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### Chicago Area Teen meets President, Congressional Leaders, in Once-in-a-Lifetime Scouting Honor

Tyler Schutt of the Pathway to Adventure Council Boy Scouts of America, based in Chicago, IL was one of ten Scouts chosen nationwide to hand-deliver the Boy Scout of America's Report to the Nation, an annual report to our nation's leaders detailing Scouting's impact on communities across the country.

Tyler traveled to Washington, D.C. from March 4-9 and visited President Donald Trump, cabinet officials, and leaders of the House of Representatives, among others.

It's an honor and privilege to be selected for this duty, and Tyler was chosen because of his accomplishments and contributions to the community. Tyler is the National Youth Representative for Law Enforcement Exploring, a career-development program through the Boy Scout of America. He is from Explorer Post 2950 in Lansing, Ill., which is run by the Lansing Police Department.

Tyler joined the program in 2012 where he currently serves his post as a lieutenant. He attends Trinity Christian College and is majoring in criminal justice and communications. He plans to go into law enforcement as a police officer or a special agent to help keep our streets safe.

Scouts embarked on an incredible week that included visits to the Pentagon, the White House, CIA, Arlington National Cemetery, National Park Service, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Education, the State Department, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

While in the nation's capital, Tyler proudly represented the more than 2.3 million young people who make up the Scouting program and sharing Scouting's achievements from 2016.

Highlights from the annual report are included below and additional photos from this amazing trip are available at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/boyscoutsofamerica/32499385263/in/album-72157678985091011/>.

**About Exploring:** Exploring is a career-education program for young men and women age 14 through 20 years old. Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and the businesses and organizations in their communities. Businesses and community organizations initiate a career-specific Exploring program by matching their employees and company resources to the interests of youth in the community. The result is a program of interactive activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow confidence, and develop leadership skills. To find an Explorer post near you, visit <http://pathwaytoadventure.org/exploring>

## Report to the Nation Fact Sheet

### Overview

The Boy Scouts of America's annual Report to the Nation highlights the achievements of the Scouting program throughout the previous year. The report, designated in the BSA's congressional charter, is officially presented to the Speaker of the House each year. Other government officials who traditionally receive the report include the president of the United States, members of Congress from both houses, and other top government officials.

### History

Since President William Howard Taft agreed to be honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910, every U.S. president has received a BSA Report to the Nation delegation. Many Scouts have been selected for this tremendous honor, including ten outstanding youth who will participate in the delegation this year.

### The Delegation

A contingent of youth delegates that represents all program areas—Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, and Sea Scouting—is carefully selected to present the report. Each delegate embodies the spirit and values that Americans have come to associate with Scouting. This year's delegation will visit with elected and appointed dignitaries and tour sites in the nation's capital.

### Report to the Nation Quick Facts

Highlights from the 2016 Report to the Nation include achievements under the four pillars of Scouting:

- **Building Communities.** During 2016, Scouts and Explorers across America logged nearly 15.4 million hours of service at an estimated value of more than \$363.5 million (based on a national volunteer-hour value of \$23.56).
- **Building Leaders.** There were more than 55,000 Scouts who earned the rank of Eagle by successfully leading an extensive, self-directed service project and earning the required life skills badges.
- **Building Interest.** During 2016, Scouts earned more than 2.4 million merit badges in 138 different subjects that reflect their interests and our rapidly evolving culture. In 2016, the co-ed Exploring program grew by 7 percent, empowering the program's 116,000 to explore future careers, from law enforcement to healthcare, teaching to STEM. The STEM Scouts pilot program expanded to 20 councils nationwide, doubling its program membership to help meet the needs of today's families.
- **Building Adventure.** As they have for more than 100 years, Scouts headed outside in 2016. In all, just over 1 million Scouts attended our high-adventure camps in New Mexico, Minnesota, Florida, and West Virginia, as well as thousands of our day and summer camps. In all, Scouts camped a total of 6.5 million nights during the year.