

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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2021 Annual Report



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.



2021 Western Los Angeles County Council Leadership

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During 2021, Scouts from across WLACC had a huge impact in both the local and international communities.

2021 Camp Highlights



During summer 2021, our in-person summer camps, Whitsett and Emerald Bay reopened alongside TRICAMP, our virtual weeklong camp program. After a year of COVID-19, we learned to be flexible and adapt to any challenge we might have faced. Until the day before Scouts arrived, we were changing our whole summer program to reflect a cohort operation.

Camp Whitsett, led by Camp Director Ariel Annis, and Program Director, Burton Miller, operated for 5 successful weeks in 2021, serving more than 1,000 campers. One of Whitsett's proudest 2021 moments was as the first group of Scouts arrived on Sunday; everything was perfect, from the parking lot check-in to the first campfire.

Camp Emerald Bay hosted 10 weeks of summer, serving nearly 3,000 campers with the WLACC COVID precautions limiting the camp to 50% capacity. One of the biggest highlights of the year for the Camping Department was the Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy's (EBOA) advancements both virtually in the spring and in-camp in the fall. The EBOA, a youth science education program based on Catalina Island, expanded upon its mission to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards by providing enriching programs to more than 500 virtual learners and 60 campers in the fall as our first entire season.

WLACC is constantly striving to serve all youth so they can enjoy the wonders of camping, nature, and Scouting, regardless of financial backgrounds. In 2021, Camp Whitsett, Emerald Bay, and the EBOA sent 167 campers to camp with support from the Campership Fund.

A 2021 Scouting Story

My daughter has struggled with anxiety. She's always been shy when meeting new people and trying new things—making friends and getting out of her comfort zone used to be a terrifying task for her. We decided to join Scouting to help her gain the confidence she needed to learn fundamental life skills. She was encouraged to build relationships with her fellow Scouts, and she used that support to tackle new ventures, including public speaking. Working on becoming an Eagle requires Scouts to develop their communication skills.


Public speaking can be frightening for anyone, especially for a reserved teenager. When the staff at Camp Emerald Bay asked my daughter to fill in as the emcee for a campfire event at the last minute, she surprised everyone by accepting the challenge and confidently speaking in front of a large audience, including 200 Cub Scouts and their parents.

My daughter learned the importance of putting her fears aside for the greater good of her fellow Scouts. That's what Scouting is all about; celebrating your strengths and working on your weaknesses. I believe Scouting helps kids, like my daughter, build character and teaches them how to be the best version of themselves.



2021 OPERATING RESULTS

Public Support & Revenue	Program Services.....	5,404,788
Friends of Scouting, Project Sales.....	Management & General	333,591
Net Special Events.....	Fundraising	269,071
Foundations & Trusts	Total Support Services.....	602,662
Legacies & Bequests	Charter & National Service Fee	60,000
Other Direct Support.....	Total Expenses.....	6,067,455
United Way	Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	2,142,485
Total Public Support		
1,031,963		
 Camping & Activity Revenue.....		
Net Product Sales.....		
Other Revenue		
Total Other Revenue.....		
6,716,579		
 Net Assets Released From Restriction		
222,988		
 Total Revenue		
7,748,543		





Help us rebuild Camp Whitsett!

Help us rebuild our beloved Camp to its former glory! Give back to the youth in our Scouting community. Our Scouts need you!

The Future of Scouting depends on you!

Please help us provide for the future of Scouting and the generations of Scouts to come. Your support will help us make Scouting available to every youth who wishes to participate.

PLEDGE AMOUNT

☐ \$30 ☐ \$260 ☐ Check (payable to BSA-WLACC)
☐ \$60 ☐ \$1,000
☐ \$130 ☐ Other Amount _____

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These are just a few of the many incredible accomplishments of the Scouts of the Western Los Angeles County Council during 2021. We thank all of those that gave their time, generosity, and passion to help make this possible, and look forward to a successful 2022 and another great year serving the community.

**Thank you for supporting Boy Scouts of America, WLACC.
Your participation is important and appreciated.**

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