Adventure Scouts USA Fact Sheet for Educators, Schools, School Boards, and Parent Teacher Groups

How are the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA relevant to education?

Our Scout Programs are an informal educational platform that provides our Scouts opportunities to acquire new skills as well as develop self-confidence, determination, and good character.

Our Scouts have the opportunity to build life skills while participating in activities and mastering Challenges, which are projects our Scouts complete to move upward in our Personal Achievement Program.

In our Scout Programs, our Scouts choose, organize, and lead their meetings, programs and activities, providing our Scouts the opportunity to choose the interests they wish to pursue and to become invested in the learning process.

We welcome the input of educators across the nation to assist our Scouts in learning, succeeding and becoming whole people.

What are the common goals of educators, parent teacher groups, principals, and the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA?

We instill in our Scouts a love of learning and an appreciation that their choices today will determine their future tomorrow.

We help our Scouts become people who are trustworthy, respectful, honest, caring, responsible, and responsible citizens by providing our Scouts with guideposts to follow lifelong such as the Scout Promise, Scout Code, and Scout Motto.

Our Scouts acquire creative and critical thinking skills, adopt good study habits, become resourceful, and develop confidence and an interest in lifelong learning.

We strive to bring into closer relationship the goals of home and school and help parents and educators work together for the benefit of youth. We believe all youth deserve a well-rounded education and a safe, happy life in which they are free to pursue and explore their unique talents.

What kinds of benefits do youth get as a result of their participation in the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA?

Our Scouts benefit from…..

- acquiring an interest in lifelong learning
- exploration of their community and the world
- opportunity to pursue interests of their choosing
- supporting their fellow Scouts by developing the skill of teamwork
- enhancement of their self-esteem
- development and improvement of their writing, grammar, research, reading and communication and skills
- development and improvement of their interviewing, reevaluation and creative and critical thinking skills

- appreciation they should always Give their Best in all they do
- meeting, interacting and networking with new people
- acquisition of job and career skills and introduction to the diversity of job and career choices
- discovery of new interests which they choose to pursue lifelong
- development of new and lifelong friendships
- opportunity for embarking on new adventures
- development of confidence

• all while our Scouts are having FUN.

What are the educational benefits of participation in the Personal Achievement Programs of the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA?

Our Scouts who choose to participate in our Personal Achievement Programs have the unique advantage of discovering how of all their academic subjects are interrelated and they acquire an appreciation and interest in the value of lifelong learning.

When our Scouts participate in an activity such as going on a hike, they also learn about the plants, animals, and landforms they discover along the way. The hike is the activity, but as part of each activity, they gain knowledge about the world around them.

For example, if our Scouts decide to explore a lake, they acquire many different pieces and types of information.

They learn the location of the lake (geography), the history of the lake (social studies), what kind of life is necessary for a healthy ecosystem (life science), what industry is in the area working to end pollution (job search training), and what edible food may surround the lake (nutrition). Our Scouts may choose to build a walking path around the lake as a service project (physical education).

By participating in our Personal Achievement Programs, our Scouts acquire knowledge of many different facts from many different fields of study. They further develop their critical and creative thinking skills as they learn by doing. As they accomplish activities, they begin to predict for themselves what pieces of information they will need to acquire and they better appreciate the scope of the activity and the interrelatedness of all their school subjects.

What advantages are there for educators, schools, colleges, school boards, and parent teacher groups to support the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA?

We are the only fully nondiscriminatory Scout Program in the United States. Our programs, methods, activities, and philosophies are modern and inclusive.

Our Scout Programs welcome all on a co-ed basis. Educators, schools, colleges, school boards, and parent teacher groups can proudly support our Scout Programs that are for Every Child, Every Family, Everywhere.

Scouts, their parents, multiple generations and extended family members will be coming into the school and this gives them the opportunity to learn more about that particular school and its academic goals.

Educators, principals, school board members, parent teacher groups, and all others are also encouraged to share recommendations with us and offer us their insight as to how to improve our Scout Programs. We welcome the opportunity to share ideas with educators and develop additional and better ways to help our Scouts achieve and succeed.

Do the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA use different kinds of learning strategies?

Yes. We appreciate each of our Scouts has a different learning style and enable each to achieve whether they learn best by visual, auditory or tactile/kinesthetic methods. Our Scouts use a variety of ways to express their thinking, personal insights and share their experiences.

We encourage our Scouts, in ways they choose, to express themselves during their activities or participating in one of our achievement programs, whether by building and maintaining trails, creating art, writing creatively or taking photographs, and by building and launching rockets, just to name a few.

Challenge journals are made by our Scouts to record their experiences while doing comprehensive projects called Challenges. They are written, videotaped, or drawn depending upon the Scout's learning style.

Our Scout Programs help our Scouts become whole people and enhance the efforts of educational institutions and parents.

What kinds of educational strategies do you use in the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA?

Natural Learning, Experiential Education, Walking Around, Redirection, Active Listening, and the Jigsaw Method are some of the educational strategies our Scout Program uses.

We encourage educators to contact us with suggestions to improve our educational strategies. We are member-service Scout Programs and we constantly improve and update the service level we provide our members.

