

A LETTER FROM OUR SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Dear Scouting Friends,

Celebrating 50 years as a Council and 100 years serving youth, 2022 saw Scouting in Western Los Angeles County Council reinvigorated and on the move. We experienced membership growth with Outreach leading the way. Emerald Bay's summer reached pre-pandemic attendance as the camp's Outdoor Academy (school education programs) more than doubled. Whitsett quickly got back to business after suffering through the Windy Fire that took out much of the camps "Property Out in the Open" at the end of 2021.

I am personally most thankful for the leadership of Council President Bob Gaby serving his last of three years in office through a most unusual tenure. He and his team of Vice Presidents helped to ensure that the Council ended 2022 with positive net assets including a nascent reserve for future-year-extraordinary-events fund. The Council was also able to honor two of its own: Larry Turner with the Distinguished Eagle Scout and Pat Niemann with the Americanism Awards under the volunteer leadership of Ted Craver.

Our Districts continue to build out their leadership teams to ensure we collectively serve our Units and their needs as reporting, accounting, legal, and other expectations continue to evolve inside and out of the organization. As we move forward, a continued focus on keeping youth safe while preparing them for their future remains front and center. Scouting continues to be an experience forged through thrilling adventures, service to others, and the building of personal skills that last a lifetime. Thank you for your support in our mission. I am excited for our future as we look to another 50 and 100 years serving the youth of Los Angeles and beyond.

Yours in Scouting,

Lee Harrison, CEO/Scout Executive



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2022 Annual Report



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
WESTERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL

4,707



YOUTH MEMBERS

2,169



ADULT LEADERS

178



UNITS

7,338



MERIT BADGES EARNED

3,074



CUB & SCOUTS BSA RANKS EARNED

196



EAGLE SCOUTS

Scouting Through Outreach

Vanessa Munoz, an Eagle Scout from Outreach Troop 337 shares insight into her Scouting experience. "My biggest achievement was having planned and leading my Eagle Scout project. My project consisted of restoring two gardens at a community facility. I had applied everything I learned in Scouting when completing the project. I enjoyed the whole process of this project, even though it was stressful at times, I still remained motivated and seeing the end product was nice to see. As well as, it made me feel good that I had done something that would benefit others and that everyone who helped out came together to support me. During the time I was completing this, I was busy outside of Scouting as it was my last year of high school. I learned a lot about myself through this including that I am a very dedicated and committed person, but also that I can't always do things on my own and I need to learn to ask for help."



2022 Western Los Angeles County Council Leadership

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During 2022, Scouts from across WLACC had a huge impact in both the local and international communities.

Emerald Bay Alumni Appointed to Student Board of Education

California's governor appointed Eagle Scout and Emerald Bay Alum, Naomi Porter, to serve as the 2022-23 Student Board Member on the California State Board of Education. In this role, Naomi will represent California's six million public school students and have full voting privileges. She'll even keep her seat during closed sessions, which are portions of board meetings that are closed to the public. Naomi plans to represent her fellow students by advocating for issues that are important to as many young people as possible — even if some of those causes don't directly align with her personal passions.

"My experience as an Eagle Scout has taught me that civic stewardship is not about winning or promoting personal causes," she says. "Rather, it's about identifying and pursuing the path best for all of us collectively. Becoming an Eagle Scout has prepared me for being the Student State Board Member because I understand how to be bipartisan and identify the best course of action." Naomi says Scouting has given her the confidence to know she belongs in that room. Now, in her new role, Naomi will inspire a team that's about six million members strong.



Cub Scouts Visit The Dawoodi Bohras of Los Angeles



"My name is Shannon Marks. I am the Bear den leader for pack 320 in Woodland Hills, CA at St. Mel Church. Last year, as Wolves, we visited The Dawoodi Bohras of Los Angeles while completing our Footsteps to God Advancement. At St. Mel you do not have to be Catholic to be a part of our cub scout pack, and living in a post 9/11 world, and raising my children in this world, I am proud to show my son and his friends that what you hear is not the same as what is true and educate them about a great world religion outside of the Judeo-Christian tradition. We were given a tour by the leaders of the Masjid Ezzi who were accompanied by two children my Scouts age who shared their religion from a child's point of view.

The best part of this experience was watching my Scouts connect with the two Muslim children from The Dawoodi Bohras of Los Angeles after the tour. There were no prejudices between the two groups and how we lived. They took to each other instantly discussing everyday topics like video games and soccer. By opening their Masjid, and their hearts to us, The Dawoodi Bohras of Los Angeles have shown my Scouts how similar we all are. We may have differences on the outside – Catholic or Muslim, our daily dressings, language, beliefs, and even our secular calendar, but we had an opportunity to meet a community that shares our same inner values, morals, ethics, and leads through example and love."

2022 OPERATING RESULTS

(unaudited)

Public Support & Revenue

Friends of Scouting, Project Sales681,054
 Net Special Events689,216
 Foundations & Trusts249,490
 Legacies & Bequests19,000
 Other Direct Support133,980

Total Public Support2,783,826

Camping & Activity Revenue.....5,727,477
 Net Product Sales.....139,889
 Other Revenue.....1,002,058

Total Other Revenue.....7,089,801

Net Assets Released.....396,314

Total Revenue.....9,827,733

Program Services.....8,114,096

Management & General.....375,748
 Fundraising.....382,635

Total Support Services.....758,383

Charter & National Service Fee.....69,000

Total Expenses.....9,382,490

Unrestricted Net Assets.....445,243



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.

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