



# *strengthening Youth* **THROUGH SCOUTING**











## BE PREPARED. IT'S NOT JUST A SLOGAN.

Be Prepared means preparing young people for life. It's achievement. It's academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, citizenship, and leadership. It's experiences that broaden horizons and show young people what's possible. It's a time-tested program that fosters the spirit of discovery for future innovators by investing in new and relevant programs such as STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). These programs also provide young men and women with a platform to learn important life skills that will help them combat major societal concerns.

### **Scouting teaches life lessons centered on the four aims of Scouting:**

- Character
- Fitness
- Citizenship
- Leadership

### **Scouting provides youth with programs and activities that allow them the opportunity to**

- Try new things
- Provide service to others
- Build self-confidence
- Reinforce ethical decision making



# SCOUTING programs



## CUB SCOUTING

While Cub Scouting is designed for boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade, it really involves the whole family as parents pitch in to plan and deliver activities. Cub Scouting helps form a foundation of character in ways that are affirmative and fun.



## SCOUTS BSA

This experience is for young men and women in fifth grade through high school.

In Scouting, leadership is learned through adventure, both in the great outdoors and in our communities. In Scouting, young people learn leadership by putting the principles of Scouting into practice every day. In this time-tested program, youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.





## VENTURING

Venturing is a coed program for young adults ages 13 (and have completed the 8th grade) through 20 that focuses on adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service. Venturing's motto, "Lead the Adventure," reminds Venturers to always pursue life in the spirit of adventure.

Venturing crews are youth-led and adult-advised. Crews can have specialty interests, and youth can work on Venturing awards while also continuing to work toward Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.



## SEA SCOUTING

Sea Scouting is adventure in, on, around, and under water. Sea Scout ships are high adventure on oceans, rivers, and lakes. They provide limitless opportunities and exciting challenges that you won't find anywhere else. Sea Scouting is a place to grow and learn, find adventure, and build long-lasting friendships.

Learn to sail, paddleboard, scuba dive, or take a long cruise far from home. Have fun with camping, social events, regattas, excursions, and seamanship contests.





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**EAGLE**



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ON THE FOUR AIMS OF SCOUTING:



**CHARACTER**



**FITNESS**



**CITIZENSHIP**



**LEADERSHIP**



Scouting encourages youth to learn and grow by advancing through “ranks” in the organization. The highest rank, Eagle Scout, requires an enormous amount of hard work, dedication, and leadership. An Eagle

Scout has proven their character and leadership by making a positive impact in their own life, family, and community.

Can  
Scout?



# WHY BECOME A CHARTERED ORGANIZATION?

Through its time-tested program, the BSA prepares young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The Scouting program is made possible with the help of religious and civic groups called chartered organizations.

By working together, your organization and Scouting will help youth grow into stronger, more confident adults. In partnership with Scouting, your organization can make a profound impact on the youth and families in your community.

- **Scouting Meets Your Needs.** Scouting can provide a full youth development program for your organization—serving both boys and girls—to meet the needs of your youth.
- **Impact.** Scouting can help grow your impact in the community, bringing new families into your organization.
- **Scouting Meets the Needs of Youth.** Scouting is foundational in many communities and has a program that has been proven to meet the needs of youth.
- **Scouting Meets the Needs of Your Community.** The ideals and principles behind the Scouting program are shared by many community organizations, clubs, and religious institutions. Your organization can be a catalyst for strengthening values and character in your community.







## CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS ARE THE BACKBONE OF SCOUTING

Each pack, troop, crew, and ship is sponsored by a faith-based, civic, community, or educational organization. These chartered organizations help build Scouting in their communities by providing adequate meeting facilities, selecting quality leadership for each unit, and appointing a representative to coordinate all Scouting unit operations within the organization. As a result, the foundation of Scouting—and of our young people—is being built in partnership with these organizations.

WHO SPONSORS SCOUTING:

70%

FAITH-BASED  
ORGANIZATIONS

22%

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATIONS

8%

EDUCATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS

COMMUNITY  
impact



# BOYS, GIRLS, OR BOTH? IT'S THE CHARTERED ORGANIZATION'S CHOICE

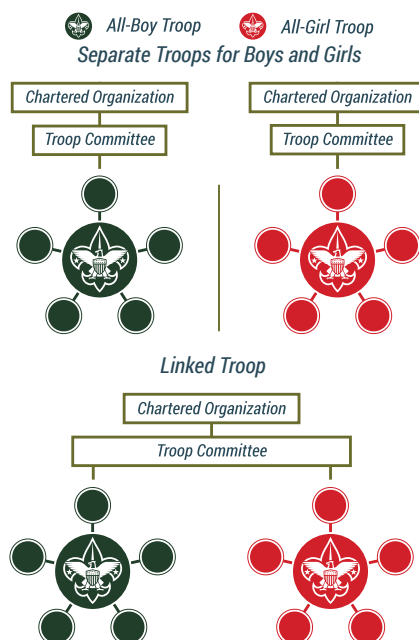
## CUB SCOUTS

A chartered organization may form an all-boy pack, an all-girl pack, or have a pack with all-boy and all-girl dens.



## SCOUTS BSA

Troops serve either all boys or all girls. A chartered organization may have multiple troops—for instance, a troop that serves all girls, and a troop that serves boys—that share a troop committee. This model ensures the single gender experience and leadership opportunities for girls and boys alike.





# BEGIN BUILDING A FOUNDATION TODAY BY BECOMING A CHARTERED ORGANIZATION!

Scouting provides boys and girls opportunities for leadership, fitness, career exploration, outdoor adventure, positive life skills, fun activities, and values that will last a lifetime.

We would like to help you fulfill your organization's need to attract more families. Work with your local BSA professional or volunteer to start Scouting in your community!

## STEP 1

Contact your local BSA council

## STEP 2

Meet with your local Scouting professional or volunteer

## STEP 3

Find the right parents and adults to become Scout leaders

INVOLVED





## SCOUT ME IN

Scouts do stuff. They build things. Make friends and work together. Set goals and achieve them. They go places. These life-changing experiences—and the confidence they provide—form a foundation that lets them embrace opportunity and overcome obstacles. For the parents, it's not a question of where their Scout will go, but where won't they go. Scouting helps boys and girls alike move from their best "right now" self to their best future self.

## SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty  
To God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

## SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.



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