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SCOUTREACH

Changing lives in our Community

Scoutreach is an outreach program that promotes Scouting to an under served, culturally diverse youth population in hard-to-reach areas of our Council. It prepares urban youth to be leaders, to accept responsibility, and to care about principles and causes beyond their own self-interest. This program represents the Council's strong commitment to serve the community's minority populations with traditional Scouting programs that emphasize values, leadership and character building.

It takes many resources to provide a successful Scouting program in our communities. The challenge in our underserved communities is a lack of financial resources and/or volunteer leaders. The Council's Scoutreach Program provides numerous resources to support packs and troops including hiring paraprofessional staff for Scoutmaster and Cubmaster; and subsidizing registration fees, uniforms, manuals, field trips and camp outings. The Pacific Skyline Council is firmly committed to the vision that no youth will be denied the benefit of a Scouting experience due to a lack of money or volunteer adult leadership.

The goal of Scoutreach is to serve an increasing number of youth and families from our diverse local communities and to develop strong programs for these youth. The Council membership will reflect the diversity of our geography and bring the promise of Scouting for all youth. Currently, the Council's Scoutreach program serves over 600 youth in 33 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Venturing Crews. Sponsor organizations include St. Francis Dad's Club, Mid-Peninsula Housing Authority, Redwood City Boys and Girls Club and Shelter Network.

Events and Activities

In addition to providing a weekly program, the Council also facilitates opportunities for Scoutreach assisted units and youth to participate in "special events." These activities include Scout-O-Rama (community carnival-style event), "Opening Day on the Bay" with the Sea Scouts aboard the SSS Gryphon, as well as various unit-level activities such as the Pinewood Derby race. Several Boy Scouts attended long-term summer camp at Cutter Scout Reservation in the Santa Cruz Mountains as well as a week-long experience at Camp Oljato in the High Sierra.

Community Service

Scouts learn "to help other people at all times." Each November, Scoutreach Scouts participate in the Scouting for Food "Good Turn" program. This includes door-to-door dispersal of flyers announcing the effort and the collection of food from those same households on the following weekend. Collection areas include East Palo Alto, Mountain View, Redwood City and Menlo Park. Another example of Scoutreach youth contributing to their communities is the St. Anthony's Parish clothing drive. The donated items collected by the Scouts are given to the Ecumenical Hunger Program of East Palo Alto. Scoutreach youth also participate in the memorial Day Grave Decoration ceremonies at Golden Gate National Cemetery.

Educational Adventures

Scoutreach youth expand their learning experience with excursions to places including fire and police stations, zoos, parks, museums, cultural fairs, as well as interesting places of business and government offices.

Values of Scouting

A recent study by Harris Interactive indicates that boys with at least five years of Scouting are more likely than those who have never been Scouts to:

- Assume leadership roles in clubs and school organizations
- Have higher self-confidence
- Resist negative peer pressure
- Consider the needs of others first

Our investment in Scoutreach today will benefit our communities and country tomorrow.

Combined Scoutreach Units and Eagle Scout Service Project

Saturday, May 14, 2011, Eagle Scouts joined one of the Council's Scoutreach units, Troop 1 of the Eastside College Preparatory, for a morning of community service at the Menlo Park Shelter Network- Haven Family House. Everyone had a wonderful time --many "Good Turns" were completed! Check out the video at <http://blip.tv/pacsky-camps/may-2011-eagle-service-project-5174201> Please join the Celebration at our next Eagle Scout event this fall!



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