Tyrell D.

A DAY IN THE LIFE
On the pages you hold in your hands, you see a series of photos depicting a day in the life of a Long Beach third-grader and ScoutReach Scout, Tyrell D.

Right now, the hours of Tyrell’s life are lived on your streets, in your public school system, in your community. Tomorrow they may be lived supporting your state’s economy or your state’s detention system. Right now, in a sense, we hold Tyrell’s life in our hands. We hope you will consider supporting the values that will help Tyrell make better choices throughout his life. When you support ScoutReach, you support those values.
6:45 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.

BREAKFAST & OFF TO SCHOOL

Weekday mornings: getting ready for school, eating something quick, then goodbye to Mom and Kobe Bryant, the dog. (Since it’s ScoutReach day, Mom makes sure he’s wearing his shirt.) After a 4-block walk to school, a second breakfast in the cafeteria.
A third-grader’s school-day can go by pretty quickly—especially if you like your teacher and have lots of friends. Tyrell started school in November, and Ms. Alvarez feels being in ScoutReach helped him catch up—socially and academically.
Tyrell looks forward to ScoutReach almost as much as hearing the last bell. Harte Elementary’s unit has over 50 boys and five paid, trained Scout leaders. Each weekly ScoutReach meeting has a fitness component, a teamwork component and a handbook component—plus snacks, of course.
Tyrell shines on the playing field, whether it’s shooting hoops in the backyard or baseball practice with his team at the park. Sports are a release and his best chance to show his ability—and really count for something.
After working off most of his excess energy, he can focus on schoolwork—though there are a lot of distractions in a home this small, and no place that’s quiet. Finally, he closes his eyes on a day that’s now a very small part of his short life so far.
ScoutReach is the Boy Scouts of America’s traditional Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts program redesigned and reconfigured to better fit the circumstances and meet the needs of boys in low-income inner city areas. For the last eight years, program costs (under $200,000 per year to serve 1,200 boys) have been covered by private foundation and corporate grants. For the future, we seek to expand funding in order to bring Scouting to more boys in more public schools.

The guiding influence of Scouting’s values is life-long. Your donation today can do a great deal for the lives of thousands of boys like Tyrell, in the community we share.