GEORGIA-CAROLINA COUNCIL
2019 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY & SCOUTING PARTNERS

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VISION STATEMENT:
The Georgia-Carolina Council will prepare youth in our 16 counties to become responsible, participating citizens and leaders who are guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

SCOUTING’S MISSION:
To provide quality programs, facilities, and opportunities that enable Packs, Troops, Crews, and Posts to deliver the full range of Scouting experiences to every registered member.

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.

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With more than 1,100 adult volunteers in our sixteen county area, the Georgia-Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America helps its 2,300 plus youth members to be Prepared For Life. The value of that preparation lives in the heart of every person involved in Scouting who has ever overcome one of life’s challenges, and it helps inspire a lifetime of character and service.

**Financial Disclosure**

In 2019, the Georgia-Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America had an operating budget of $907,410 providing program services to our Charter Partners, Scouts, and leaders. The Direct Support and Contributions from Friends of Scouting, Special Events, Foundation’s & Trusts equals $619,331. Income from camping related activities equals $209,360 and expenses totaled $886,895.

**Who We Serve**

- 1,606 boys and girls ages 5 - 10 in Cub Scouting
- 920 boys and girls ages 11 – 17 in Scouts BSA
- 437 young men and women ages 14 – 20 in Venturing and Exploring
- 1,185 adult volunteers
- 118 Packs, Troops, Crews, and Posts in 66 charter community partners

**What We Do**

The Georgia-Carolina Council prepares young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. In 2018 we welcomed girls into Cub Scouts and in 2019 we welcomed girls into Scouts BSA creating an opportunity to give all of our youth the chance to be leaders.

**Prepared. For Service.**

The BSA prepares young people for service by providing opportunities for them to help their communities through service to others. 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. Collectively, Scouts across our council give more than 200,000 hours of volunteer time annually at a value of $5 million dollars (bases on national volunteer hour value of $25.43).

**Prepared. For Leadership.**

The BSA prepares young people for leadership by giving them the skills to take responsibility and teach by example. For example, the Eagle Scout is the highest attainable rank in Scouts BSA, and Scouts must demonstrate proficiency in leadership, service, and outdoor skills at multiple levels before achieving the rank of Eagle. There were 74 Scouts who earned the rank of Eagle in 2019. In addition to the 21 life skills merit badges required, each Scout must complete an extensive service project that is planned, organized, lead and managed before their 18th birthday. The average number of hours spent on Eagle Scout projects is 156, which means that 2019 Eagle Scout service projects represented over 11,500 hours of community service.

**Prepared. For Learning.**

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. Kids are learning life-saving skills, perseverance and teamwork. You make the difference.

**Prepared. For Adventure.**

Scouting prepares our youth for active lives full of adventure. As the Scout grows, so does the level of adventure, allowing our members to go places, test themselves, and have one-of-a-kind experiences. Scouts attended our Day and Summer Camps both locally and across the country. Adventures like these help young people expand their horizons and build interests in the world around them. The Georgia-Carolina Council facilitates this through hands-on learning and opportunities for exploration that can’t be found anywhere else.

**2020 Outlook**

As we enter our 100th year of Scouting in the CSRA, we look forward to celebrating a century of heritage while embracing the recent changes in our program. We will continue to build on the Scouting program that over 110 million youth in America have enjoyed. The Boy Scouts of America is unmatched as the only outdoor based youth development program offered to all youth. The power of Scouting fellowship with youth and adults from around the globe and life changing program experiences are our calling card.

2020 will see a rise of a new dining hall at Robert E Knox Scout Reservation. It will see an increase in membership in Richmond county and smaller rural communities as well. We will work with the community on numerous service projects such as hunger, lifesaving skills, and early education reading programs.

Nearly 100 Scouts will earn their Eagle Scout rank, several hundred girls will experience Cub Scout and Scouts BSA programs for the first time and dozens will learn to swim, save a life, perform simple first aid, and pitch a tent. They will study nature, mining, computers, atomic energy, soil and water conservation, and citizenship. They will complete over 15,000 hours of community service, work with the homeless, veterans, hungry, and elderly. They will raise the American Flag and pledge to it thousands of times and thank God for their blessings as well.

The outlook for Scouting in the CSRA for 2020 is simply brilliant.

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