

### Highlights:

We enable our Scouts to live a life of purpose

We enable our Scouts to make their lives about something greater than themselves

We enable our Scouts of faith to learn more about their faith

The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA instill in our Scouts the importance of living a life of purpose. We encourage personal growth, developing new skills by doing, and the fostering of personal values and responsible citizenship. Living a life of purpose means making your life about something greater than yourself, helping others, and coming together as a community to help others more effectively



### Something Greater than Oneself

Our Scout Programs offer opportunities for our Scouts to acquire additional knowledge about their individual faith or worldview. Personal values and individual worldviews are very specific, and we respect every Scout's opinion and the character in each Scout as instilled by their parents. An element of our Scout Programs is that our Scouts have the opportunity to acquire additional knowledge about their faith or worldview. We also enable our Scouts and members to practice their faith and fulfill religious responsibilities.

We enable our Scouts to participate in either our Religious Recognition Program or Ethics Recognition Program, in which our Scouts have the opportunity to learn more about their faith or worldview, and also have the opportunity to be recognized by demonstrating their knowledge of and appreciation for their faith or worldview.



This allows our Scouts to learn more about their individual faith or worldview in a FUN environment.

Our Scouts also make their life about something greater than themselves by helping others.

### Helping Others

Our Scouts demonstrate their intent to live a life of purpose by the way they are living and leading their lives. Our Scouts value that they are called upon to help others help themselves and to always give their best.

We value those who serve in our military and serve the public by their service to others. And as Scout Programs which inspire living a life of purpose, we encourage our Scouts to serve their greater communities.

We inspire and challenge others to do justice and help others compassionately. Our Scout Programs believe in helping others to help themselves. Our Scouts are united by their participation in the Scout Movement, their shared interests, and a desire to do well academically. Our Scout's mutual interest in service to the greater community and to help others is a shared fundamental belief of the Scout Movement. Their solidarity helps them to be an instrument of purpose. Our Scout's choosing to live a life of purpose enables them to commit from their heart in all that they do. They can always give their best.

We encourage our Scouts to value that serving their greater community contributes to living a full life and a life of purpose. Our Scouts are truly being Scouts as they participate in activities which ask the question – what can I do to effect change? Our Scouts are encouraged to think big and see how they can truly make a difference in what matters to them. Being a Scout is not about wearing a uniform, earning badges, and stating an oath. Whether they do so with good character, with service to others and with effort to better themselves are far more important. Those are the qualities of a Scout. Each of us is called to serve in varying ways.

In the small and large things they do to serve their great communities, our Scouts live a life of purpose. We encourage our Scouts to develop their own moral compass and to lead by example. When our Scouts observe someone in their school lunchroom sitting by themselves, our Scouts are encouraged to sit with them. Similarly, when they observe someone being treated unfairly, they are expected to stand up for that person.

While our Scouts are encouraged to lead by example, they are not expected to be perfect. By combining personal and social responsibility, our Scouts develop an appreciation for the circumstances of others, which contributes to their living a life of purpose. While performing service to the greater community, we do not count our Scouts' hours. Scouts who are passionate about what they are doing, value their contribution more, than those who just are waiting for the clock. It is more important what our Scouts' hearts say than what their watches say.

## Living a Life of Purpose with Others

There are memorable moments that stand out more than others do. An example of which is when without realizing it you are riding your bicycle without training wheels or assistance for the first time. Another is the first fish you caught. Thinking back to those types of experiences, of course you remember what you accomplished. More importantly, you fondly remember those who were present and a part of your experience. One cannot live a life of purpose in isolation.

## Living a Life of Purpose with Passion

In life, there are many possibilities for how one can live their life. Life can be lived by viewing the action from the sidelines or from within the game. In the game of life, those who commit to playing are the ones who have the advantage of having memories those on the sidelines will never have. The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA enable everyone to participate in the adventure of the Scouts by inclusive membership in its Scout Programs. The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA encourage each to find their hidden inner strength, and to live a life of purpose. This allows our Scouts to benefit from the vast experience and expertise each of us can provide in our own way.

We encourage our Scouts to love what they do because

doing what they love contributes to the development of purpose to one's life. We encourage our Scouts to soar because we are filled with hope for a brighter tomorrow. We live in a time filled with possibilities and as modern Scout Programs; we help each and every one of our Scouts realize their potential.