

A LETTER FROM OUR SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Dear Scouting Friends,

Unusual doesn't begin to describe how extraordinary 2021 played out. After having to, unfortunately, lay off staff to just 12 Full-Time Employees in 2020 we began the process of rebuilding our operations with a focus on being effective, efficient, and energized. While programs still had many and varying restrictions, we successfully operated summer camps at Whitsett and Emerald Bay, continued Virtual Merit Badge Universities, and Scouting Units got back to meeting and camping again.

Under Council President Bob Gaby and Council Commissioner Larry Kirven's steady and strong leadership, their 2021 focus was on Board Engagement as many of the services that had been done by staff landed on the shoulders of our many volunteers. Council Committees grew in size and capacity including the Health and Safety Committee under the attentive care and leadership of Diane Freeman and the Budget Committee under the watchful eyes of Andy Breech.

Another fledgling volunteer committee began to take flight in the form of Marketing led by returning Board Member and past Council President David Forbes. I am excited for the vision, resources, engagement this group is bringing to Scouting in Western Los Angeles County Council. Having a strategic plan for re-engaging the enormous Los Angeles metroplex has been invigorating, to say the least.

I am most thankful to all the volunteers that stayed the course and delivered Scouting through some of the most adverse conditions we've experienced as a youth services provider. I expect that we will continue to enjoy a few more bumps and bruises as I am grateful to all that continue to serve and support our Council.

Yours in Scouting,

Lee Harrison, Scout Executive



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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
WESTERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL

4,558 2,233 184



YOUTH MEMBERS

ADULT LEADERS

UNITS

8,205



MERIT BADGES EARNED

3,077



CUB & SCOUTS BSA RANKS EARNED

274



EAGLE SCOUTS

In 2021, Scouts learned the importance of implementing safety measures to adjust to Scouting during an on-going pandemic.

Scouting Through Outreach

Isabella Leon, from Troop 337, is the first female Scout to achieve her Eagle through the Outreach program. Isabella's Eagle Scout project was titled "Casa Esperanza Garden," which she accomplished through 135 service hours in April 2021. Isabella is a testament to the Outreach program, and we are very excited to see more children like her grow through Scouting.

As a direct result of WLACC's Outreach program, more than 1,400 young people throughout Los Angeles County are in a much better position to practice the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. These Scouting programs are delivered on campus after school by paid program aides rather than volunteers, and they are offered free of charge to any child wishing to participate.



