

Denver Area Council
ANNUAL REPORT 2018



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
DENVER AREA COUNCIL



“There’s nothing like BSA for teaching key values to our youth!”

~ Rolf A.

Letter from the Scout Executive/CEO

The past year was full of exciting changes for the Denver Area Council. We embraced Family Scouting and welcomed 756 girls into Cub Scouts, (ages 5-10). We continue to foster programs that reach a diverse youth market, including the Leadership Assistance Program, or LeAP. Launched in 2012, LeAP is a program for all youth in the Denver Metro area who are affected by economic and social hardships. These youth are provided with everything necessary to become a Scout, including uniforms and scholarships to attend camps. Our leadership also continues to expand and diversify, with implementation of the Women in Scouting Task Force. The Women in Scouting Task Force brings together women from different backgrounds who value Scouting and seek to integrate more women and diversity into Denver Area Council boards and committees.

We take great pride in our camping programs and facilities and had a record number of 10,523 youth attend our summer and year-round camps in 2018. Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch (PV) is the larger property of the Council’s two outdoor camps. Located in Central Colorado on the edge of the Black Forest, PV is 65 miles southeast of Denver, near the town of Elbert. PV is home to Camp Cris Dobbins, Camp Dietler, Webelos Extreme Scouting Trek (W.E.S.T.), and Magness Adventure Camp. Our other outdoor camp, Tahosa High Adventure Base, is nestled in the Rocky Mountains near the town of Ward, at an elevation of nearly 9,000 feet, making it one of the highest Scout camps in the United States. Tahosa is home to Eagle Point Base Camp, Tahosa Trek, Alpine Adventure, Mountaineer, National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), and Angel Fire.

At the end of 2018, our Growing Future Leaders capital campaign raised nearly \$12 million of an \$18 million goal, allowing us to execute the first phase of construction at PV. The first phase includes building a new 3,600-square-foot wood deck and a 1,200-square-foot kitchen addition to the dining hall, as well as renovations to the basement and main floor. Additionally, the project will include upgrades to the fire sprinkler system and a new heating and cooling system in the entire facility. Construction of the first phase is expected to be complete in early Summer 2019 – just in time for the summer camping season. The second phase of the campaign will include facility upgrades to enhance programs for Scouts.

In 2018, the DAC also dedicated the Donald E. Scott Colorado Adventure Point (CAP) to recognize Donald E. Scott and his contributions to our community. An Outstanding Eagle Scout, Donald E. Scott devoted more than 30 years of leadership to the Denver Area Council. CAP is an indoor adventure facility located at Hamilton Scout Headquarters. In 2018 CAP served more than 6,000 youth, both Scouts and non-Scouts. CAP offers a two-story rock climbing wall, archery and air rifle shooting ranges, industrial fabrication lab, sustainability lab, technology lab, and more.

Sadly, we lost past chairman Joseph E. Wagner in 2018. Joe served as DAC President from 1991-1993 and Chairman of the Board from 1993-1995. He received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest volunteer recognition presented by a

local Council, in 1992. Joe was a member of our Board of Trustees for 33 years.

These highlights serve as examples of the thoughtful servant leadership within the DAC. More than 7,000 adult volunteers helped lead Scouting programs in 2018, and we would not have seen the success we did last year without the support of every one of them.

The Boy Scouts of America’s timeless values of character-building, citizenship training, duty to God, being prepared and doing a good turn daily give Scouting and the Denver Area Council our competitive edge

over other youth serving organizations. Scouts are Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

We must continue to work together to extend the benefits and opportunity of Scouting to youth in every neighborhood in Denver. We look forward to the future that our life changing programs provide to our youth!

Yours in Scouting,

John G. Cabeza
Scout Executive/CEO



JOHN G. CABEZA, SCOUT EXECUTIVE / CEO





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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.

Vision

THE DENVER AREA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, IS A LEADING ADVOCATE FOR YOUTH AND THE FOREMOST
 PROVIDER OF CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT AND VALUE-BASED LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

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.

Scout Slogan

DO A GOOD TURN DAILY.

Scout Motto

BE PREPARED.





