

CHARACTER ★ LEADERSHIP ★ SERVICE  
**SCOUTING OUTCOMES**  
 CITIZENSHIP ★ LIFE SKILLS ★ FAMILIES



## SCOUTING BY THE NUMBERS - BOONE COUNTY

BUILDING YOUTH OF CHARACTER, CONFIDENCE, AND LEADERSHIP

**COMMUNITY SERVICE –**

687 total hours were logged by Scouts in 2012. Scouts went door to door collecting food for local food pantries in a community wide effort to help the needy. Also, Scouts responded quickly to sandbagging needs during the spring flooding of the Kishwaukee River. Furthermore, Scouts helped their local communities through area clean ups, Eagle Scout projects and much much more!

*An Eagle Merit Badge Sash*



**ENROLLMENT-**

428 youth in Boone County are served by the Boy Scouts of America's four programs: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, and Career Exploring. Ages served ranges from males 6-21 and females 14-21.

**RETENTION-**

73.40% Scouts stayed engaged in the program for more than one consecutive year.

**Scout Units of Community Partners-**

13 organizations ranging from churches, to VFW's, to service clubs partnered with the Boy Scouts of America to charter a Scouting program locally.

**Camping-**

53.3% of our Cub Scouts visited Cub Scout Day Camp  
 69% of our Boy Scouts had a long term camping experience (one consecutive week or more)

**ADVANCED TRAINING-EAGLE SCOUT AWARD-**

6 young men received Scouting's highest award in 2012. They join some of the countries most accomplished men as Eagle Scouts. One of the many requirements for Eagle is to organize and lead an Eagle Scout Project positively affecting the local community.

**Top Merit Badges in 2012-**

- Citizenship in the World
- First Aid
- Swimming
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Environmental Science

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 A LIFE CHANGED,  
 A BOY GROWING TO MANHOOD,  
 A FAMILY CONNECTING TO  
 ONE ANOTHER  
 AND THE COMMUNITY THAT  
 SUPPORTS THEM.



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## The Eagle Scout

The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. Less than 5 percent of all Boy Scouts earn an Eagle. 1.7 million Boy Scouts have earned the rank since 1912. Nevertheless, the goals of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness—remain important for all Scouts.



### Citizenship in the Community -

Scouts are the embodiment of good citizenship, and do their duty within their communities. They learn about local government, community issues, government, socio-economics and volunteer involvement. They learn about taxes and the services they fund within the community. A local service project ties it all together.



### Family Life -

Boys learn to be good family members by taking responsibility for doing their share of the chores at home, and for helping to keep good lines of communication open. An open discussion with family members on topics such as drugs, finances, and dealing with crises helps a boy grow into the best adult he can. They learn what it means to be a good parent.



### Lifesaving -

Lifesaving is the ability to help others by "being prepared" with the knowledge and ability to act under pressure. Scouts learn techniques to rescue those in need and to administer basic first aid in and around the water. The ability to stay calm is vital to being prepared to help others.



### Swimming -

Swimming is a fun recreational pastime for many young people, and Scouts are no exception. In order to have fun, a Scout must also learn responsibility and some basic first aid and survival skills. Scouts learn about scuba, diving, and how to stay afloat in deep water without a life preserver. Swimming helps a Scout stay "physically strong".



### Nuclear Science -

The world is growing up around us, and Scouts aim to stay knowledgeable about today's and tomorrow's technology. Scouts learn about nuclear energy and its uses and hazards. To earn this merit badge several projects must be completed such as building an electroscope, demonstrating fission, visiting an X-ray lab, and working with irradiated materials.



### Orienteering -

To some people learning how to use a map and compass may seem to be an out-dated skill, but learning orienteering can be very handy when a person is lost. It also helps keep the mind sharp and the body fit. To earn the merit badge a Scout must teach other Scouts various orienteering techniques.



### Law -

Scouts learn the history of civil and criminal law. Law careers are among the most popular among college bound students, and completing this merit badge requires the Scout to research various jobs that deal with some aspect of law. Special topics covered include environmental law, computers and the internet, copyright and the internet.



### Auto Mechanics -

Many Scouts will not go on to a traditional 4-year college, but may choose to attend a trade school instead. Auto mechanics will always be in demand, and this merit badge gives Scouts a very hands on experience from learning how engines work, to routine maintenance, to advanced electrical systems. Emphasis is always placed on safety.



### American Labor -

Scouts learn the history of the American worker and about topics such as working conditions, safety, law, equal opportunity, discrimination, unemployment, and benefits. They will also learn about labor-management relations and cooperative bargaining. As a project the Scout will select a labor related issue and argue both sides, management and labor.



### Disability Awareness -

Scouts will learn that people who have disabilities are no different from any other people, including their friends. Learning about accessibility and advocacy will help the Scout become more aware of the challenges that many face. Research of local agencies that assist individuals with disabilities helps create an awareness, promotes citizenship and volunteerism.

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 SUPPORT, REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT,  
 MENTORING, COMMUNITY  
 CONNECTION,  
 AND CAREER EXPLORATION

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