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Values Survey Unveiled

The Scout Oath. It's the first thing a boy learns in Scouting. He'll recite it hundreds of times during his Scouting career and probably remember it for the rest of his life.

But knowing the Oath by heart and taking it to heart are two different things. Does Scouting really teach values to young people?

Definitely, says a new survey

by Louis Harris & Associates. Commissioned by the Boy Scouts of America, the study shows that Scouting's lessons truly last a lifetime. It also shows that men who were Scouts are much more likely to be successful than other men.

More than eight of 10 men who were Scouts say that the values they learned in Scouting continue to be important to them.

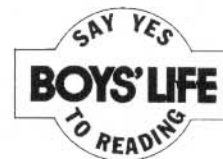
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Boys' Life Anniversary

What single magazine has featured the work of Norman Rockwell, Salvador Dali, Ray Bradbury, and Pedro the mailburro? *Boys' Life*, of course.

For 85 years now, the "magazine for all boys," has been entertaining and educating boys (and girls) of all ages. More than 83,000,000 of them have subscribed to the magazine, most at the bargain-basement Scout rate.

Boys' Life began life as an unof-



ficial publication for members of the Boy Scouts of America and two rival organizations:

the American Boy Scouts and the New England Boy Scouts. In 1912, though, the BSA bought the magazine from publisher George Barton for \$6,000.

Since then, *Boys' Life* has grown into one of the premier children's magazines in the country.

Look for more on *Boys' Life* in the next issue of *The Scouting Rotarian*.



Values Survey, continued

Three-fourths credit Scouting with teaching them leadership skills. And seven of 10 attribute some of their self-confidence to Scouting.

Men who were Scouts for five or more years are more likely than non-Scouts to assume leadership roles in clubs or school organizations, put the needs of others before themselves, make honest decisions, and value education and the environment.

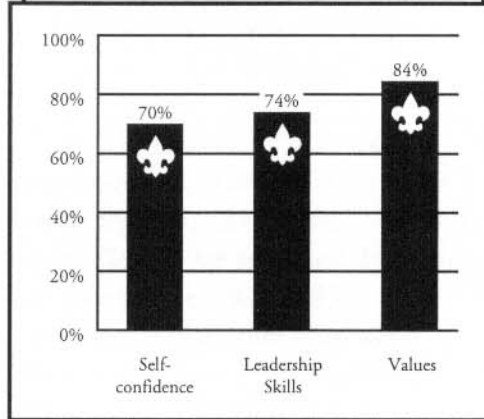
Scouting breeds more than morality, though. It also breeds success. The Harris study found that men who had been Scouts for five or more years are more likely than non-Scouts to:

- graduate from high school (98% vs. 83%)
- graduate from college (40% vs. 16%)
- have annual household incomes of more than \$50,000 (33% vs. 17%).

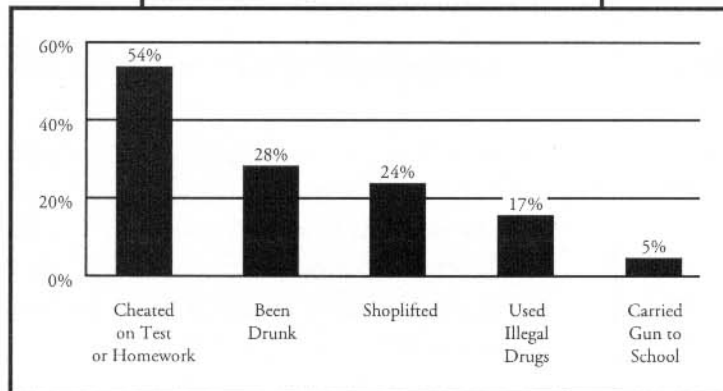
Values of Men and Boys

That's the good news. The bad news is that the values of young people as a whole have reached a

Good News and Bad News



The Harris survey was a mixture of good and bad news. The chart above shows a few of the skills and values that men who were Scouts say the program taught them. The chart below shows what American boys ages 7-19 say they've done in the past year.



new low. The survey found that among American boys ages 7-19:

- 54% have cheated on homework or a test
- 28% have been drunk
- 24% have shoplifted
- 17% have used illegal drugs
- 5% have carried a gun to school

American men's values were just as bad. Only a third put helping others before their own interests, one in four strongly agree that honesty does not pay, and more than one-third believe it's okay to cheat the IRS.

