

NEW-UNIT APPLICATION



Cub Scouting

Purpose of the Boy Scouts of America

Its purpose is to promote, through cooperation with other agencies, the ability of youth to do things for themselves and others, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues. In achieving this purpose, emphasis is placed upon its educational program and the oaths, promises, and codes for character development, citizenship training, and mental and physical fitness.

Pack

Cub Scouting is for parents, leaders, and organizations to use with boys who are in the first through fifth grade or are 7 through 10 years old.

Troop

Boy Scouting is an educational program filled with fun and adventure that appeals to boys.

Boys must be under the age of 18 and at least 11, or have completed the fifth grade and be at least 10 years old, or have earned the Arrow of Light Award in Cub Scouting and be at least 10 years old.

Team

Varsity Scouting is a program designed to assist your organization in meeting the needs and interests of older boys. Boys must be at least age 14 and not yet age 18.

Venturing Crew/Ship

Venturing will help your organization meet the needs, desires, and concerns of young adults. Young men and women must be ages 14 through 20, or 13 with the completion of the eighth grade.



Varsity Scouting



Boy Scouting



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Venturer/Sea Scout



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

A CHARTERED ORGANIZATION

The chartered organization selects one of its members to register as chartered organization representative who may also serve as chair or as unit committee member if needed. All units must have a unit leader and a minimum of five paid youth. There must be at least three committee members, with one named chair. Packs must have a den leader/Webelos den leader/Tiger leader who should be registered as an adult in the pack. The chartered organization also provides meeting facilities for the unit. No one may register in more than one position in the same unit, except the chartered organization representative.

Unit Liability Insurance Fee. Units are required to pay an annual unit liability insurance fee of \$40. This fee must be submitted with the unit's charter application and will help defray the expenses for the general liability insurance program. These fees will raise approximately 25 percent of the funds required to maintain insurance coverage for all chartered organizations, leaders, and ScoutParent unit coordinators.

Chartered Organization Certification. The executive officer of the chartered organization, by signature, certifies that the organization approves the charter application. The executive officer also certifies that the organization has approved all registering unit adults. The responsibility for approval of unit adults can also be given to the chartered organization representative. The chartered organization certifies that all registered adults: agree to abide by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, the Declaration of Religious Principle, the policy of nondiscrimination, and the Charter and Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America; agree to respect and obey the laws of the United States of America, and to meet age requirements as follows:

- **Packs**—All leaders must be at least 21 years of age except assistants, who must be at least 18 years of age. Tiger adult partners must be at least 18 years of age.

- **Troops**—Assistant Scoutmasters may be 18. All other adults in the troop must be at least 21.
- **Teams**—Varsity Scout Coaches must be at least 21 years old. Assistant Varsity Scout Coaches must be at least 18 years old.
- **Crews/Ships**—All leaders must be at least 21 years old.

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION USE OF THE SCOUTING PROGRAM:

1. Chartered organizations must use the Scouting program to accomplish their objectives in a manner consistent with the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, guidelines, policies, and other publications available on the BSA national website, located at http://www.scouting.org/membership/charter_orgs/resources.aspx.
 - The Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America
 - The Mission of the Boy Scouts of America
 - The Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America
 - The Scout Oath and the Scout Law, including Duty to God
 - BSA Youth Protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting
 - The *Guide to Safe Scouting*
 - The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety
 - Scouter Code of Conduct
 - Chartered Organization Agreement
2. Chartered organizations must utilize the Scouting program to accomplish specific objectives related to one or more of the following:
 - Youth character development
 - Career skill development
 - Community service
 - Patriotism and military and veteran recognition
 - Faith-based youth ministry

3. Chartered organizations must not use the Scouting program to pursue any objectives related to political or social advocacy, including partisan politics, support of or opposition to government action, or controversial legal, political, or social issues or causes.

4. Chartered organizations must not use their chartered organization affiliation or the Scouting brand as a means to imply Scouting's endorsement of the objectives of their organization except with respect to youth development consistent with the goals and objectives of the Scouting program.

5. Chartered organizations must not use the Scouting program to obtain financial support or assistance except as authorized for the chartered unit.

6. To your knowledge, has your organization, or anyone currently employed or affiliated with it who will be interacting with youth, ever been the subject of an order arising out of the abuse of another person or been convicted of a crime or the subject of an alternative to criminal proceedings for conduct involving: violence or any type of abuse of another person; possession, manufacture, or distribution of illegal substances or pornography; or other act that would disqualify them under state law or call into question their suitability in working with youth?

