

# MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL SUMMER CAMP IMPACT REPORT 2019



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### MISSION STATEMENT & PURPOSE

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, and Reverent

## OVERVIEW OUR CAMPS

1. Cole Canoe Base
2. D-bar-A Scout Ranch
3. Gerber Scout Reservation
4. Great Lakes Sailing Adventure
5. Camp Munhacker
6. Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation
7. Camp Rotary



## TOTAL ATTENDANCE



2,075

Cub Scouts



6,614

Scouts BSA



3,920

Adults



1,013

Units

This was the inaugural year for female Scouts BSA members to attend resident camp. We were very excited to introduce these new Scouts to our camp programs and had a total of **222 YOUNG WOMEN** attend Scouts BSA resident camp! Additionally, we had **134 FEMALE CUB SCOUTS** attend resident camp programs this summer.

We employed over **400 STAFF MEMBERS** across our camp properties, many of whom were young men and women. While working at camp, these young staff members gained real world employment experience and invaluable leadership, communication, and problem solving skills, all of which will help them become more successful in their future careers.



**\$67,838**

awarded to

**HELP 666 KIDS TO GO TO CAMP**

**Cub Scouts:** 174 youth, \$11,529  
**Scouts BSA:** 480 youth, \$55,219  
**Venturers:** 12 youth, \$1,090

**19,242**

**MERIT BADGES EARNED AT CAMP**

**TOP FIVE**

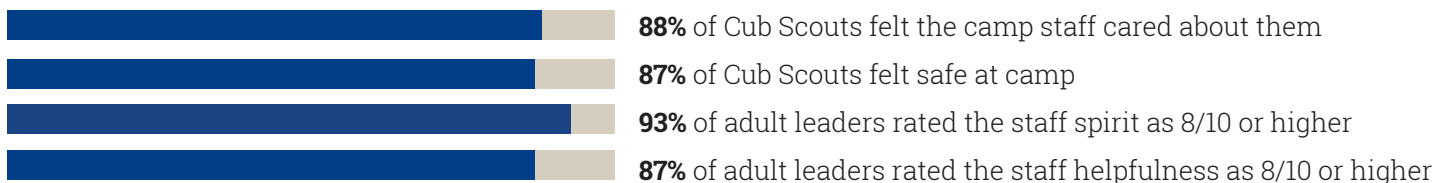


## SCOUT CAMP'S IMPACT ON YOUTH

Youth Developmental Assets (identified by the Search Institute), are the building blocks of healthy development that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. We're proud to share that our summer camp programs provided an ideal environment for Scouts to increase their Developmental Assets, helping them thrive now and in the future.

## EXTERNAL ASSETS

**Support/Empowerment:** Youth have the support of positive adult role models in a safe and secure environment

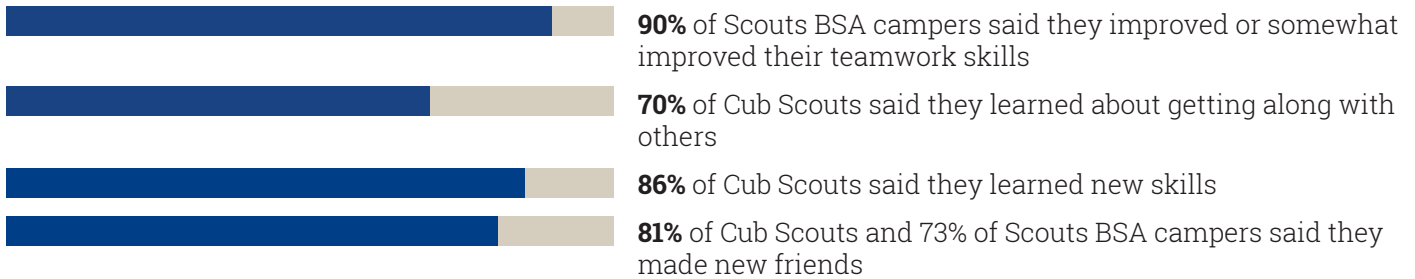


*The staff are beyond friendly, energetic, and respectful to the adults and youth.*  
-Scout Leader

*The leaders and the staff care about the camp and the Scout's experience.*  
-Scout Leader



## Boundaries and Expectations: Youth develop positive peer relations while learning new skills



*I learned and practice making new friends and seeing other's interest in activities and ways of doing things.*

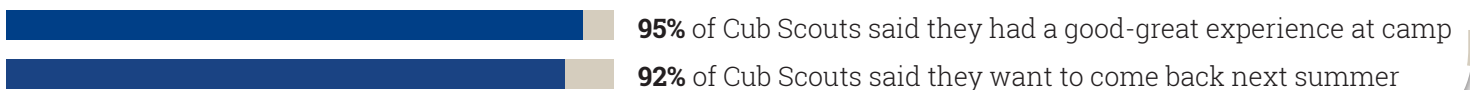
*The most important thing I learned is teamwork.*

*I gained a better sense of brotherhood with my fellow Scouts.*

What was the most important thing you learned at camp?