A Call to Action

The Harris survey is a call to action. It proves that Scouting works—and that the need for Scouting has never been greater.

Clearly, we must work harder than ever to get more young people into Scouting, to teach them the Oath and Law, and to lead them down the right path. In the words of Isaiah, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Mission of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

It is the mission of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians to develop a particular association internationally between Rotarians who are, or have been, active members of the Scout movement. We strive to: 1) encourage and foster the ideal of service by Rotarians between Rotary International and the World Scout Movement, 2) provide opportunities of social interaction between members, and 3) give active encouragement to the Scout movement at local, national, and international levels.



1910 Society Formed to Support Endowments

Over the past few years, the Boy Scouts of America has realized that its financial future is dependent on its endowment support.

To increase the size of local council's endowments, the BSA has created the 1910 Society. Named for the year when the BSA was founded, this society recognizes individuals or organizations who donate \$25,000 or more to their local council's endowment fund.

The levels of recognition are named after some of the BSA's founders:

\$25,000	Ernest Thompson Seton Member
\$100,000	Daniel Carter Beard Member
\$500,000	Theodore Roosevelt Member

\$1,000,000 Waite Phillips Member

Gifts may include cash, stocks, bonds, lead trusts, or other assets that can easily be converted to cash. Pledges are accepted, but must be paid by Dec. 31, 1999. Members will receive a leather-bound *Boy Scout Handbook* with their name embossed in gold on the cover. They will also receive a distinctive lapel pin and parchment certificate.

The James E. West Fellowship Award, started in 1993, is still available. This award recognizes those who make an endowment gift of \$1,000 or more.

For more information about these programs, contact your local Scout executive.

Girl Scouts Worldwide Help Refugees

Today, nearly 19 million people around the world have lost their homes to persecution, war, and famine. Most have little more than the clothes on their backs. Many, of course, are children.

This year, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGS) is teaming up with the United Nations to help these children.

The project is a joint effort between WAGGS and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Girl Scouts from around the world are creating "peace packs" for refugee children. These packs include activity books, crayons,

clothing, toiletries, and small toys.

Peace packs from the United States will go to children from Myanmar (formerly Burma) who are living in Thailand. The packs will be shipped free of charge thanks to the generosity of the World Ministries Commission of the Church of the Brethren and American President Lines, a shipping company.

The Peace Pack Project is more than just a service project, however. It's also a way to teach girls around the world about refugee problems.

For more information, contact your local Girl Scout council.

IFSR Happenings

Dues are Due ...

Is your IFSR membership about to run out? Check the mailing label on this newsletter. If the renewal date listed is 1994 or 1995, your membership is about to expire—and this will be the last issue of *The Scouting Rotarian* you will receive.

If this is the case, please complete the renewal form on page 4 and return it with your check for \$10. Please do so by January 1, as all non-renewing members will be dropped after that date.

... and News, Too

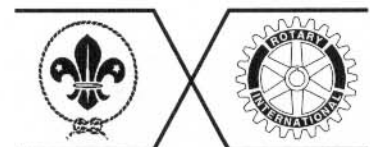
The Scouting Rotarian is your newsletter. It's all about you and the two organizations that you serve.

And we need to hear from you. What's happening in Scouting and Rotary in your area? Send us your news, and we'll publish it in a future issue.

We're especially interested in stories about how Rotarians and Scouters are working together to serve their communities.

We're also interested in what's happening with you personally—Scouting awards received, Rotary offices held, etc.

Send your stories and pictures to Editor Mark Ray, 9801 Meadow Vale Dr., Louisville, KY 40242.



Membership Application

To start or renew your membership, complete the application below. (Renewing members need only enter name and any changes.)

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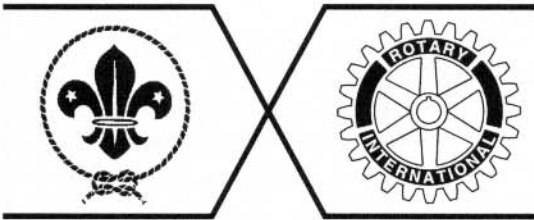
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Mail application with payment to:

Annual Fees: \$25.00 New Member
\$10.00 Renewal in U.S.
\$12.00 Renewal in Canada
\$25.00 Renewal Elsewhere
\$15.00 IFSR Tie (Limited Supply)

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