

**Capitol Area Council  
Step Up. Stand Tall. Capital Campaign  
Executive Summary  
Frank Fickett Scout Training & Education Center**

Council Data: 15 counties in Central Texas  
 21,761 youth members  
 1/3 of all youth are "At-Risk" or single parent families  
 8,000 Adult Volunteer Leaders  
 600 Scouting units  
 Annual Budget - \$4,000,000 – Raised privately each year  
 Operates 7 camps with 210,000 nights camped

The Need:

- By 2012, the Capitol Area Council needs to serve 30,000 youth annually
- Dramatically increase our outreach to disadvantaged and minority youth
- To do this, we must recruit and train 10,000 adult volunteer leaders
- Currently, the Council operates from a 40 year old, 7,500 sq. ft. building
- There is absolutely no space to conduct any training for adult or youth leaders
- All current training requires securing classroom and auditorium space in community

Ethnic Background	Ethnicity Of Available Youth	Percent/Number of Current BSACAC Youth Membership	2012 Projected Youth Membership Targets – Percent/Number
Caucasian	46%	66.8% - 14,049	50% - 15,000
Hispanic	41%	24.5% - 5,145	35% - 10,500
African American	8%	5.6% - 1,176	10% - 3,000
Asian / Pacific Islander	4%	2.6% - 546	4% - 1,200
Other	1%	0.4% - 84	1% - 300

The Scouting Difference\*:

- Boys in Scouting for 5 years graduate at 91% - Austin graduates at a rate of 58%
- There are 98,000 16-19 yr old dropouts in Texas - Dropouts cost the state \$900 million annually in lost revenues
- Boys in Scouting for 5 years earn a college degree 35% of the time compared to 19% of non-Scouts
- 73% of Boys in Scouting for 5 years will own their homes – Dropouts are eight times more likely to be incarcerated than high school graduates
- 60% of Boys in Scouting for 5 years will earn average of \$73,000 – 40% of dropouts will require government assistance
- Scouts for five years will also: Develop and hold a stronger sense of positive values than non Scouts, Value education and the environment more than non Scouts, More likely to volunteer to be a leader for other organizations and are More likely to make the most honest, not the easiest, decisions

The Solution:

- The Council has acquired 4.02 acres at I-35 & Parmer Lane to build the Frank Fickett Scout Training & Education Center
- This 31,400 sq. ft. facility will provide more than 500 training sessions annually
- The budget for the Training & Education Center is \$11.5 million
- The Council has raised \$4.4 million toward the building
- The Council board has participated in the campaign at 100%

\* - Scout data from independent study conducted by Louis Harris & Assoc.

- Dropout data from "A LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING ON THE TEXAS DROPOUT CRISIS"& Cities in Crisis Studies