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# STRENGTHENING YOUTH THROUGH **SCOUTING**



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

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Success in life often comes down to making the best of any situation. Scouting hands youth situations, and shows them how to make the best of them. It shows them how to build their own shelter in a hailstorm so they will know how to build a solid life afterward. Whether it's through navigating the world of computer programming, gathering food donations, or figuring out how to lead a group through the woods with a map and compass, Scouting helps youth realize what they're truly capable of doing.

Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has helped build the future leaders of this country, from astronauts to schoolteachers. Today, with over 2.4 million youth members and 1 million adult volunteers, Scouting is one of the most influential youth organizations in the country.

**1** MILLION+ ADULT VOLUNTEERS SERVING OUR YOUTH

SCOUTS CAMPED A TOTAL OF **6,027,435 NIGHTS** IN 2014

115 MILLION AMERICANS HAVE BEEN SCOUTS SINCE 1910

**2.4 MILLION** YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN SCOUTING

**51,820** SCOUTS EARNED SCOUTING'S HIGHEST RANK (EAGLE) IN 2014

181 NASA ASTRONAUTS WERE INVOLVED IN SCOUTING

**50 MILLION**

LIVING SCOUTING ALUMNI

2.1 MILLION MERIT BADGES WERE EARNED BY BOY SCOUTS IN 2014

**14 MILLION HOURS** OF COMMUNITY SERVICE PERFORMED BY SCOUTS IN 2014

# ABOUT THE BSA

## BUILD AN ADVENTURE

Scouts do stuff. They build things. Play with purpose. Make friends and work together. Set goals and achieve them. They go places. Physically. Mentally. Spiritually. These life-changing experiences — and the confidence they provide — form a foundation a Scout can stand on to embrace opportunity and overcome obstacles in life.

For the parents watching in awe, it's not a question of where their Scout will go, but where won't they go. Scouting helps parents make the most of the little time they have to impact the lives of their children. Scouting gives parents the gift of seeing their children reach their full potential by challenging them in ways they may not otherwise experience.

# WHY SCOUTING

## BENEFITS OF SCOUTING

Scouting provides experiences that help prepare youth for their future. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

Scouting fosters the spirit of discovery for future innovators and leaders by investing in new and relevant programs such as STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). These programs also provide youth with a platform to learn important life skills that will help them combat major societal concerns.

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

TRY NEW THINGS

PROVIDE SERVICE TO OTHERS

BUILD SELF-CONFIDENCE

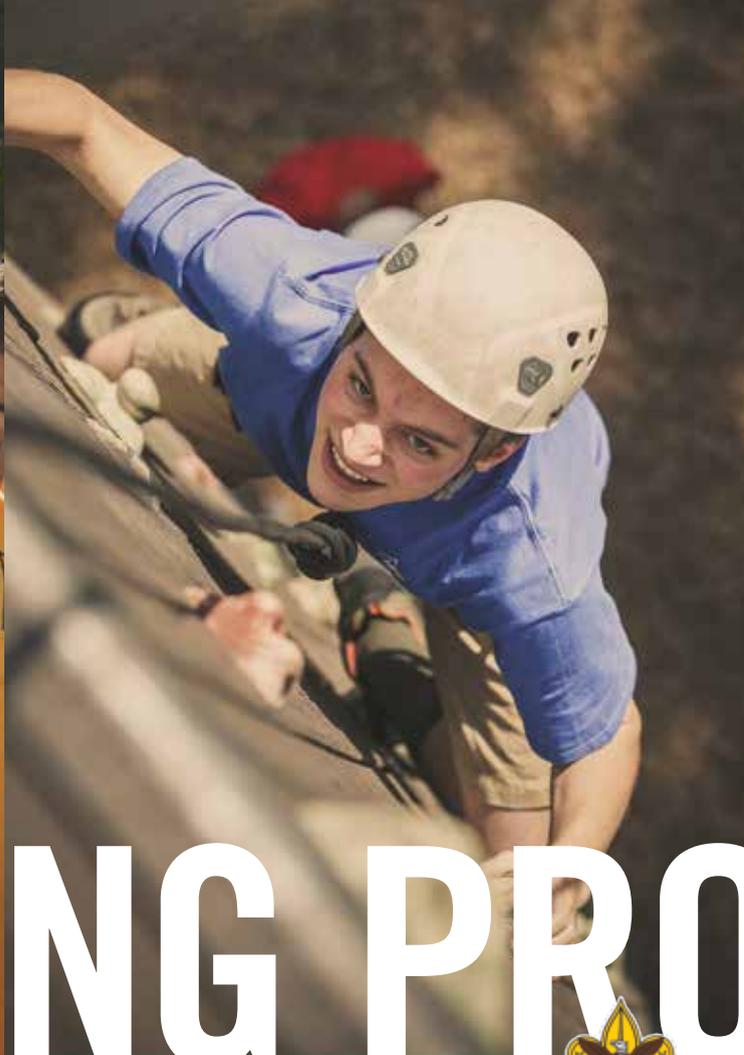
REINFORCE ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

