

## MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Mid-America Council, Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and in other ways prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

## VISION STATEMENT

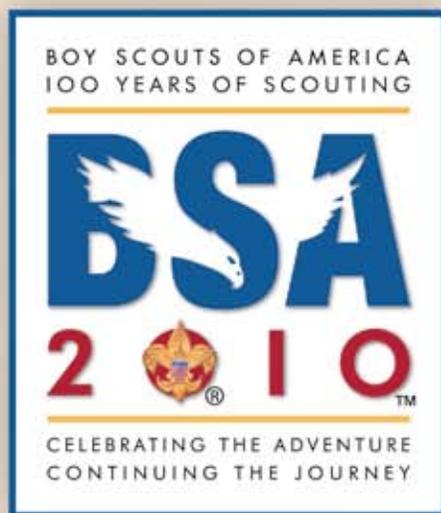
To reinforce traditional family values through the delivery of Scouting programs that will foster creativity, promote family unity, inspire and motivate our Scouts to develop the skills that will provide the foundation needed to become productive citizens.

## 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



The Mid-America Council  
owes all of its success to  
the dedication of volunteer  
leaders and donors who stay  
true to the principles of the  
Scout Oath and Law. We are  
grateful for your support.



## 2008 COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	Daniel P. Neary
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<b>VICE-CHAIRMAN</b>	John D. Daniels
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ★ 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE ★ CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

## MID-AMERICA COUNCIL 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

# CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

On February 8, 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate 100 years of preparing youth in America to become participating citizens and leaders in their communities. However, the anniversary represents much more than a date on a calendar. It represents a mission the Boy Scouts of America has more than fulfilled. As we celebrate our first 100 years, we not only reflect on our rich history, but lay the foundation for a strong future as well.

Some of the first bricks of the future of Scouting foundation were laid on May 2 at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in Little Sioux, Iowa when the camp re-opened after the tornado that took place June 11, 2008.

Over 1,400 visitors and friends of the Scouting community took part in a re-opening ceremony, prayer service, fly over and flag ceremony. Those in attendance had a chance to see the renovations that have taken place over the past year. This is the beginning of the journey for the Mid-America Council.



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ The Mid-America Council was named to the National Boy Scouts of America's Chief Scout Executive's Winners' Circle.
- ★ The Council was ranked number one for market share of percentage of traditional members who subscribe to *Boys' Life*.
- ★ Over \$3.4 million in popcorn was sold council-wide, exceeding 2008's sales by 25%! Soaring Eagle district was the first district EVER to sell over \$1 million.
- ★ The Council received the Scoutreach Award for efforts to provide Scout program to underserved inner city and rural youth for the 7th year in a row.
- ★ 356,474 food items collected during the 2008 Scouting for Food drive.
- ★ 4,767 Cub Scouts went to camp and 3,792 Boy Scouts went to long-term camp.
- ★ The Council received the National President's Award for Marketing Excellence in three categories.
- ★ The Council surpassed the 2008 goal of \$1.5 million in its annual Friends of Scouting campaign.
- ★ All 12 traditional districts received Quality District and the Council received Quality Council status based on membership growth, number of volunteers and funds raised.
- ★ The Council received the Good Turn for America award for community service with over 17,000 community service hours recorded.
- ★ The Council received the Venturing Standard of Excellence Award.
- ★ Over 75% of our top leaders are trained, much higher than the national average.
- ★ 342 young men earned the honorable rank of Eagle Scout.

# COUNCIL STATISTICS

<b>TOTAL UNITS</b>	842
<b>PACKS</b>	355
<b>TROOPS</b>	276
<b>CREWS</b>	99
<b>EXPLORERS</b>	79
<b>LEARNING FOR LIFE</b>	112
<b>TOTAL YOUTH</b>	30,527
<b>CUB SCOUTS</b>	12,878
<b>BOY SCOUTS</b>	6,042
<b>VENTURERS</b>	3,419
<b>EXPLORERS</b>	2,625
<b>LEARNING FOR LIFE</b>	8,188
<b>REGISTERED ADULTS</b>	8,516
<b>CAMP ATTENDANCE (YOUTH &amp; ADULT)</b>	24,346
<b>ADVANCEMENT</b>	13,657
<b>CUB SCOUT RANKS</b>	9,802
<b>BOY SCOUT RANKS</b>	3,855
<b>NEW EAGLE SCOUTS</b>	342
<b>TOTAL RANK AWARDS</b>	13,076
<b>MERIT BADGES</b>	14,518
<b>SILVER BEAVER AWARDS</b>	13

