

# Mission Impact - Tukabatchee Area Council

# The Mission of Scouting

The Mission of Scouting America is 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.

#### 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,

and Reverent.

Scout Motto - Be Prepared

**Scout Slogan -** Do a Good Turn Daily

For over 115 years our Scouting and Exploring programs have helped young people grow in character, citizenship, physical fitness, career awareness, and recognition of their duty to God and Country. Today's Scouting youth become tomorrow's leaders who will guide and influence education, businesses, churches, and schools. The values and skills learned in Scouting are the fabric of our communities today and become the bedrock for tomorrow. In 2024, our programs served over 2,700 youth and their families in 14 counties in central Alabama.

## Community Service

Thousands of community service hours are rendered each year through various "Good Turns" and Eagle Scout Leadership Service Projects. Scouting helps young people learn that along with the rights we enjoy as citizens is the responsibility of helping others.

# Learning Life Skills

In 2024, our Scouts earned 4,426 rank advancements, Cub Scout adventures and merit badges including citizenship, emergency preparedness, family life, personal management, personal fitness and first aid. STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs are included and are having an impact at every age level. The skills and lessons learned will prepare our youth for today and tomorrow.

## Quality Outdoor Programs

We continue to feature a year-round program of camps and activities. We had a 10.5% increase in youth membership and were able to connect hundreds of new youth and families to the outdoors. Our summer and weekend camping experiences all showed growth in 2024. We are continuing our great tradition of learning, leading, and growing in the great outdoors.

## Financial Assistance

Our Council provided \$30,352 in assistance last year for youth camp scholarships, Scout handbooks, and registration assistance to those youth who could not otherwise afford Scouting.

#### Leadership

36 Scouts BSA troop members (34 young men, 2 young women) earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Tukabatchee Area Council in 2024, the highest rank a Scout can earn.

## Older Youth Programs

Young men and women participate in the Venturing and Exploring programs. Venturing focuses on outdoor and hobby interests chosen by the youth, while developing leadership and planning skills. Exploring serves high school aged youth and provides opportunities for hands on learning in careers such as engineering, law enforcement, veterinary science, medicine, and aviation.

# Scouting Serves Youth with Diverse Backgrounds

Based upon ethnicity information voluntarily provided on registration applications – 32% of our youth are Hispanic/Latino, Asian, African American, or Native American. This is representative of the ethnic diversity of the communities we serve.

Scouting's religious emblems program includes awards for youth of 38 faith backgrounds including Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Quaker, Islamic and more.

Dozens of urban core youth enjoy "Camp Sunshine" (sponsored by the Sunshine Center and the Central Alabama Community Foundation) each summer, a great opportunity to learn Scout skills and interact with positive role models.

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Camp Tukabatchee and Camp Dexter Hobbs provide an outdoor classroom and life-changing experiences for Scouting youth and the greater community each year!