2018 Activity & Event Timeline

Report to the State

- MARCH 5, 2018
- Colorado State Capitol Old Supreme Court Chambers
 - 2017 Report on Scouting for the year presented to Senate and House Representatives



Annual Dinner

- MARCH 17, 2018
- Renaissance Hotel
 - Recognized:
 - Class of 2017 Silver Beaver award recipients
 - Journey to Excellence Districts
 - Veterans' Awards



Silver Palm Breakfast, Scout Show and Program Preview

- APRIL 27, 2018
- National Western Complex
 - Recognized the class of 2017 Silver Palms
 - Blast Off to Adventure educational booths and hands-on activities
 - 2018-2019 Activity Calendar



Cub Scout Day Camps

- SUMMER CAMP, JUNE 4 – JUNE 28, 2018
- Denver area locations
 - Eight Day Camps offered



Popcorn Fundraiser

- AUGUST 2, 2018
- \$2.3 million raised, 73% kept local in Denver
 - Top popcorn sales: \$6,500, Max C., Pack 540, Gateway District
 - Top selling unit: \$45,000 in popcorn sold, Pack 39, Aspen Ridge Church, Evergreen



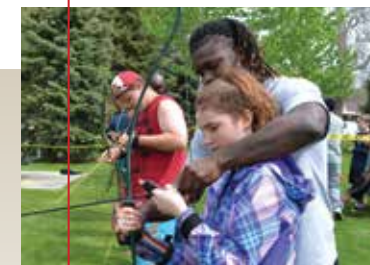
Merrick Corporate Fall Sporting Clays

- SEPTEMBER 21, 2018
- Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, Travis Family Sporting Clays Facility
 - Presented by Merrick



University of Scouting

- OCTOBER 27, 2018
- Front Range Community College
 - Trained more than 123 Scouters



Scouting for Food

- NOVEMBER 17, 2018
- Partnered with 9Cares Colorado Shares and King Soopers



Eagle Banquet

- MARCH 8, 2018
- Renaissance Hotel
 - Presented by Newmont Mining
 - 2017 Class of 522 Eagle Scouts
 - Monoco South Optimist Club Awards
 - Outstanding Eagle Scouts:
 - R. Alan Magnuson
 - Michael G. Severns
 - Mathew N. Stava



42nd Annual Sports Breakfast

- APRIL 10, 2018
- Pepsi Center
 - Presented by UC Health
 - Keynote Speaker: Brian Griese, former quarterback, Denver Broncos



UMB Corporate Invitational Sporting Clays

- MAY 18, 2018
- Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, Travis Family Sporting Clays Facility
 - Sponsored by UMB Bank



Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch and Camp Tahosa High Adventure Base

- JUNE 10 - JULY 28, 2018
- Elbert, Colorado
 - Ward, Colorado
 - 10,523 youth attended summer and year-round camp



Drive a Scout to Camp Golf Classic

- SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
- Sanctuary Golf Course
 - Presented by Re/Max
 - Title Sponsor: US Bank



Vale La Pena Service Awards Dinner

- OCTOBER 16, 2018
- Mile High Station
 - Media Sponsor: Entravision
 - Service Award Recipients:
 - Leo Alirez
 - Colorado Rapids
 - Colorado Elks Association
 - Important Partner: The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver



Duty to God and Country Breakfast

- NOVEMBER 8, 2018
- Sie Complex, University of Denver
 - Hosted by Daniel L. Ritchie
 - Keynote from Chief Master Sergeant James R. Hoefs



Colorado Gives Day

- DECEMBER 4, 2018
- Contributions were increased through incentive fund provided by Community First Foundation and First Bank



