The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA are inclusive. But we stretch beyond our members to include other organizations, which also benefit youth. These “Friendship Organizations” are organizations we have a special relationship with. We encourage other organizations, which work for the good of youth to join our “Circle of Friends.”

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization of volunteers guided by the principle of helping others.

Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, and the first chapter of the American Red Cross opened May 21, 1881. The American Red Cross is distinguished by serving our nation in peace as well as war, and handling disaster relief at home as well as on the battlefield.

Public Education

The American Red Cross provides very high standards of first aid, CPR, water safety, and disaster preparedness education, including first aid training for children. We believe every child should have basic first aid training.

The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA use these very standards in our own programs. The American Red Cross has been educating the public on safety and helping others for 85 years.

Disaster Relief

The American Red Cross is there to provide assistance before, during, and after natural disasters as such floods, tornadoes, fires, and hurricanes. The Red Cross’s first responsibility is to administer first aid immediately. Afterward, Red Cross volunteers provide water, shelter, food, and other necessities. According to the American Red Cross, during the 2005 Hurricane season, which included Hurricane Katrina, “233,000 Red Cross workers were

deployed” to assist with the aftermath. Remarkably, “95 percent” were volunteers.