Dear Scouting Friend,

We are pleased to provide a copy of the 2019 Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America Annual Report. This report outlines the significant impact Scouting continues to make on the lives of thousands of local youths in Upstate South Carolina.

Your support ensured 6,090 youth were served through the quality Scouting programs. You helped increase the number of “at-risk” youths served through the ScoutReach Program to 2,148 youth. Your support helped eliminate financial barriers so that everyone who wants to be a Scout, can be a Scout. In 2019, we spent over $711,000 on books, uniforms, registrations, charter fees, camp scholarships, activity scholarships, program specialists, meals, travel, trainings, program supplies, and program support.

These accomplishments could not have happened without concerned and generous friends like you. With your help we would like to see these programs grow in 2020.

Thank you for your confidence and support in local Scouting. You ARE making a difference in the lives of so many local youths.

BRUCE WHITE  DAVID SURRETT  GREG BALOG
Council President  Council Commissioner  Scout Executive

The Blue Ridge Council provides a Scouting program that encourages life-long learning where youth experience their dreams in a hands-on environment. Our council believes in captivating the imaginations of our young people to keep them excited about the possibilities for their future, to let children discover for themselves their own talents and interests and how they can apply their skills to achieve positive outcomes. Scouting instills all the tools necessary for today’s young people to become tomorrow’s leaders.

BSA MISSION
The mission of the Boy Scouts of 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
Reverent


Scouts are 34% more likely to earn A’s and B’s compared to non-Scouts
87% of Scouts attribute self-confidence in work to their Scouting experiences
Scouts are 56% more likely to work and solve community problems compared to non-Scouts
76% of Scouts are more likely to hold leadership positions in their community compared to non-Scouts
83% of Scouts say Scouting has helped them in real-life situations
80% of Scouts are more likely to continue education through adulthood
**Cornerstones Of Scouting**
- Lifelong Learning
- Leadership
- Character Development
- Personal Fitness & Healthy Living
- Serving Others
- Duty to God

**Sources of Income**
- 36% Camping and Activities
- 24% Friends of Scouting
- 11% Special Events
- 10% Product Sales
- 9% United Way
- 7% Investment Income
- 3% Scout Shop & Other

**Expenses**
- 84% Program Services
- 11% Fundraising
- 4% Management and General
- 1% National Council Support

**Scouting Programs**

**LIONS**
Kindergarten youth participate with an adult. Emphasis on family skills, service to others and feelings of self-worth.

**TIGERS**
First grade youth participate with an adult. Emphasis on family skills, service to others and feelings of self-worth.

**CUB SCOUTS**
Second through fifth grade youth. Emphasis on social skills and family relationships.

**SCOUTS BSA**
Sixth through twelfth grade youth. Outdoor activities with emphasis on character, citizenship and leadership training.

**VENTURING**
Youth 14 through 20 years old. High adventure activities and advanced leadership training.

**EXPLORING**
Youth 14 through 20 years old. Career education and development of vocational interests.

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**Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America**

**Our Impact (As of 12/31/2019)**

- The Blue Ridge Council (BRC) serves eight Upstate South Carolina counties: Abbeville, Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Oconee and Pickens.

- The BRC operates one service center in Greenville, four camping properties and has a staff of 13 full time employees, 6 Program Aides and over 55 seasonal summer camp staff.

- “The Main Thing” - Membership: There are 6,090 youth enrolled in the Scouting Program:
  - 3,428 Cub Scouts 5-10 year-old youth
  - 1,998 Scouts BSA 11-18 year-old youth
  - 225 Venture Scouts 14-20 year-old youth
  - 439 Explorers 14-20 year-old youth

- Through ScoutReach, a community outreach program, the BRC is able to bring Scouting to 2,148 at-risk youth with an investment cost of $711,000

- The BRC has 260 Scouting units throughout the Upstate of South Carolina, partnering with a variety of community partners such as: Housing Authorities, Churches, Community Centers and YMCA’s.

- In 2019 the Eagle Rank was awarded to 144 Scouts and 231 Arrow of Light awards were earned by Webelos Scouts.

- Over the past 23 years the Blue Ridge Council’s Order of the Arrow Lodge, Atta Kulla Kulla #185 has held an annual Gobbler Grab to collect frozen turkeys and canned goods for those less fortunate during the Thanksgiving holiday. Since 1997, they have collected 13,406 turkeys to donate to local shelters and food banks.

- Over 37,500 hours of community service were given back to the community from local Scouts in a variety of community service projects, ranging from park litter clean up to major restorations. This equates to over 4 years of continual service!

- In 2019, over 4,200 unique visitors from all backgrounds participated in programs at Camp Old Indian.

- The Blue Ridge Council’s Budget for 2020 is $2,028,695 with 98.5% of all funds generated being reinvested locally to support Scouting.