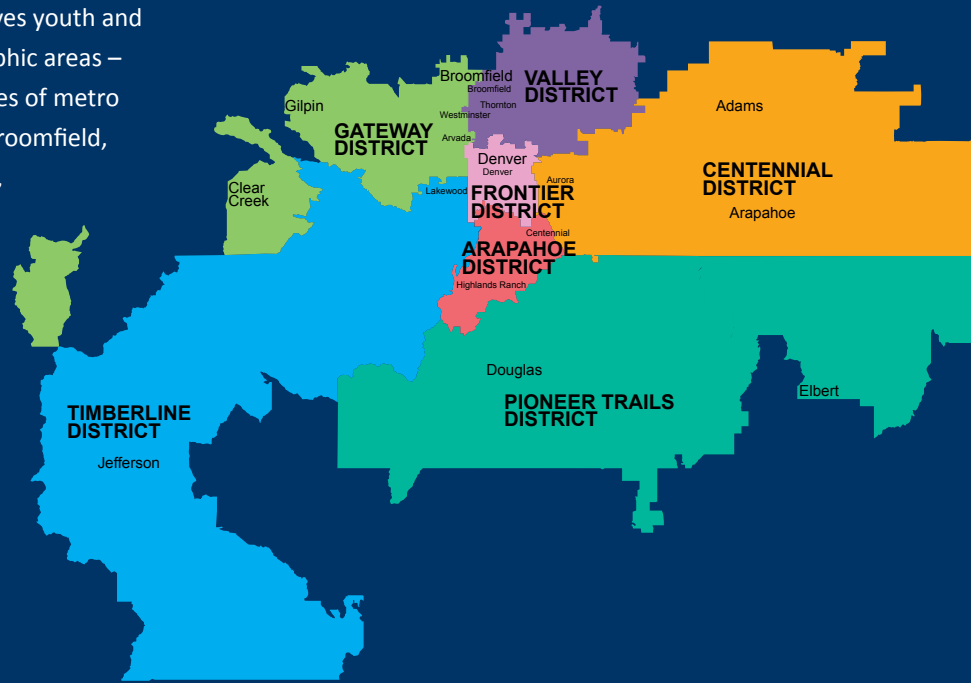
“All of my boys have worked here [Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch] and love it. They have made lifelong friends, learned how to “live” in their own safe environment, and had some of the best experiences of their lives. They will be back there this summer. Oh, and did I mention that college scholarships are available when your child works there?”

~ Katherine R.



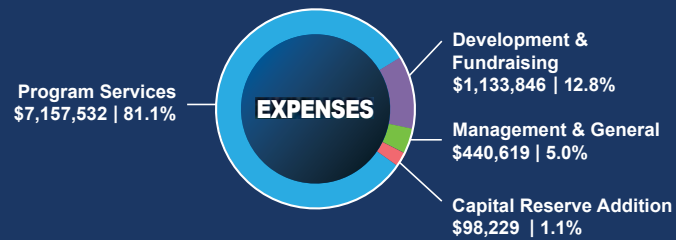
Service Locations – 10 Counties in the Denver Area Council

The Denver Area Council serves youth and families within seven geographic areas – or districts – in the 10 counties of metro Denver: Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, Jefferson, and Park.



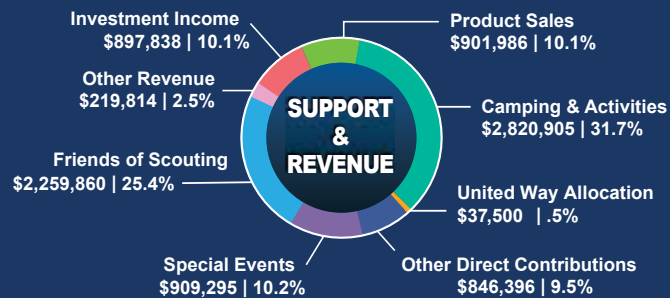
HOW WE INVEST

Your generous investment assures lifelong rewards!
Total Expenses: \$8,830,226



HOW WE ARE FUNDED

Total Support & Revenue: \$8,893,594



To help continue the impact of Scouting go to DenverBoyScouts.org/Donate

Year in Review 2018

The Denver Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, is a leading advocate for youth and the foremost provider of character development and values-based leadership training.