Do the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA include at risk or challenged youth?

Yes, our Scout Programs are inclusive and fully nondiscriminatory. We mainstream Scouts, so everyone can have the opportunity to acquire new skills and have FUN.

Discovering the individual talents of our Scouts and then offering them opportunities for personal growth while bonding socially with others is how we treat everyone interested in our Scout Programs.

Challenged Scouts greatly benefit from the opportunity to be included, participate, and interact socially. Other Scouts benefit from the opportunity meet and interact with those whose circumstances differ from their own, a building block of compassion.

Do the Scout responsibilities in the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA interfere with school responsibilities?

The responsibilities of our Scouts complement and enhance their schoolwork. Often their activities expand information they learned in the classroom through hands-on discovery. Additionally, our Scouts improve their skill of time management. Our Scout meeting and activities do not conflict with classroom time.

What advantage does participation in the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA offer those youth who move often?

We provide a sense of continuity in the lives of all youth, including those in military families, at risk youth, or those in foster care. If Scouts need to change teams, their Challenges, personal achievement and accomplishments transfer and our Scouts feel instantly at home within a new Adventure Scouts USA team.

Do the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA assist Scouts in identifying potential jobs and careers?

Yes. We introduce our Scouts to a wide variety of jobs and careers. As Scouts progress in our Scout Programs, we pair them with Mentors in the career area of their choice and assist our Scouts in job and career training.

Youth involved in the Scout Movement are more likely to succeed, are less likely to commit crimes, and more likely to do well in grade school, high school and beyond.

How can schools, school boards, school districts, and parent teacher groups assist the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA? • Schools, school boards, and parent teacher groups can sponsor teams of our Scout Programs.

• Schools, school boards and parent teacher groups can distribute to their students and members information about our Scout Programs.

• Educators and principals can work in conjunction with parents to bring our Scout Programs to their students.

I have heard that schools, school boards, and parent teacher groups are no longer supporting some Scout Groups. What makes the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA different from other Scout Programs or Scout Organizations?

Schools, school boards, and parent teacher groups are backing away from Scout organizations that fail to include, on a fully nondiscriminatory basis, all the students attending their schools.

Adventure Scouts USA is the only fully nondiscriminatory Scout Program in the United States. We are for Every Child, Every Family, Everywhere. Every student in your school, when they participate in the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA, is encouraged to realize their full potential.

We welcome equally those who are challenged, those who cannot afford traditional participation in the Scout Movement, and those who may have been turned away from other Scout Programs. We embrace equality and all our Scouts and Members participate in an atmosphere of acceptance and inclusion.

The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA are a portrait of the people of the United States. We welcome and are determined to include all who wish to participate who come with good will.

It is more relevant today than ever that there is a Scout Program that values that every student must be treated fairly and equally. Your staff is diverse, as is your student body, and their parents, making us the only Scout Program, which everyone can feel comfortable supporting within schools, particularly public.We encourage fresh support of the Scout Movement and our intent is to encourage greater participation in the

Scout Movement. Your school can immediately play a part by sponsoring a team of our Scout Programs.

Why is it important to our Scout Programs to reach out to educators?

Educators have always been people youth could reach out to and seek help from. The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA believe in the value of helping others and consequently, support educators in their efforts to create a brighter future for all youth.

Are any of your programs of direct benefit to educators?

We have developed curricula on several different subjects that can be used by educators. Each curriculum includes classroom work and learning by doing exercises that enable interaction with community experts in a certain field. Each curriculum can immediately serve as the entire lesson plan for a particular subject or as a part or supplement to your lesson plan. Our curricula are found under "Educator Resources" on our website.

What are the benefits to schools in supporting the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA?

Schools and the Scout Programs of the Adventure Scouts USA have many things in common. Our Scout Programs enable our Scouts the opportunity to acquire many practical life skills along with building self-esteem, confidence, study skills, and stick-to-itiveness. Our Scout activities complement our Scouts' academic educations.

Our Scout Programs also offer our Scouts the opportunity to form positive friendship groups and to become friends with other youth who want to achieve while demonstrating good character.

The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA are the only fully nondiscriminatory Scout Programs in the United States. Educators, principals, school boards, and parent teacher groups can be proud of welcoming and sponsoring teams of our co-ed inclusive, modern Scout Programs into their schools.

The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA enable school districts, schools and parent - teacher groups to support all youth in their community. Sponsoring a team of our Scout Programs provides your school the opportunity to once again enthusiastically support the Scout Movement and to do so on a fully nondiscriminatory basis.

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Do you stress academic standards?

Yes. Our Scout Programs encourage an appreciation of the value of lifelong education. We ask our Scouts to give their best in all they do; therefore, schoolwork is expected to be similarly achieved. Being a Scout in our Scout Programs is a privilege, which our Scouts appreciate, and we encourage their improved academic performance by offering the opportunity to have FUN while creatively and critically thinking. Our Scout Programs provide our Scouts with an opportunity to have FUN in a way that strengthens their academic performance. We

recognize that academic achievement is the priority of educators and parents and it is our priority as well.