

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

For more than 100 years, Scouting programs have instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

The Boy Scouts of America provides youth with programs and activities that allow them to

- Try new things.
- Provide service to others.
- Build self-confidence.
- Reinforce ethical standards.

Scouting programs for young men and women, helps meet these six essential needs of young people growing up in our society:

- Mentoring
- Lifelong Learning
- Faith Traditions
- Serving Others
- Healthy Living
- Building Character



PROGRAMS



**CUB SCOUTING
GRADES K-5**



**SCOUTS BSA
11-17 YEARS OF AGE**



**VENTURING
CO-ED 14-20 YEARS OF AGE**



**SEA SCOUTS BSA
CO-ED 14-20 YEARS OF AGE**

RESOURCES

Membership Standards

scouting.org/about/membership-standards

Scouting Forms

scouting.org/resources/forms/

Guide to Safe Scouting

scouting.org/health-and-safety/GSS/

INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHARTER ORGANIZATIONS

- BSA provides primary general liability insurance coverage for all chartered organizations on file with the BSA for liability arising out of chartering a traditional Scouting unit.
- BSA also provides primary general liability insurance coverage for registered volunteer leaders with respect to claims arising out of an official Scouting activity, which is defined in the insurance policy as consistent with the values, Charter and Bylaws Rules, and Regulations, operations manuals, and applicable literature of the BSA.
- Chartered Organizations, persons or entities insured include: the chartered organization, participating organizations, registered volunteers, employees of the BSA, local councils, Learning for Life, and Scouting professionals of the BSA but only while participating in an official Scouting activity.
- Our current BSA general liability insurance will cover up to \$1 million per occurrence and an aggregate of \$10 million in primary coverage limits. The BSA's insurance program is robust with excess coverage up to \$135 million in 2021. Coverage begins immediately upon signing an agreement.

YOUTH SAFETY

- The BSA mandates that all volunteers complete our Youth Protection Training, developed by prominent child-safety experts, prior to any interaction with children in a BSA program.
- Volunteer selection process includes criminal background checks
- BSA prohibits adult leaders from having any one-on-one interaction with a Scout
- The BSA leadership policy requires that at least two youth-protection trained adults be present with youth at all times.
- BSA mandates that everyone in the organization reports any known or suspected abuse to law enforcement. BSA policy also removes individuals from the organization based on even an allegation of abuse.

For assistance reporting suspected abuse or inappropriate behavior call the 24/7 **Scouts First Helpline** at 1-844-SCOUTS1 or 1-844-726-8871, or email scouts1st@scouting.org.



*We never fail when we try to do our duty.
We always fail when we neglect to do it.*
Lord Robert Baden-Powell



**WHY
SCOUTING**
BUILDING TOMORROW'S
LEADERS

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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