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# SCOUTING PROGRAMS



## CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scouting is the foundation of our organization. And while it is designed for boys in first through fifth grades, this program really involves the whole family as parents pitch in to plan and deliver activities. Cub Scouting is affirmative and fun focused. There are currently 1.3 million Cub Scouts and 395,000 adult volunteers in the United States.



## BOY SCOUTS

This is the traditional Scouting experience for young men in fifth grade through high school. Service, community engagement, and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. There are currently 855,000 Boy Scouts and 485,000 adult volunteers in the United States.



## 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. There are currently 158,000 Venturers and 58,000 adult volunteers in the United States.



## WHAT IS AN EAGLE SCOUT?

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 his character and leadership by making a positive impact in his own life, his family, and his community.



CHARACTER



FITNESS



CITIZENSHIP



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# COMMUNITY IMPACT

## WHY BECOME A CHARTERED ORGANIZATION?

Through time-tested programming, including character development and leadership training, the Boy Scouts of America 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 administered throughout the nation and the world with the help of nearly 290 local councils. These councils depend on community groups called **chartered organizations** to help build Scouting in their communities.

Scouting provides a unique opportunity for chartered organizations to bring stronger service to the community while offering fun and adventure to their own youth and families. By working together, your organization and Scouting can combine time and other resources that result in stronger, more confident children and more productive families and communities. A relationship with Scouting can also help your organization to fulfill its mission and strengthen its outreach efforts.

### DID YOU KNOW...

- 64% OF AIR FORCE ACADEMY GRADUATES WERE SCOUTS
- 70% OF ANNAPOLIS GRADUATES WERE SCOUTS
- 58% OF WEST POINT GRADUATES WERE SCOUTS
- 72% OF RHODES SCHOLARS WERE SCOUTS
- 85% OF FBI AGENTS WERE SCOUTS

## VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF SCOUTING.

Each Scouting unit 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. More than 100,000 Scouting units across the country are operated by these chartered organizations.

### WHO SPONSORS SCOUTING:

**70%**  
FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

**22%**  
CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

**8%**  
EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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## STEP 1

Contact your BSA local council at [www.scouting.org/localcouncillocator](http://www.scouting.org/localcouncillocator)

## STEP 2

Meet with your local Scouting professional or volunteer

## STEP 3

Find the right parents and adults to become Scout leaders

## SCOUTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Scouting provides young people opportunities for leadership, fitness, career exploration, outdoor adventure, positive life skills, fun activities, and values for a lifetime. We would like to help you fulfill your organization's need to attract more families.

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

*"The Boy Scouts of America is the finest organization in the world for building character while teaching boys and young men to meet and overcome challenges, to cheerfully serve others, and to live lives based on the principles of the Scout Oath and Law."*

*- Dr. Robert M. Gates, national president of the Boy Scouts of America*





## 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.

## 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 Scout Law.



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