like a troop has a committee, a local Scouting council and the BSA national organizational has a leadership team- the Key 3. There's a Key 3 at every level of Scouting. These are the top three individuals within each level of the BSA: unit, district, council, area, region and national. At the National level, the members of the Key 3 are the National Chair, National Commissioner and the Chief Scout Executive.



**National Chair,  
Jim Turley**

“To our Scouting family, our volunteers and our parents... you make us the best at what we do. Together we are building character and developing leadership in our young people. Thank you.”



**National Commissioner,  
Ellie Morrison**

“In Scouting, a commitment to service is passed from one generation to the next. I thank all of our volunteers and leaders who set this example for our Scouts.”



**Chief Scout Executive,  
Mike Surbaugh**

“We must remember that service is the greatest gift we can give – both to others and ourselves. Thank you to all who serve our youth and families.”



## GROWING LEADERS

Because of you, young people have unique opportunities to try new things, develop self-confidence and become ethical members of our communities. From every walk of life, you, our families and volunteers come together to help youth discover who they can be.



**BECAUSE OF YOU...kids are learning life-saving skills, perseverance and teamwork. You make the difference.**



**87%**

of Scouts BSA members say they learn new things in Scouting.

**85%**

of Cub Scouts say their leaders help them be better Scouts.



**“I want to spend more time with my Scouts and less time doing paperwork.” – Ima Busyleader**

**We heard you. Scoutbook is now free for everyone.**

**“I can check off requirements in the moment and spend more time offering valuable instruction to my Scouts.”**

**– Logan Clifford, Great Salt Lake Council**



## SERVING FAMILIES

Because of you, our volunteers, new families feel welcome. 2018 was a historic year for Scouting. You are helping our new girl Cub Scouts and families jump into Scouting. From leading new dens to organizing a family's first camping trip, you are the heart of Scouting.



**BECAUSE OF YOU...kids are having fun and parents feel secure.**



**93%**

of parents say their Cub Scout pack is a safe place for their children.

**83%**

of Cub Scouts say Cub Scouting is really fun.



**“When I was a Scout, I always wanted to go to Philmont, but I never had the opportunity. Now, I have a family with two Cub Scouts. How can I share my Philmont dream with them?” – Ty Gerdendad**



**We heard you. Philmont Family Adventure Camp launched in 2018.**

Philmont Family Adventure Camp launched in 2018. Families can experience the Philmont Scout Ranch like never before! Open to all registered members of the BSA and their families, you will have a chance to participate in all of the incredible activities offered at Philmont and make memories with your family that will last a lifetime.



## HELPING COMMUNITIES

As a Scouting volunteer, you are a living example to your Scouts showing the importance of giving back. Kids notice everything we do and don't do. Every time you put on your uniform and lead a hike, clean up a river, or collect canned food, you are showing them the importance of serving others- connecting them to their communities.



**BECAUSE OF YOU...kids explore their potential.**

**82%**

**of Scouts BSA members say they  
have the opportunity to be a  
leader in their troop.**



**“I’m not sure how close I am to earning my next rank. I want a fast and easy way to see what I need to do next.” – Hal Klowsami**



**We heard you. The Scouting app launched in 2018. Now you and your parents can see your progress from Lion to Eagle in the palm of your hand – including camping nights, community service hours and hiking miles!**

**“Great thing to use, easy to navigate and is made for you and your advancement in Scouting.”**

**– J. Herndon Scouts BSA, Grand Canyon Council**



## A LOOK AHEAD

In 2018 we welcomed your daughters into Cub Scouts. 2019 has started with a bang as we welcome girls into Scouts BSA and host the World Scout Jamboree for the first time in the United States since 1967. Thousands of Troops full of excited young women are starting their trail to Eagle and thousands of Scouts from around the world will gather in West Virginia.



### Scouts BSA, you are making history!

The future is bright for the tens of thousands of young women joining Scouts BSA. Kaleen, a Scouting volunteer and mom, says, "It's an opportunity to give all of our youth the chance to be leaders. We are so excited for the possibilities!"



### Welcoming the World

This world-class event couldn't happen without you, our volunteers. Over 10,000 of you are supporting Scouts from around the world at the 24th World Scout Jamboree. The Boy Scouts of America welcome co-hosts Scouts Canada and Asociación De Scouts De México to the Summit Bechtel Reserve for ten days of adventure. You are our best ambassadors. Have a great time in July!