*friends are the best thing in scouting*

## Constructive Use of Time: Youth engage in structured positive activities



*I learned that camp is a place that lets me actually walk into the wilderness and connect with it.*





# INTERNAL ASSETS

**Commitment to Learning:** Youth participate in activities that engage them in hands-on learning and are encouraged to excel academic areas



74% of Cub Scouts said they learned something that will help them in school



71% of Cub Scouts said they learned something new about science



70% of Scouts BSA campers said they improved or somewhat improved their academic skills

*My favorite part of camp was STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) because I learned science can be fun!*

*I learned if you focus on something and do good work, you will complete it.*

**Positive Values:** Youth are taught responsibility & respect for others



76% of Cub Scouts said they learned about responsibility



64% of Scouts BSA campers said they learned to get along with people who have different interests and opinions

**What was the most important thing you learned at camp?**

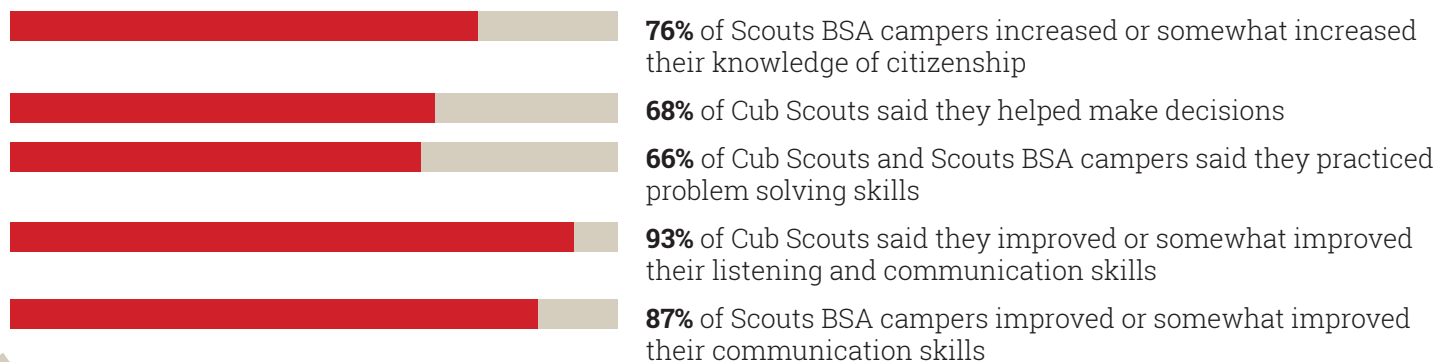
*that friends can have different religion and opinions but it can't stop us from being friends.*

*The most important thing I learned at camp was to help others.*





## Social Competencies: Youth gain interpersonal & decision-making skills

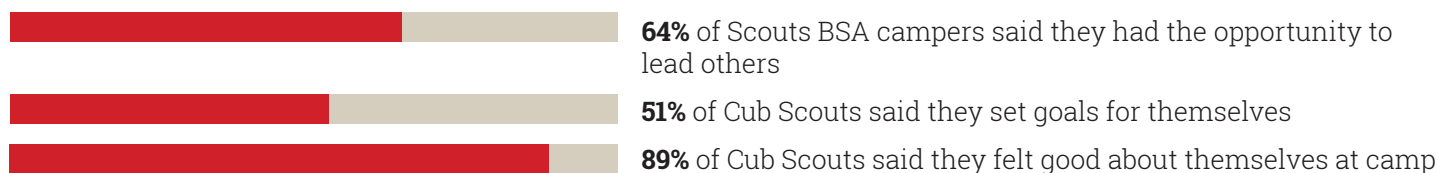


*The most important think I learned at camp is patience. I learned to be patient with other Scouts when they don't understand something as quickly or when someone is getting frustrated.*

What was the most important thing you learned at camp?

*Everyone has a different perspective of a problem and you need to take account both sides & try to solve <sup>that</sup> problem*

## Positive Identity: Youth participate in activities that build leadership skills and self-esteem



*I learned the many different responsibilities of leading others and being a good role model. I learned to improve my learning skills and to be a better listener.*

What was the most important thing you learned at camp?

*Hard work is rewarded*

What was the most important thing you learned at camp?

*How to be independent*



# YOUTH FEEDBACK ON PROGRAM AREAS:



## AQUATICS

92% satisfied



## NATURE

92% satisfied



## HANDICRAFT

91% satisfied



## COPE/CLIMBING

95% satisfied



## SCOUTCRAFT

89% satisfied



## SHOOTING SPORTS

97% satisfied



## HEALTH OFFICE

90% satisfied



## TRADING POST

93% satisfied



## CAMP-WIDE ACTIVITIES

86% satisfied





# GENERAL FEEDBACK

% of Adult Leaders who rated their experience as an 8/10 or higher

Program Areas	82%
Camp Cleanliness	83%
Food Quality	79%
Campsites	83%
Staff Service	88%
Program Areas	77%
Overall Experience	87%



## FINAL THOUGHTS

*Thank you for choosing me for the Campership award to help me go to scout camp this summer. I had a great time at camp. I got to do rappelling from a big scary tower, swimming, kayaking and lots of other fun stuff. My favorite activity was climbing/rappelling. I was too scared to do it, but the instructor was awesome and he talked me through it. I'm really glad I got to go. You're the Best!*

**This was our first time here (Gerber Scout Reservation) and we will all definitely be back. The staff is amazing so full of energy and fun things to do. They have made a huge impact on these kids. Thank you for all you do!**

**—Scout Mom**

**I want to say thank you! Our Troop had a fantastic time at Cole Canoe Base this year, their first time with you and I can't tell you all the happy news they had to share! It's been a very long time since they have come home from summer camp with such excitement. They've already reserved their spot for next year. They were fed well, cared for, enjoyed their merit badge counselors and had FUN!**

**—Assistant Scoutmaster and Scout mom**