



# IMPACT REPORT 2021

The Grand Canyon Council, Boy Scouts of America benefits its members, their communities, and the future by helping youth build character, learn about the world, and grow into inspired leaders.



**Cub Scouting:**  
**2,618**  
Youth Grades K-5

**Scouts BSA:**  
**3,186**  
Youth Ages 11-17

**Older Youth Programs:**  
**138**  
Youth Ages 14-20

As of December 31, 2021 the 2,491 registered adult volunteers in the Grand Canyon Council provided programs and opportunities for personal growth to the 5,984 youth members in 273 units that represent partnerships with businesses, religious, civic, or other community-based organizations that support Arizona youth and Scouting in our community.

## MORE THAN JUST CAMPING...

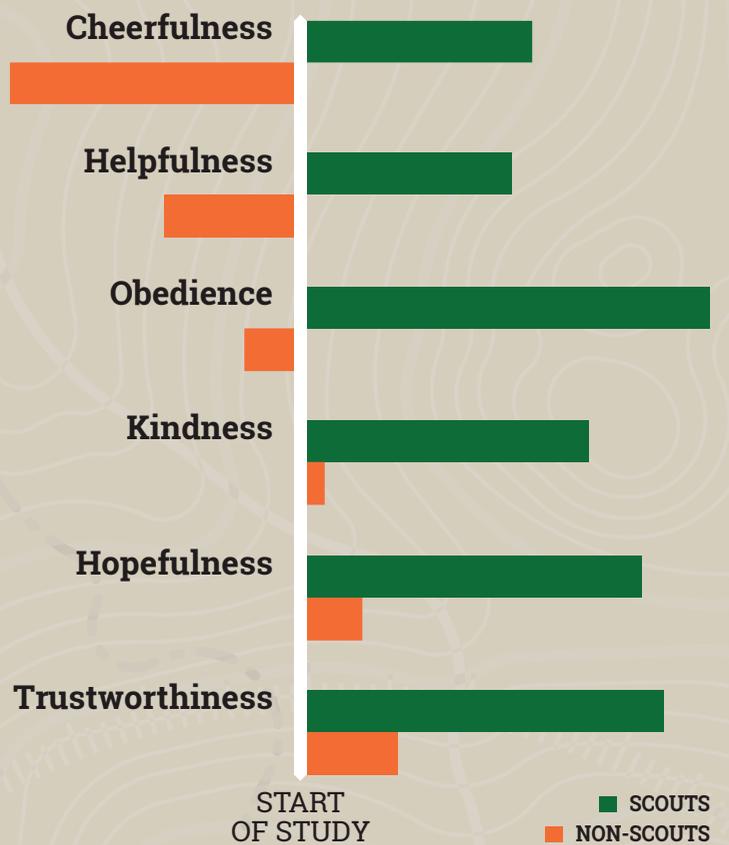
With fun and discovery at every turn, Scouting makes the most of right now. But what's more, it builds positive character and provides young people a foundation they can stand on to embrace opportunity, overcome obstacles, and make new discoveries.

**2,000+** Scouts and non-Scouts aged 6-12 were measured in 6 key areas:



\*Hopeful Future Expectations

## CHANGE IN CHARACTER



## THE KEY FINDINGS:



The more time kids spend in Scouting, the better the outcomes in character development.



Those who attend meetings regularly report higher outcomes virtually across the board when compared to Scouts with lower attendance.



Scouts are more likely to embrace positive social values than non-Scouts.



Scouts who are more engaged in the program report higher outcomes in nearly every category.

For more information about the Tufts University Study see [scoutingnewsroom.org](http://scoutingnewsroom.org)

## THE SCOUTING PROGRAM

The Grand Canyon Council, BSA has specific objectives, commonly referred to as the “Aims of Scouting” contributing to both good character and good citizenship. The methods by which the aims are achieved are listed below in random order to emphasize the equal importance of each.

### PERSONAL GROWTH

As Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. Young people grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. Probably No device is so successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn. The religious emblems program is also a large part of the personal growth method.

### OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is here that the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose.

**In 2020, we partnered with Trout Unlimited (TU) to give our Scouts a new advanced summer camping experience. We offered a second year of our TU-collaborative Fish Camp in 2021 – the only program like it in BSA.**

**We also introduced Drone Flight School; first of its kind in the U.S. and had 30,104 camp user days at our various properties.**

### ADVANCEMENT

Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. Scouts plan their advancement and progress at their own pace as they meet each challenge. Scouts are rewarded for each achievement, which helps them gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help Scouts grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

**In 2021, our Scouts earned 5,297 rank advancements, 10,935 merit badges with 17,429 service hours logged.**



### IDEALS

The ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan.

The Scout measures themselves against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and, as they reach for them, they have some control over what and who they become.

**In 2021 Grand Canyon Council celebrated a milestone achievement – 100 years of scouting! The Grand Canyon Council has been supporting Scouts of Arizona, and the ideals of Scouting since 1921.**

### PATROLS

The patrol method gives Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches Scouts how to accept it.

The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where they can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through their elected representatives.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Scouting program encourages Scouts to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership and becoming a servant leader helps Scouts accept the leadership role of others and guides them towards participating citizenship and character development.

### ASSOCIATION WITH ADULTS

Scouts learn a great deal by watching how adults conduct themselves. Scout leaders can be positive role models for the members of their troops. In many cases a Scoutmaster who is willing to listen to the Scouts, encourage them, and take a sincere interest in them can make a profound difference in their lives.

### UNIFORM

The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting.

**DISCOVER YOUR PATH**

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