Denver Area Council serves
10 metro counties of Denver

Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek,
Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin,
Jefferson, and Park

31,879
Youth Members

91%
Scouts

graduate from
high school

Harris Interactive Study



5,794

Total Youth Served

includes camp and after school programs

Tufts
University
Cub Scouts

study reported
significant increases
in character
attributes

TuftsCampStudy.com



461
Scouts

earned the Eagle Scout rank

10,523
Youth

attended summer
and year-round camps
and 113 received Camperships

157,000
Service Hours
valued at
\$3,900,000

were contributed by Scouts,
leaders, and participants
from our Council

More than
7,000
Adult
Volunteers

helped lead
Scouting programs

918
Merit Badges

earned from Colorado
Adventure Point programs



15,478
Merit Badges

were earned and 12,214
rank advancements were
achieved by Scouts
in our Council
last year



31,879
Youth
Members



12,346 Cub Scouts
Ages 5-10/grades K-5
756 girls joined in 2018



7,808 Boy Scouts
Ages 11-17/
grades 6-12



384 Venturers
Ages 14-20



1,341 Explorers
Ages 14-20



10,000 Learning
for Life Members
Ages pre-K – high school





John & Marjorie Madden Merit Scholarship Program ESTABLISHED 2000

An endowment fund was established by John and Marjorie Madden with the Denver Area Council to ensure the highest quality and continuity of camp staff members for Denver Area Council camps. The scholarship program as we know it today was created in 2000. Scholarships are annually awarded to selected camp staff who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America, and who meet all requirements of the scholarship program.

The scholarship process is competitive, and requires a written application, an interview, 20 hours of community service annually, and a minimum 2.85 GPA, which must be maintained throughout the entire scholarship period.

Recipients of the scholarship may attend an accredited college or trade school of their choice, and they must return each summer as camp staff at either Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch or Tahosa High Adventure Base.

In 2018, 32 camp staff scholars participated in the Madden Scholarship program. Since 2000, 225 staff members have received scholarships, totaling nearly \$2.6 million. Because of this program, the average age of summer camp staff is higher, resulting in a more mature, experienced camp staff, which yields one of the strongest camp programs in the Boy Scouts of America as a whole.

For more information, contact JoLynne Conrad at 720.266.2143 or JoLynne.Conrad@Scouting.org.

← 2018 Madden Merit Scholars, Tahosa

BACK ROW (L TO R): Thomas Larson, Quinn Krause
MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): Amanda Potter, Lauren Dewey, Zach Smeton, Corey Schroeder
FRONT ROW (L TO R): Jared Luer, Sasha Newby, Sarah Larson

↓ 2018 Madden Merit Scholars, Peaceful Valley

BACK ROW (L TO R): Josh Harris, Rudy Reynolds, Mason Huyge, Stephen Field, Lindsay Jessen, Jacob Morris, Ryan Mellin, Matt Field, Miles Wood
MIDDLE ROW (L TO R): Jordan Trcka, Michael Vestal, Caitlyn Wagner, Colin Burdine, Chais Matekovic, Robert Meikle, Linus Murillo
FRONT ROW (L TO R): Jackson Osborne, Suzy Walsh, Dallas Sprout, Mike Swanson, Stephen Kipp



Distinguished Eagle Scout Award

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award is the National Eagle Scout Association's highest recognition. The award was established to recognize Eagle Scouts who, at least 25 years after earning the rank of Eagle, have reached the highest national level of success in their field. In addition, these recipients have demonstrated a strong record of volunteer leadership service to their community.

Denver Area Council Recipients of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award to date:

Junius F. Baxter*	David A. Fisher, Jr.	John K. Kleinheksel	G. Jackson Tankersley, Jr.
James E. Blair	Gary J. Goldberg	Charles S. McNeil	Harry A. Trueblood, Jr.*
Joseph B. Blake	W. Richard Goodwin*	Daniel L. Ritchie	Richard H. Truly
Louis J. Boggio*	M. Doak Jacoway	Herrick S. Roth*	James W. Vanderbeek
Garry L. Briese	Glenn R. Jones*	Donald R. Seawell*	Milton H. Ward*
Walter E. Chapman*	William R. Kephart*	David J. Steiner	*In Memory



Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

The NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award is a prestigious recognition granted by the local council's NESA committee to Eagle Scouts who have demonstrated outstanding achievement at the local, state, or regional level. Unlike the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award recognizes Eagle Scouts whose efforts have made a positive impact closer to home.

