

Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America offers programs that get youth outdoors to participate in activities such as camping, hiking, swimming and more. Through these activities, youth learn valuable life skills such as lifesaving, cooking, interviewing, goal setting, service to others and leadership. These skills are taught within the ethical framework of the Scout Oath and Law. As a result, scouting youth mature into adults who lead their community and serve others. Recently, the importance of Scouting programs has increased as research now shows that getting outdoors can help combat the increase in youth mental health issues caused by time spent at home and in front of screens.

Some of the most visible and immediate impacts of the Scouting program include the projects that youth must complete to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. In 2020, there were eight youth who completed Eagle Scout projects in Daviess County for a combined total of 750 hours of service. Some project highlights include benches built at Blessed Mother Catholic Church, a walkway at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and art supply boxes for homeless residents at the Daniel Pitino Shelter.