



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A Message from the Governor:

Today, February 8, 2010, marks an important milestone in Scouting, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Boy Scouts of America.

Founded in the United States by W. D. Boyce and inspired by its brother organization founded in Great Britain by Robert Baden-Powell, no other organization has had such a tremendous impact on our nation's youth, with millions of boys having participated in Scouting activities.

Boy Scouts teaches you many life skills and educates you about our society and the natural environment. The values embodied in the Scout Oath and Law are universal and build good character.

Many famous Texans have been Eagle Scouts, including Lloyd Bentsen and J. J. Pickle, among others.

Like the young men here today, I spent much of my youth in the Boy Scouts. I look back on those days with great fondness and appreciation. The Scouts helped instill in me the lessons of self-reliance, sacrifice and integrity — tenets that still serve me well today. I would go so far as to credit the Scouts for much of the success I have had in my life. In fact, Scouting was so important to me that I wrote a book on the subject.

As an Eagle Scout, I encourage every one of you to continue to grow in Scouting and stay committed on the trail to Eagle. Know that your dedication to Scouting is time well spent and will benefit yourselves and others.



Yours in Scouting,

Rick Perry

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