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## Creating the future leaders of tomorrow

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# Creating the future leaders of tomorrow

## Social Problem / Issue

### Issue

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) was originally formed to help young men who were moving from rural areas to large urban cities, because of the concerns that they were no longer learning patriotism, and individualism. Over the years the Boy Scouts of America has expanded to help them learn moral and ethical decision making skills, and including mental, physical, social, and religious development. Not just for boys in large urban areas but for all boys in the US. Scouting is also in 216 other countries around the globe.

### Current and Ideal State

- The current state is ongoing, as there is a whole new group of boys who reach scouting age every year who need the support and guidance that in a lot of cases, they cannot receive anywhere else.
- The ideal state would be if the schools could teach this type of life changing skills and experiences where ultimately more would have access to gain the knowledge.

### Service Site Approach

- Scout Oath
- Scout Law
- Scout Motto

### My Approach

I think the Boy Scouts is an amazing organization for what it stands for and how it helps the community. I volunteered previously as a den leader in my son's Cub Scout pack for two years, and I will continue to help and support the BSA.



## Service Learning Experience

### Service to Community

1. First Month service was mainly a training and introduction of what to do and expect for the Weboree event next month in Logandale.
2. Second Month service was conducted at the Weboree event in Logandale. I assisted in making lunch for 750 Scouts and adults, cleaning and restoring the multipurpose room back to its normal state, as well as assist with the classes being taught and making sure the boys stayed on track.
3. Third Month service I assisted with the annual Scouting for Food event. This yearly event helps collect food for the homeless and needy, then it gets divided between the Salvation Army, 3 Square, and Catholic Charities.

### Semester Reflection

I am personally glad to have had this opportunity within collegiate process to be able to volunteer and give back to the local community in which I reside. It was very rewarding, uplifting and a eye opening experience that I will treasure and continue with in the future.

### Pros and Cons

There are so many positives when it comes to volunteering your time for a good cause. There is the obvious benefit for the people that you are helping, who are typically going through hard times in their lives where they need assistance, it shows them there is hope, that they are not alone, and there are others who are willing to help. There are a lot of positives too for someone who volunteers the sense of community involvement, giving back, and the joy, rewarding, and uplifting feeling that volunteering brings to one's life. Along with all the positives, there is of course negatives as well. There is an obvious need for assistance with a lot of the charitable organizations out there. But there are a lot that do not do anything to actually solve the root of the problem. They keep putting "band-aid's" on the issue and do not use their resources (money and time) effectively to solve the issue. There are several organizations that serve the same cause as another, so much time and money wasted between all of the different organizations, with each having different districts which they serve in different states. Each local office uses resources that the organization must pay for. If things were more streamlined and organized better between all organizations with fewer serving the same cause and fewer local offices in every city each organization would better serve the people.

### Expectations

I have worked with the Scouts before and knew what they do and what they were about, I just did not know what to expect with type of volunteering. I was pleasantly surprised how well the offer of support was welcomed, and how much support is really needed.

## Difference Making and Future

### Difference in my Own View

The Boy Scouts of America will continue to help today's youth now and in the future. They are continually refining and tailoring their programs to suit each new generation.

### Differences I Made for this Site

The help that I provided for our project was really nothing in comparison to the overall big picture of what the BSA does. But every single hour that someone can donate will make such a difference in the life of a young scout.

### Personal/Professional Learning

- Personally, I learned that it is very uplifting, rewarding, and gratifying being able to donate my time to such a worthy cause. Especially when you see the gratitude in the eyes of the people that you have helped.
- Professionally, I learned that a lot of successful business people have gone through the Boy Scout program, as well as several former US Presidents.

## Future Change, Effort, and Outcomes

The future of Scouting is constantly evolving, to better suit each new generation. The BSA has recently allowed girls to join the program starting with Cub Scouts in an effort to bring families closer together. Later in 2018/2019 girls will be allowed to progress all the way through the ranks up to the highest and most prestigious ranking of Eagle Scout.

## Sources

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