Denver Area Council Recipients of the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award to date:

Jonathan Adams	Brent J. Hillier	Tom A. Millensifer*	Christopher C. Sherry
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Dr. Michael D. Dent	Charles S. McNeil	Sandford W. Rothe	*In Memory
Robert E. Dickinson		Donald E. Scott*	
Randy D. Funk		Michael G. Severns	



Class of 2018 Silver Beaver Award Recipients

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest honor the Denver Area Council can bestow upon a volunteer Scouter in recognition of distinguished service to youth. The award honors Scouters whose efforts, on behalf of the youth of our community, are of an exceptional nature. To each of them, Scouting offers its most sincere gratitude.

Will Amerine	Mark Edelen	C. J. Mays	Danny Shields
Iona Baldock	Mark Field	André Pauka	Kristin Todd
Jerry Benson-	Warren Jackson	Michael Severns	Ed Tugya
Montgomery	Dorothea Lindsey	Charles Sherman	Lynn Zoller
Johnny Cordova	Jeanette Lloyd		





Denver Area Council Scouting Programs

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, with more than 2.4 million youth participants and nearly one million adult volunteers. The BSA was founded in 1910, and since then, more than 110 million Americans have been participants in BSA programs at one time. The BSA's goal is to train youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and, at older age levels, career-oriented programs in partnership with community organizations. Locally, the Denver Area Council is supported by more than 7,000 adult volunteers to provide educational programs to nearly 32,000 young people that help build character, develop leadership skills, encourage the responsibilities of active citizenship, and promote personal fitness.



Cub Scouts Youth 5-10 or Grades K-5
When you're a kid, fun comes first. Cub Scouts lets kids have fun while teaching them skills that will help them later on. From the thrill of shooting an arrow to learning how to transform a block of wood into a race car, Cub Scouts is one thrill after another. With a program expertly tailored to match each age in a young child's life, Cub Scouts learn that even when fun isn't easy, it's always an adventure. In Scouting, everything has a purpose. And it shows kids that doing their best is the most fun of all.



Scouts BSA Youth 11-17 or Grades 6-12
With more than 130 Merit Badges available, from archery and art, to welding and wilderness survival – Scouting is an ultimate form of learning by doing. Service, community engagement, and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way towards earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. By first imagining, then planning, and then doing their own service projects, Scouts learn the value of hard work and experience the thrill of seeing it pay off. Outdoor adventures including hiking and camping, gives Scouts all the experience they need to become leaders.



Venturing Youth 14-20
All teens have one-- a moment that opens their eyes to a world that's bigger than they ever imagined. It might happen while paddling a quiet lake, bonding with new friends around a beach bonfire, or rising to the challenge of leading an exhausted crew to the edges of adventure. Venturing gives young men and women access to a range of programs and empowers them to create their own experiences. It brings Scouting values to life through both high adventure outdoor activities and challenging real-world projects.



STEM Scouts Grades 3-12
STEM Scouts help girls and boys learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics through creative, hands-on activities, field trips and interaction with STEM professionals. STEM Scouts offers a Scouting experience with less emphasis on the outdoors. STEM Scouts follows the Scout Oath and Law with the goal of producing young men and women who are leaders, display confidence, realize their skills and limitations, are respectful of others' opinions, are problem solvers in all aspects of life, look for opportunities to serve others, are good citizens and demonstrate integrity in all phases of life.



Exploring Youth 14-20
Exploring provides exciting activities and one-on-one mentorship for youth looking to discover their future. Whether you're a local organization looking to strengthen the community or a young person wanting to uncover the possibilities of your future, Exploring is a great place to start.



Learning for Life Pre-K – High School
Learning for Life is a character education program designed to support schools and community-based organizations in their efforts to prepare youth to successfully handle the complexities of our contemporary society. The program uses age-appropriate, grade-specific lesson plans to give youth skills and information that will help them make positive decisions for themselves, their families and their futures. As a result, the positive character traits and skills learned by participation in Learning for Life not only make students more confident and capable, but also give them an invaluable understanding of how things work in the real world. Schools will see higher attendance rates and fewer disciplinary actions.



