



## Decades Fact Sheet

**2000** The Boy Scouts of America reached a notable milestone in 2000. As a new century dawned, it registered its 100 millionth youth member, Mario Castro of New York.

The same year, the BSA set—and reached—a four-year goal of logging 200 million service hours by its members. In 2004, the BSA created the Good Turn for America program, partnering with The Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, and Habitat for Humanity to address the issues of hunger, homelessness/inadequate housing, and poor health.

Many of those projects occurred in the wake of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. However, the decade's biggest service project was *Arrow-Corps*<sup>5</sup>. During the summer of 2008, 3,800 members of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society, contributed more than \$5 million worth of labor to five national forests. It was the BSA's largest national service project since World War II and the largest such project ever to benefit the USDA Forest Service.



2000.1. Cheerful service

The BSA issued the twelfth edition of *The Boy Scout Handbook* in 2009. Printed on recycled paper made using environmentally friendly processes, the handbook features artwork and quotations from previous editions as a nod to the past, and introduces an interactive iPhone application to align with the times. Just as the previous eleven editions did, the new handbook is certain to inspire today's Scouts to undertake lives of adventure, leadership, and service. It is they who will write the story of Scouting's second century.



### PHOTOS



2000.2. Venturing



2000.3. Steve Fossett



2000.4. Wheelchair basketball



2000.5. President Bush



2000.6. President Obama



2000.7. Canoeing



2000.8. Good Turn for America



2000.9. 2 Millionth Eagle



2000.10. New Handbook



### VIDEO



2000.V1. *ArrowCorps*<sup>5</sup> was hailed as the BSA's largest national service project since World War II.



2000.V2. Exploring our national parks can be a thrill for urban troops.



2000.V3. A new Eagle Scout's extraordinary achievements are celebrated with an Eagle Court of Honor.