

Scouts Escape the Tedium of Pandemic Restrictions in the Pages of Their Favorite Books

Scout Troop 88, sponsored by the Church of Scientology of the Valley in North Hollywood, satisfies their sense of adventure by...reading.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, November 12, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In March 2019, Scout Troup 88 made history by beating 20 other patrols—most of them troops of experienced boys—in a survival skills competition at the local Camporee. They were the first all-female Scout troop ever to do so.

But this March, the COVID-19 pandemic struck and the young Scouts found themselves cooped up inside. There went dreams of whitewater river rafting, hiking, and any of the challenging activities that had earned the young women their reputation for adventure the year before.

Fortunately, their Scout leader had just the answer: Reading.

He suggested they and other affiliated troops earn their merit badges in reading. Scouts from the Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre Troop 8 and Troop 555 joined in the fun.

“This level of participation meant that we had even more voices contributing to the discussions of each book and also meant that we could serve another key aspect of scouting: forging new friendships,” the Scout leader said. “The discussions have proven to be lively and engaging, something parents routinely marvel at in this age of cell phones and social media.”

For their reading merit badge, Scouts chose the novels they wanted to read and the authors they wished to explore. Science fiction was the most popular genre, followed by fantasy.



All-girls Scout Troop 88 at last year's Camporee where they made history by winning the Presidential Award.

Titles included Ray Bradbury's sci-fi classic Fahrenheit 451, Brandon Sanderson's fantasy novel The Way of Kings, Marjorie K. Rawlings' Pulitzer Prize-winning young adult novel The Yearling, and L. Ron Hubbard's groundbreaking space travel epic To the Stars.

Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard was a Scout. In fact, by the age of 13, he distinguished himself as the nation's youngest Eagle Scout. He also represented American Scouting to U.S. President Calvin Coolidge.

The [Church of Scientology of the Valley](#) Troop 88 is open to members of all faiths and is accepting new members.

Scientology ecclesiastical leader Mr. [David Miscavige](#) dedicated the Church of Scientology of the Valley in March 2017. The Church is featured in an episode of [Destination Scientology: The Valley](#) on the Scientology Network, available on DIRECTV channel 320 and through Scientology.tv.

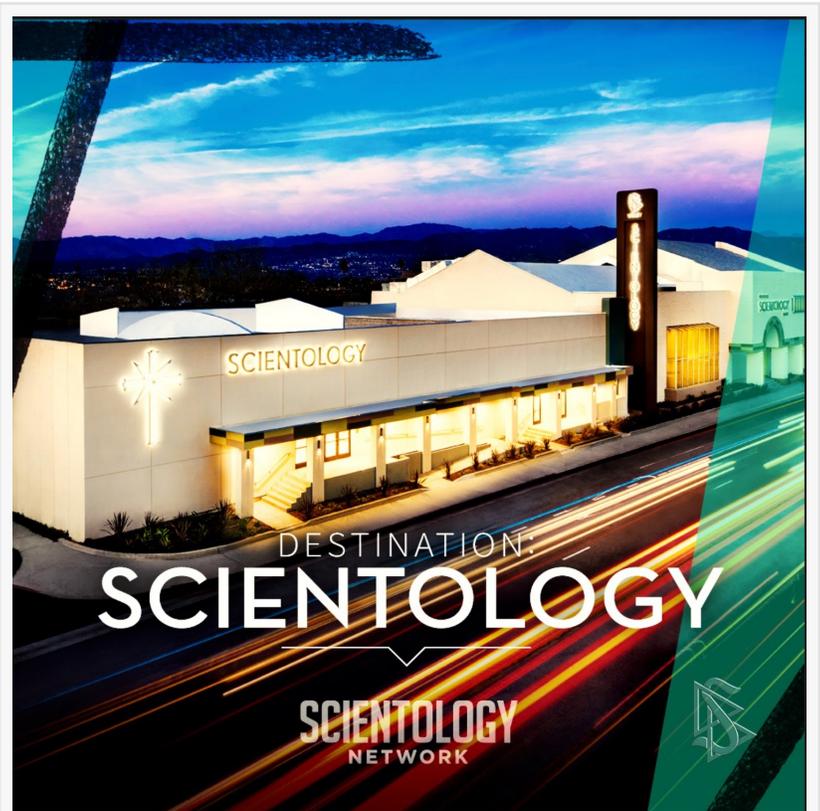
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