Sea Scouting Youth 14-20
For more than 100 years Sea Scouting has promoted better citizenship and improved members' boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

Find a Scouting program near you at BeAScout.org

Donald E. Scott Colorado Adventure Point

An indoor adventure facility located on the west side of the Hamilton Scout Headquarters in Lakewood, Colorado, Donald E. Scott Colorado Adventure Point (CAP) is a 20,000 square foot facility that includes a two-story rock climbing wall, archery and air rifle shooting ranges, industrial fabrication lab, sustainability lab, and technology lab. CAP hosts summer day camps, Merit Badge classes, adventure overnights, birthday parties, conferences, and school group programs. CAP also develops custom activities for groups. CAP is open to the public as well as Scouts.

In July of 2018, CAP was renamed to Donald E. Scott Colorado Adventure Point. With support from the family of Donald E. Scott, CAP was able to upgrade their entire facility along with their urban garden in conjunction with a new aquaponics system to complement the Walter Imhoff Sustainability Lab.

Other generous gifts have allowed CAP to enhance and expand its programs. New Merit Badges that have gained popularity are Animation and Digital Technology, which is possible because of the Enger Family's generous donation

of a new Technology Lab. Additionally, CAP has hosted many cooking Merit Badge Classes, thanks to a generous donation from the Shrader Family for the Steven Schrader Culinary Lab. Graebel Relocation Services paved the way for more adventure with a donation for the Outdoor Adventure Zone, where many picnics and Gaga ball games take place.

Makers Camp is one of CAP's day camps that teaches youth skills in the fields of painting, pottery, photography, woodworking, and metalwork. Campers work in the CAP technology and fabrication labs to design innovative projects, learn about creative career fields, and cultivate artistic skills.

STEM Adventure Day Camp offers five days of dynamic adventure plus new hands on experiments. Each day campers work together to solve challenging experiments designed to teach critical thinking and the scientific method. In addition, campers can experience thrilling Adventure Zones as they learn about science in rock climbing, archery, marksmanship and much more!

Visit ColoradoAdventurePoint.org for more information about day camps and CAP.





DENVER AREA SCOUT CAMPS

Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch

Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch (PV) is the larger of the Denver Area Council's two camp properties. Located in Central Colorado on the edge of the Black Forest, PV is 65 miles southeast of Denver, near the town of Elbert. The property includes 3,316 acres of mountain park terrain and sits at 7,000 feet in elevation along the Palmer Divide. PV is home to Camp Cris Dobbins, Camp Dietler, Webelos Extreme Scouting Trek (W.E.S.T), and Magness Adventure Camp. In addition to summer opportunities, there are numerous opportunities for weekend camping during the off-season, including unit use of the shooting ranges, rock climbing, and the ATV safety program.

Camp Cris Dobbins is the Denver Area Council's flagship summer camping program. Focusing heavily on Merit Badges and rank advancements, it provides a classic Scout experience. Some of its notable features are a newly renovated dining hall for the 2019 camping season, along with state-of-the-art shooting sports facilities, and more!

Camp Dietler is a "back to basics" patrol-based camping experience at PV. Scouts attending this program focus on Scouting fundamentals, such as cooking and functioning as a patrol. Merit Badges are offered in addition to the newly integrated rank advancement program. Other program highlights include an ATV safety course, overnight outpost experience, and the weeklong hunt for the Treasure Rock.

Alpine Adventure is a high adventure program geared towards older Scouts who are looking for a true mountaineering adventure. Glissade down snow fields, rock climb in a true back-country environment, learn about weather patterns and ecology of the area, summit peaks of over 13,000 feet in elevation and experience the back-country adventure of a lifetime! For those troops or crews looking for a more adventurous summer camp experience, look no further than Alpine Adventure, an extreme backpacking experience based out of Tahosa High Adventure Base.

Angel Fire is a camp designed for females, ages 11-17, located at Tahosa High Adventure Base. It provides opportunities to try new activities indoors and outdoors, make new friends, and develop new talents all in a supervised environment. You can choose to camp in a tent or in a cabin, plus enjoy a night sleeping under the stars along with experiencing new activities which may include: archery, C.O.P.E., rock climbing (belaying and repelling), cooking, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, handicrafts, fishing, trail hiking, mountain biking, gaga, swimming, sand volleyball, photography, illustration, painting, pioneering, first aid, safety, camp fires, orienteering, and team skits.

