

These 12 phenomenal young people will deliver the BSA's Report to the Nation



Looking for first-rate representation in Washington? The BSA has you covered.

A group of 12 of the country's finest young people have been selected to deliver the 2018 Report to the Nation. The delegates, who represent all BSA regions and programs, will meet with elected and appointed officials in Washington, D.C., to share the Scouting story.

You'll meet each of these young men and young women in a moment. But first, here's a brief overview of the Report to the Nation.

Think of the 2018 Report to the Nation as a highlight reel of all the incredible things Scouts did last year. It's a cool way to put the spotlight on the BSA ... and it's congressionally mandated.

Section 8 of [the BSA's 1916 congressional charter](#) requires the BSA to present an annual report to Congress. The BSA maximizes this opportunity by selecting youth delegates from across the country to hand-deliver the report to key officials in the executive, legislative and judicial branches.

Once again this year, I'll be your eyes and ears on the ground all week. I'll report on the Report right here on this blog and on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) (@bryanonscouting).

What's in the 2018 Report to the Nation?

The actual 2018 Report to the Nation is a two-page glance at the BSA's many accomplishments last year. ([See the report here](#) .)

Some highlights:

- The BSA served 2.2 million youth participants and nearly 1 million adult volunteers.
- Exactly **52,160** young men earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- BSA members recorded more than 14 million hours of service to their communities.
- Scouts earned more than 1.8 million merit badges.
- The BSA welcomed 77,000 girls into Cub Scouting, with more joining every month.

When is the 2018 Report to the Nation visit?

We call it the 2018 Report to the Nation, because it's the BSA's report about all the great Scouting stuff that happened last year.

But the actual trip to Washington takes place in 2019 — March 9 to 14, to be exact.

How are the delegates chosen?

Each fall, local councils nominate a youth member for this honor. The National Service Center sends these names to a committee for review. Of these nominees, seven to nine young people are hand-picked to be a representative group of all programs from all four BSA regions: Central, Northeast, Southern, Western.

Three more delegates get automatic selections: the National Sea Scout Boatswain, the National Order of the Arrow Chief and the National Venturing Officers' Association President.

Where are the delegates going?

While the exact itinerary must remain confidential because of security reasons, I can tell you the delegates will spend the week meeting with some of the most influential leaders in the nation to help showcase all of the wonderful ways Scouting makes a difference.

As you might expect, the delegates will perform a service project — taking time out of their busy week to give back.

What are the plans to cover the 2019 trip?

Watch for daily blog posts here, and follow me on Twitter ([@bryanonscouting](#)) and Instagram ([@bryanonscouting](#)).

When the schedule permits, I'll go live on Facebook to discuss the day's events with the delegates. That'll be on the [Scouting magazine Facebook page](#), so be sure your notifications are on.

Finally, you'll be able to see photos from the week's action — taken by photographers Michael Roytek and Randy Piland. They upload nightly to [this page on Flickr](#).

Who are the delegates?

Tyler Brackett, Eagle Scout from Maine

Age: 17

From: Troop 83 of Portland, Maine (Pine Tree Council)

Scouting accomplishments:

- Eagle Scout
- Order of the Arrow member
- Recipient of the National Medal of Merit for heroism

Noteworthy: Tyler saved nine lives when he noticed smoke billowing from an apartment building as he drove home. He called 911, banged on windows and doors, and used his car horn to alert sleeping residents.

Asked how was able to stay calm in such a stressful situation, Tyler simply said, "I'm an Eagle Scout."

What he's up to now: Tyler is a senior in high school. He's considering pursuing a college degree in aeronautical engineering and possibly attending one of the military academies.



Trevor Burke, Eagle Scout from Texas

Age: 18

From: Troop 577 of Dallas (Circle Ten Council)

Scouting accomplishments:

- Eagle Scout with 23 palms and has earned all available merit badges
- Recipient of the Hornaday Silver Medal, **a rare award in Scouting** that honors conservational service
- Regular speaker at Earth Day community events, where he talks about the conservation work he has completed, including an invasive species removal project



Noteworthy: In addition to his invasive species removal project, he completed three other significant projects: planting native grasses, building a rock apron to prevent erosion, and reintroducing Northern Bobwhite Quail into the Blackland Prairie. For his quail project, he worked with wildlife biologists at Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area on the first scientific research study to raise, band and release pen-raised quail into their native habitat and obtained a Texas game bird breeder's license allowing him to raise and release up to 1,000 birds per year

What he's up to now: Trevor attends St. Mark's School, where he participates in band, track and field, fencing, and the robotics and rocketry clubs. He was a member of the 2018 Texas Boys State, a summer program where youth leaders create and run their own government.

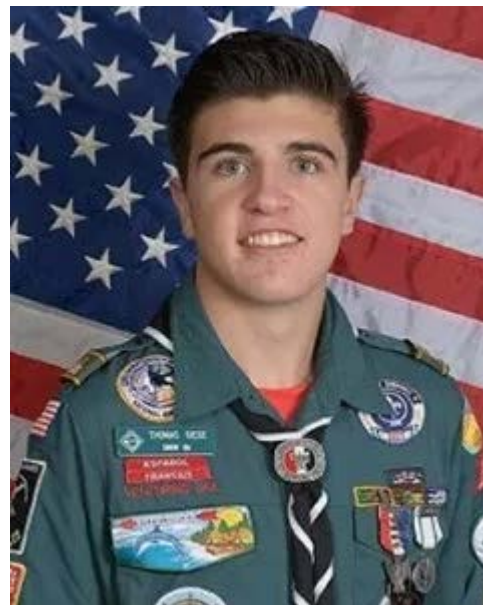
Thomas Giese, Eagle Scout from California

Age: 16

From: Crew 181, Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach Area Council)

Scouting accomplishments:

- Eagle Scout with 11 palms
- Recipient of the Summit Award, Venturing's highest honor
- Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor society
- Graduate of the Kodiak Challenge leadership training course



Noteworthy: Thomas completed high-adventure treks at Northern Tier and the Florida Sea Base. He also attended the 2017 National Jamboree.

What he's up to now: Thomas is a junior at Huntington Beach High School, where he's a varsity wrestler. Following high school, he plans to attend college and enter the military.

Natalie MacEwan, Venturer from California

Age: 19

From: Crew 22, Woodland Hills, Calif. (Western Los Angeles County Council)

Scouting accomplishments:

- Founding member of Venturing Crew 22 and crew president
- Served as Venturing president at the council and area levels
- Currently leads Venturing's social media efforts on a national level
- Recipient of council and area **Venturing Leadership Award**