### **How SCOUTING MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY**

#### GEORGIA EDUCATION IS A PRIORITY.

Highest Levels of Education Earned (ages 25-34):
12% do not graduate from high school
48% earn a high school diploma or GED

- 8% earn an Associate's Degree
- 22% hold a Bachelor's Degree
- 10% receive a Graduate Degree

How Coastal Georgia Council Addresses This Need: Of youth involved in Scouting for five or more years,

- 92% graduate from high school, compared to 88% not involved in Scouting
- 35% earn a college degree, compared to 22% not involved in Scouting
- Earn an average household income of \$80,000 per year, compared to \$61,000 for those not in Scouting
- 74% own their homes, compared to 65% not involved in Scouting

#### 18% OF YOUTH IN SOUTHEAST GEORGIA LIVE IN A SINGLE-PARENT FAMILY

How Coastal Georgia Council Addresses This Need: Caring, nurturing relationships with parents, other caring adults, and peers. Scouting offers a caring environment where youth can develop stronger relationships with parents and other adults. Scouting provides structure that encourages family support and open lines of communication. Parents and guardians cite positive role models and family togetherness as important reasons to join the Scouting program.

#### 30.6% OF GEORGIA CHILDREN ARE LIVING IN POVERTY

How Coastal Georgia Council Addresses This Need:

A Scout is Thrifty, Helpful, and Kind! Scouts agree that Scouting teaches them to prepare for the future. Youth who become Scouts report that Scouting helped them save and plan for the future. More than eight out of ten Scouts (82%) say saving money for the future is a priority. Scouts also address community needs through Eagle Scout service projects for non-profits and Covid-19 relief.

### THE SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

#### THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent

# COASTAL GEORGIA COUNCIL **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**



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REFLECTING ON THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF SCOUTING IN THE **COMMUNITY DURING 2021** 

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### THE PROMISE OF SCOUTING

Every week, millions of Scouts raise their hands and make a promise. It's more than just a pledge to a movement. It represents a lifelong commitment to them and the community they share. It takes another kind of promise - the one to themselves - to help them grow into productive adults. Our priority in Coastal Georgia is to help Scouts keep

their promises based on ethical decision making. Every day, Scouts and their families can participate in learning and activities centered on achieving three aims: character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.











### **REAL PROGRAMS FOR REAL LIFE**

**CUB SCOUTING:** for youth grades K-5. Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best right now selves and grow into their very best future selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today - and for life.

**VENTURING:** for young adults 14-20. Venturing is a co-ed program designed to offer high adventure, leadership, service, and personal growth opportunities that includes advancement and recognition opportunities such as the Summit Award.

SEASCOUTS: for young adults 14-20. Sea Scouting is a co-ed program that promotes citizenship and teaches members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, outdoor, social, service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

**SCOUTS BSA:** for youth 11-17 years old. Scouts BSA is the traditional Scouting experience for youth in the fifth grade through high school. Service, community engagement and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.

**EXPLORING**: for young adults 10-20. Exploring is the BSA's workforce development program that offers middle and high school students real life, hands on and job shadowing opportunities in various career fields.

**STEM SCOUTS:** for students of all ages. STEM Scouts helps boys and girls learn about science, technology, engineering and math through creative, hands on activities, field trips and interaction with STEM



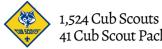
### **MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

### **PROGRAM DELIVERY**

### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

#### 2021 COASTAL GEORGIA COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP TOTALS



41 Cub Scout Packs



812 Scouts BSA 46 Scout BSA Troops



41 Venturers 6 Venturing Crews



172 Explorers 12 Explorer Posts





#### 2021 MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Although Covid-19 presented a continued challenge to membership and recruitment, the Coastal Georgia Council achieved membership and unit growth in 2021. 1,078 new Scouts were recruited in the fall and units were started or reorganized to expand our program impact. Of 250 Boy Scout councils nationwide, only 28 achieved membership growth and only 9 achieved unit growth. The Coastal Georgia Council achieved both.



15.6% Cub Scout Growth



3.9% Unit Growth



1.2% Overall Membership Growth



In 2021, the Coastal Georgia Council saw countless youth members learn new skills, take on new leadership challenges and serve their local communities though service projects. Eagle projects alone performed **10,483** community service hours and left a lasting impact through each project completed. We are preparing today's Scouts to be tomorrow's leaders.

IN 2021, COASTAL GEORGIA COUNCIL SCOUTS EARNED...



83 Eagle Scout Ranks 538 Scout Rank Advancements 2,697 Merit Badges 840 Cub Rank Advancements 89 Arrow of Lights 60 Eagle Palms





2021 saw the growth of our camping and activities offered, as well as Scout participation. Several maintenance and improvement projects completed over the course of the year will ensure that our camps provide the best facilities and programs for years to come. Both Black Creek Scout Reservation and Camp Tolochee saw increases in the number of campers and activities in 2021, including a **9% increase** in Summer Camp participation and an 80% increase in participation at Haunted Trail, our largest annual council event. New events and trainings were also added to the calendar in 2021, including EPA Camp at Camp Tolochee and Kodiak Training at Black Creek. Order of the Arrow, district and unit events rounded out a year that saw our camps utilized almost every weekend throughout the year.









All of our programs are given leadership by teams of trained and experienced volunteers who work tirelessly to serve the youth of the Coastal Georgia council. Last year, 867 registered, Youth Protection trained leaders delivered the promise of Scouting across southeast Georgia.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD GOVERNING LEADERSHIP**



Wade Herring Council Attorney



Shaw McVeigh Council Commissioner



Scott Rasplicka Council President

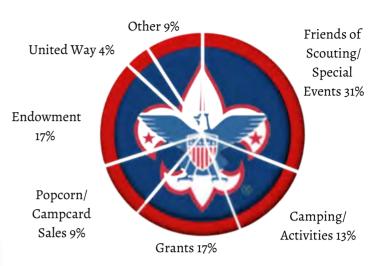


**Lew Sisson** Scout Executive / CEO

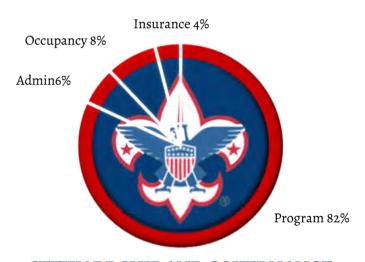


Ken Farrell Council Treasurer

#### **HOW SCOUTING IS FUNDED**



#### YOUR INVESTMENT IN ACTION



#### STEWARDSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Coastal Georgia Council's annual operating budget and financial needs- including staff management- is determined and overseen by a volunteer finance committee and executive board composed of a diverse group of business, community and longtime Scout volunteers. Strong financial stewardship and accountability is of the utmost importance to ensure donated dollars are fully utilized and focused on the development and retention of quality sustainable units and programs.