EaglePoint Base Camp is where troops can participate in a traditional summer camp with emphasis on the outdoor-type Merit Badges that are taught by staff. If a troop is feeling a bit more ambitious, they may want to bring in some of their own program and Merit Badge counselors and still take advantage of Merit Badges offered at EaglePoint. Whether you chose to run your own program, participate in ours, or do a little of both, we promise your experience at EaglePoint Base Camp will be one of a kind!

Mountaineer is a program that allows Scouts to participate in the excitement of summer camp when they can't participate with their own troop. This program also allows participants to meet new Scouts and build lasting relationships.



Magness Adventure Camp is the Denver Area Council's premiere Cub Scout camping experience. Offering four-day/three-night sessions twice per week. Families and packs live in canvas wall tents and eat prepared meals out of their assigned shelter. During the day, a wide variety of activities are scheduled for participants, including BB Gun shooting and archery, arts and crafts, and boating on Kiewit Lake.

Webelos Extreme Scouting Trek (W.E.S.T.) is truly a unique program that introduces Webelos and Arrow of Light aged-youth to the skills and methods that they will use when they crossover to Scouts BSA. It has proven to make participants much more successful in transitioning from Cub Scouts to older youth programs and has received rave reviews over the past several summers.

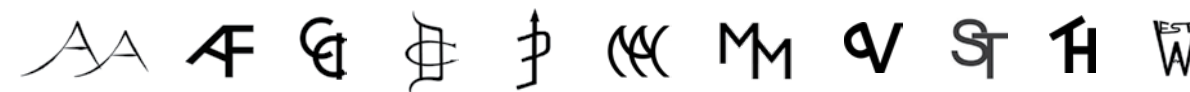
Tahosa High Adventure Base

Tahosa High Adventure Base is nestled in the Rocky Mountains, near the town of Ward, at an elevation of nearly 9,000 feet, making it one of the highest Scout camps in the United States. Tahosa consists of 320 acres, which includes several high alpine meadows, a large lake stocked with trout, and access to adjacent national forest lands. Tahosa is home to Eagle Point Base Camp, Tahosa Trek, Alpine Adventure, Mountaineer, National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), and Angel Fire. Year-round program options at Tahosa include winter camping, climbing, mountain biking, backpacking, mountaineering, fishing, and team-building activities on the high ropes course.

Sawtooth is a new program at Tahosa High Adventure Base, integrating the Tahosa Trek, Wilderness Wisdom, and Wet and Wild programs. Depending on the week, Scouts will have opportunities ranging from earning Wilderness First Aid and CPR certifications, and trek related Merit Badges, to aquatics themed badges. Whatever a Scout's interests and aptitudes, they can find it in the Sawtooth program at Tahosa.

Tahosa Trek was created to introduce backpacking to Scouts too young for Alpine Adventure Trek, or who do not yet feel ready for an extended backpacking trip. Tahosa Trek is comprised of classroom time and a three-day/ two-night trip in the Roosevelt National Forest, just off the Tahosa High Adventure Base property. Tahosa Trek is an introduction to backpacking for both Scouts and Scouters. As part of this program, you will spend two days at camp preparing the fundamentals of trekking and two and one-half days putting it into practice.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting action-packed program designed for youth members to gain leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The training is conducted by highly qualified youth staff under the supervision of adult advisors. The course models a month in the life of a unit. The training consists of six days of Scout activities culminating in an overnight outpost camp.





Family Scouting

Families have increasingly expressed interest in Boy Scouts of America (BSA) programs that can include the entire family so they may all benefit from the values-based leadership development that Scouting offers. Girls have been involved in Scouting programs for more than 70 years, and in 2018 the Denver Area Council (DAC) began welcoming girls to join the Cub Scouts program (grades K-5).

In 2018, the DAC had 12,346 Cub Scouts, of which 756 were girls. Nationwide, more than 77,000 girls joined Cub Scouts. Now, girls who have participated in Scouting activities with their brothers can earn achievements for their efforts.

