



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
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Delivering The Promise

The first page of the first chapter in my 11th edition (1998) copy of the Boy Scout Handbook promises a new scout the following:

“SCOUTING promises you the great outdoors.....”

“SCOUTING promises you friendship.....”

“SCOUTING promises you opportunities to work toward the Eagle Scout rank.....”

“SCOUTING promises you tools to help you make the most of your family, your community, and your nation.....”

“SCOUTING promises you experiences and duties that will help you mature into a strong wise adult.....”

The promise of adventure, learning, challenge, responsibility, and more is right there on the first page of the Scout Handbook. How exciting it must be for a young person to read that and dream of the adventures to come!

But who makes sure that the promise is delivered?

Why it is you. Whether you are a Scouting BSA leader, a Cub Scout leader, Venture leader, Sea Scout leader, Explorer leader, or assistant leader, it is you. You think about your unit all the time, you plan adventures (and work with older youth to help them plan adventures), you spend a great deal of time with kids who don't belong to you, you mentor, you coach, you teach, and you set a good solid example for youth to emulate. You include parents who want to help as assistants, committee members, or just part time helpers. All of you together deliver that promise to youth of all ages in our community.

It never ceases to amaze me as to how much time and work you scout leaders put in and with such vigor and enthusiasm. I am humbled to be your Council Commissioner and eternally grateful for the things you do for the youth in America. Keep up the good work!

Yours in Scouting,

Jonathan Lang
Catalina Council Commissioner