ANNUAL REPORT
PATHWAY TO ADVENTURE COUNCIL
On February 1, 2019, the Boy Scouts of America welcomed girls, ages 11-17, into its iconic Scouts BSA program. Since joining, girls have taken full advantage of the program by attending summer camp, participating in National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), joining a World Scout Jamboree contingent troop, and earning Merit Badges. Many of these young women will be members of the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts, which will be celebrated in early 2021.
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**Inaugural Council-Wide Camporee**

The inaugural council-wide Camporee was hosted October 11-13, 2019 at Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village, IL. 5,189 Scouts and Scouters from across Pathway to Adventure Council came out to enjoy both traditional and non-traditional activities and programs. The inflatable area, climbing tower, and BB gun ranges were popular throughout the weekend for both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA members alike! With a focus on STEM, Scouts were able to solder their own blinkie, experience virtual reality exhibits, and get their hands dirty by making their own slime.

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OUR PROGRAMS

Cub Scouts
Youth grades K-5
In Cub Scouting, boys and girls start with their best selves and grow into their best future selves. It’s fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today — and for life.

Scouts BSA
Youth 11 to 17 years old
Scouts BSA is the traditional Scouting experience for young men and women. Service, community engagement, and leadership development are important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

Exploring
Youth 10 to 20 years old
Exploring teaches important life and career skills to young people from all backgrounds through immersive career experiences and mentorship provided by community and business leaders. Together, we equip young people with character, leadership, and life skills that can be used both today and in their future careers.

Venturing
Youth 14 to 20 years old
Venturing gives young men and women access to a range of programs and empowers them to create their own experiences. It brings Scouting values through both high adventure activities and challenging real-world projects.

Sea Scouts
Youth 10 to 20 years old
Sea Scout units, called ships, provide limitless opportunities and exciting challenges that youth won’t find anywhere else. Sea Scouts is a place to grow and learn, find adventure, and build long lasting friendships.

Restoring the Village
Youth 5 to 20 years old
The Restoring the Village program is an impactful partnership between Scouting, community leaders, and at-risk youth. It equips young people in embattled neighborhoods with the values, tools, opportunities, and mentors needed to build a brighter future.

STEM in Scouting
Youth grades 3-12
Using experiential activities, the goal of the STEM Scouts program is to help young people grow in character and skills as they explore their curiosity about STEM fields.

OUR LOCATIONS

Arlington Heights Center for Scouting
617 E. Golf Road Suite 101
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
Steve Fossett Center for Scouting
1218 W. Adams Street
Chicago, IL 60607

La Grange Center for Scouting
811 W. Hillgrove Avenue
La Grange, IL 60525
Robert J. Welsh Center for Scouting
8751 Calumet Avenue
Munster, IN 46321

Owasippe Scout Reservation
Twin Lake, Michigan
Camp Betz
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Camp Napowann
Wild Rose, Wisconsin
Camp Lakota
Woodstock, Illinois

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