Cub Scouts provides fun, hands-on activities that help prepare youth to become caring and responsible citizens and leaders. Cub Scout Packs may now include a combination of all-girl or all-boy dens, and dens within a pack continue to be



single gender – all girls or all boys. This allows the BSA to maintain the integrity of the single-gender model, while also meeting the requests of today’s families to make Scouting available as a family adventure.

The BSA’s decision to make its most iconic programs available to boys and girls resulted from the input of our Scouting families, as well as prospective Scouting families that did not have children in the program. At a time when families are busier than ever, giving them the option to get involved as a family is a great opportunity to bring families and communities together. We look forward to welcoming older girls, ages 11-17, to Scouts BSA in 2019, allowing them to earn the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

For more information about Family Scouting contact Rachel Joslyn at 720.266.2122 or Rachel.Joslyn@Scouting.org.



LeAP – Leadership Assistance Program: Overcoming hardships

The Denver Area Council (DAC) Leadership Assistance Program (LeAP) launched in 2012, bringing Boy Scout programs to youth in the Denver Metro area who are affected by economic and social hardships. Participating communities include Denver, Westminster, Thornton, Lakewood, Arvada, Wheat Ridge, Sheridan, Idaho Springs, Commerce City, and Aurora. Today LeAP partners with 100 schools, churches and community organizations, and includes more than 2,000 young people. A portion of the 100 programs include 12 special needs and one incarcerated unit. LeAP serves youth 6-20 years old, including Cub Scouts ages 6-10 1/2, Scouts BSA ages 11-18, and Venturers ages 14-20. LeAP employs three full-time professional staff, and 17 part-time program aides.

Many LeAP participants come from families that are struggling to make ends meet and are often identified as at-risk youth. LeAP participants benefit from structured,

after-school or community center-based programs which offer safe space. The DAC hires and trains adult leaders to provide Scouting programs in these communities through



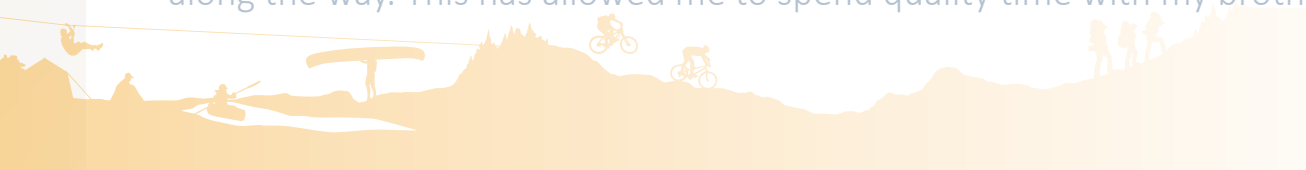
the LeAP program, which instill the Scout Oath and Scout Law and build character. Scout programs are presented in a modified version, so each Scout can earn advancements.

LeAP also provides activities for the Scouting family. It has six all-city pack meetings which include parents and siblings. LeAP’s summer activities include camp-outs for older youth, Day Camp for Cub Scouts, and Family Camp for all LeAP participants and their family. LeAP’s Special Needs units attended Learning for Life Special Needs Adventure Day at Odom Farm and a Fishing Derby at Cherry Creek State Park.

For more information about this program or to volunteer or sponsor a unit, contact Bob Williams at 720.266.2136 or Bob.Williams@Scouting.org.



“Joining a new Scouts BSA all girls unit is a dream come true. I’ve always been on the sidelines watching my brother have all these fun camping trips and following an advancement program which I can now enjoy myself. I’m excited for the opportunity to earn the Eagle rank, and even more excited about the experiences I will have along the way. This has allowed me to spend quality time with my brother which without Scouts BSA, would probably not happen as much.” ~ Elizabeth G.





“ Family Scouting has provided an opportunity for both my son and daughter to have joint experiences that create lasting, lifelong bonds. They both hold each other accountable for rank advancement, preparation for campouts and even motivation to attend meetings at times when they don't feel up to going. As a parent, the convenience of one weekly meeting to attend as well as the stronger bonds made with friends in Scouting has been wonderful. ”

~ Robert G.



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