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Reaching Youth with Scouting

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## Every Boy Deserves a Chance



Every young person deserves the chance to experience the adventure of Scouting—no matter what their economic background.

Unfortunately, there are communities where—because of economic problems and social issues—boys never have a chance to be a Scout.

The Boy Scouts of America is determined to make sure that every boy who wants to has the opportunity to be a Scout—in spite of economic or social problems.

### Why Scouting?

*Scouting is more than uniforms and camping. It's positive adult role models shaping the character of young people.*

For almost 100 years, Scouting has been helping develop character, responsibility and leadership abilities in young people. With the care and support of quality adult leaders, young people have the chance to reach their full potential.



### Risk Factors for Disadvantaged Youth

- Youth in low income families often have decreased parental involvement, due to single-parent homes or parents working multiple jobs
- Youth are at-risk for failing grades, truancy and possible high school dropout

### Mentoring on the Trail to Eagle

Young people tend to model the behavior they see in adults. So, having the right role model can make a real difference to a young person struggling to make their way. To address this need, Circle Ten Council created the *Trail to Eagle* where community leaders mentor and guide at-risk youth on their Scouting journey.



# Two Proven Models for ScoutReach Success

## Jalando Parejo: Pulling Together for Scouting



For the Scouting program to succeed, it takes volunteers and communities pulling together.

Nowhere is this more important than in low-income areas. To help more organizations start Scouting units, Circle Ten Council launched *Jalando Parejo*. Spanish for *pulling together*, the program connects churches in economically distressed areas with donors to help pay for uniforms, supplies and camp for a three-year period. The main focus is to establish packs and troops in areas where families may have little or no familiarity with Scouting.



## Program Managers: Leading the Way

Quality volunteer leaders are the key to the success of any Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop or Venturing crew. Unfortunately, in communities with high numbers of single-parents working multiple jobs, volunteer leadership is often hard to find. In these situations, Circle Ten Council employs *Program Managers*—paid Scout leaders—to help deliver the program. These program managers often help start units, hold meetings with the youth and work to develop volunteer resources to sustain the Scout unit within the community.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Where do we find volunteers?

Volunteers are typically parents or concerned members of the church or organization where the Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, or Venturing crew is located. These leaders are selected and approved by the church or organization. In situations where there are no volunteer leaders, the council may provide a Program Manager to help get the unit started.



### Doesn't Scouting require uniforms and equipment that cost money?

The only thing really needed to provide the Scouting program is a handbook. With the Jalando Parejo Program, the council may provide financial support to help secure uniforms, equipment and program materials.

### Where will we meet?

Scout units (Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews) are usually chartered to a church or other community organization that provides a place to meet.

### How do we get started?

Simply call the council office at 214-902-6700, or contact your local Scouting professional.

## A Program for All Ages

### Cub Scouts ages 7-10

Cub Scouting is a family centered program designed to meet the needs of boys ages 7 through 10 through fun and challenging activities designed to promote education, character and physical development.



### Boy Scouts ages 11-18

Boy Scouting is a leadership and character development program for young men ages 11 through 18. With the support of adult leaders, youth learn self confidence and develop personal values based on the Scout Oath and Law.



### Venturing ages 14-20

Venturing is a program for young men and women ages 14 through 20 designed to help young people grow into responsible and caring adults through educational and recreational experiences.





Special events like Fun Days and Fishing Derby's give inner-city youth a chance to experience a Boy Scout camp. Under the leadership of qualified volunteers, boys get the chance to climb, hike, fish and have fun in the outdoors.



Scoutreach is more than just camping and knots. It gives boys the opportunity to go new places, do new things and meet people beyond their own neighborhoods. For many, it's a chance to see the vast opportunities available to them as adults.



Funding is critical to the success of any quality program. Events like the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award Luncheon recognize service to at-risk youth and help provide the support necessary to fund Scoutreach.



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