

79 Organizations in Tucson Benefit from Catalina Council, BSA, Volunteers

Scouting recruitment reports strong growth as group celebrates 104th anniversary.



Local Scout volunteering on an Eagle Scout service project.

TUCSON, ARIZ (February 8, 2023) – Catalina Council, BSA, celebrates its 104th anniversary Wednesday, Feb. 8, preparing Southern Arizona’s young leaders for recreational and philanthropic opportunities. The Council wants to continue its growth from last year when 422 families joined Scouting with 14 percent of Scout membership female and 30 percent ethnically diverse.

In addition, Catalina Council, BSA, will be celebrating the 79 organizations who benefited from the volunteer work by 94 Eagle Scouts who worked more than 17,000 hours on service projects assisted by around 2,000 volunteers.

“In 2023, our priority is to focus our membership to be more reflective of the Southern Arizona community and recruit youth from various backgrounds so everyone can benefit from Scouting,” said Jeff Hotchkiss, CEO of Catalina Council, BSA. “Our aim in 2023 is to continue our growth in recruitment and continue to engage our Scouts in community service.”

As Catalina Council, BSA, celebrates its local anniversary, nationally, the BSA is marking its 113th year of “providing character development and values-based leadership training for youth.”

The nonprofit organization also added two new initiatives last year including a Council-wide rummage sale for capital improvements and partnering with El Tour de Tucson. The Catalina Council, BSA, currently supports the Combined Federal Campaign and Community Giving Campaign.

About Catalina Council, BSA

The Catalina Council, BSA, is a nonprofit organization that has been serving youth in Southern Arizona for over 100 years and offers development programs for young people from Kindergarten to age 21. For additional information, visit catalinacouncil.org.

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