_____ Yes _____ No

7. The Boy Scouts of America requires that all chartered organizations, adult leaders, adult program participants, and youth members subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle, or "duty to God," as set forth in the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America as follows.

Clause 1. The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God. In the first part of the Scout Oath the

member declares, "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law." The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the universe and the grateful acknowledgment of His favors and blessings are necessary to the best type of citizenship and are wholesome precepts in the education of the growing members. No matter what the religious faith of the members may be, this fundamental need of good citizenship should be kept before them. The Boy Scouts of America, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life.

Clause 2. The activities of the members of the Boy Scouts of America shall be carried on under conditions which show respect to the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion, as required by the twelfth point of the

Scout Law, reading, "Reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others."

Does your organization accept and agree to abide by the Declaration of Religious Principle, or duty to God?

_____Yes _____No

All new organizations applying for a charter must have an approved code issued by the National Council. As a private organization, the Boy Scouts of America is the sole arbiter of whether it will issue a charter to any organization. The Boy Scouts of America may deny a charter for any reason or revoke a previously issued charter for failure to abide by these guidelines.

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL THROUGH THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA:

1. Helps you organize your unit.
 - Provides unit committee with proven and accepted methods to recruit leadership.
 - Outlines suggested procedures to recruit youth.
 - Conducts organization meetings.
 - Shares in approval process for unit leaders.
2. Provides training opportunities for your Scouting leaders.
3. Provides year-round help.
 - Leader roundtables
 - Commissioner service
 - Concerned district personnel
 - Special activities and events
4. Maintains a council service center.
 - Program resources
 - Latest editions of literature
 - Professional staff assistance

INSTRUCTIONS

Program. Indicate program by placing an "X" in the appropriate box on the application.

Unit Leader Certification. The unit leader certifies on individual applications that each member meets the age and gender requirements as follows:

- **Packs**—The Cubmaster certifies that each boy is in the first through fifth grade, or is 7 through 10 years old and that each boy has parental consent.
- **Troops**—The Scoutmaster certifies that each boy is under the age of 18 or at least 11, or has completed the fifth grade and is at least 10 years old, or has earned the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 years old.
- **Teams**—The Coach certifies that each boy is at least age 14 and not yet age 18.
- **Crews/Ships**—The Advisor/Skipper certifies that each crew or ship youth member has completed the eighth grade and is at least 13 or 14 years of age and not yet 21. The youth in these units may be male or female.

For Units Serving People With Special Needs. Please use one of the following disability codes when registering a unit with a majority of members who have special needs.

Mentally Disabled

Physically Disabled

Special Interest A special-interest code and description should be entered for units with a special interest. Use the following descriptions and codes: traditional program, code 0413; Soccer and Scouting, code 0414; and Scoutreach, code 0418.

Policy of Nondiscrimination. Membership in the Boy Scouts of America is open to all boys and young adults who meet the joining requirements. Membership in Scouting, advancement, and achievement of leadership in Scouting units are open to all youth without regard to race, ethnic background, or sexual orientation, and are based entirely upon individual merit.

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Council No.

Print one letter in each space—leave a space between words.

Chrt. org. code

Full name of chartered organization

District No.—Name

County

Special needs or special-interest type

Type of organization

If religious organization, denomination

If not for profit, type of organization

If not for profit, purpose of organization

Mailing address of chartered organization

City

State

Zip code

Physical address of chartered organization, if different

City

State

Zip code

Website address of chartered organization

Executive officer: First name

Middle name

Last name

Suffix

Sex

County

Executive officer email address: ☐ Work ☐ Home

@

Address

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

City

State

Zip code

Phone No.

Pack (C) ☐

Team (V) ☐

Ship (P) ☐

Troop (S) ☐

Crew (P) ☐

Effective date

Term (months)

Expire date (month and year)

Unit No.

Special-interest code—Description

100% Boys' Life unit

First issue

Last issue

Subscription term (months)

No.

Youth registration fees

\$

Leader registration fees

\$

Boys' Life fees

\$

Unit liability insurance fees

\$

Total fees

\$

Signature of executive officer

Signature (for the council)

LOCAL COUNCIL COPY

Retain on file for three years.