



# What Will Your Son's Future Hold?

---

SCOUTING 605

# *Boys today are at risk. They are:*

*More likely than girls to drop out of school.*

*Less likely to enter or graduate from college.*

*More likely to have low self-esteem*

*More likely to be diagnosed with learning disabilities*

---

# Scouting 605

---

Scouting BSA provides boys with programs and activities that allow them to try new things, provide service to others, build self-confidence, and reinforce ethical standards.

# Scouting 605

---

A recent study conducted by Harris Interactive shows that Scouting programs build boys mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. The skills they learn in Scouting help them overcome obstacles and challenges with courage and character throughout their lives. “The Values of Scouting.”

# Scouting 605

---

The mission of Scouting BSA prepares young people to make ethical and moral choices, over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

# Scouting 605

---

**Study results indicate that Scouts with at least five years tenure are more likely than boys who have never been Scouts to:**

Assume leadership roles in clubs or school organizations.

Put the needs of others before their own.

Have higher self-confidence.

Be active in a variety of after-school activities.

Resist peer pressure to take part in delinquent or dishonest activities.

Scouts teaches life skills.

# Scouting 605

---

**Scouting also provides youth with skills that help them cope with any situation.  
Youth say Scouting has taught them to:**

Always give their best effort.

Always be honest.

Treat others with respect.

Set goals

Stay physically fit

# Scouting 605

---

## Scouting and Academic Performance.

---

Scouts agree that Scouting activities have helped them improve their performance in science, reading and math.

---

Scouts are also more likely than other boys to report earning high grades in school.

---

Lifelong benefits of Scouting.



# Scouting 605

---

The values and skills boys learn in Scouting last a lifetime. More than (83%) who were Scouts agree that” the values I learned in Scouting continue to be very important to me.”

# Scouting 605

---

**Men who were Scouts five or more years as boys are more likely than men with no Scouting experience to:**

Graduate from high school (91% v. 87%)

Graduate from college (35% v. 19%)

Earn higher annual household incomes (\$80,000 v. \$61,00)

Value family relationships highly (81% v. 72%)

Have lifelong friendships (89% v. 74%)

Attend religious services (87% v. 77%)

Believe helping others should come before one's own self-interest (92% v. 83%)

# Scouting 605

---

In addition, more than eight of ten men who were Scouts (83%) say that there have been real-life situations in which having been a Scout helped them to be better leaders.