

## Delivering Values Rooted In Life Experiences To Alameda Youth

The Alameda Council, Boy Scouts of America, has a 93 year history of helping shape and mold the values and character of youth and adults in Alameda. Being prepared means having the ability to deal with the many tough challenges life presents - and that's what Scouting is all about. We collaborate with local organizations like schools and churches to provide resources to our youth as well as the community at large. Scouting provides the following programs which currently serve 3,020 (over 52%) total youth of Scouting age in Alameda. 40% of our membership is female, making the Alameda Council, BSA, *the largest youth serving co-educational program in town.*

### Traditional Scouting Programs:

#### *Offered through Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Co-ed Venturing*

- Provide responsible fun and adventure to strengthen healthy relationships with peers, parents and adults ultimately leading to a safer community.
- Promote service, citizenship, and leadership skills and encourages ethical values and character based on religious concepts to youth and adults.
- Instill a high degree of self-reliance, self-esteem, initiative, courage, and resourcefulness and promotes physical, mental and emotional fitness.
- Help prevent hunger and demonstrates community service through our annual island-wide "Scouting For Food" drive and "Good Turn For America" programs.
- Support single parents with a network of adults and youth who can provide healthy role modeling and family support.

### Learning for Life Scouting Programs:

#### *Offered through our collaboration with various Alameda schools*

- Provide education in drug, alcohol, and violence abuse prevention and provide safe places and programs where youth develop into productive adults.
- Encourage a commitment to learning, better grades, graduation from high school and college - leading to first time employment and top level jobs.
- Support school programs in outdoor education, photography, TV/Media production, culinary arts, career planning and more.
- Deliver values-based, character building classroom adopted curriculums to local teachers and sponsor student outings and guided field trips including our annual Angel Island program for the entire Chipman Middle School eighth grade.

### Scoutreach Programs:

#### *Offered in our traditional and Learning for Life programs*

- Provide registration fees, uniforms, books, and camperships to youth and adults at no cost, making Scouting available to our most underserved neighborhoods.
- Sponsor "Adventure Day" programs during AUSD non-student attendance days to assist families with day care needs who might not be able to afford these costs.
- Support counselors and teachers with career surveys, professional speakers bureau, and program assistance at no cost to our schools.
- Ensure all youth can participate in a Scouting program without fear of crime, violence, racism, hatred, or prejudice. Youth with disabilities are given equal program activity opportunities for involvement.

