

## Steps for Organizing a Unit

1. The BSA organizing committee (unit commissioner, district executive, and member of the district membership team) meets with the executive officer/head of the religious organization to introduce and inform the organization about Scouting.
2. Working with an assigned unit commissioner from the BSA district, the executive officer/head of the religious organization and its membership officially adopt Scouting and select a chartered organization representative. The new-unit application is signed with a charter fee.
3. The BSA organizing committee continues to work with the executive officer/head of the religious organization and the chartered organization representative to help select volunteer adult key unit leadership and committee members and to develop a succession plan for future key leadership.
4. New leaders are required to complete Youth Protection training within 30 days of registering. Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer does not meet the BSA's Youth Protection training requirement at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.
5. New volunteer leaders are to be trained immediately with Fast Start online training, unit budget planning, and unit program planning training.
6. The unit commissioner and district program committee help plan the new unit's program for one year.
7. The BSA organizing committee helps the religious organization with recruitment of local youth.
8. New youth and their parents complete applications and fees for registration.
9. New unit meetings are planned and begin.
10. The BSA organizing committee helps present the religious organization with its first charter at a formal ceremony of the organization.



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## BSA Mission Statement

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.

### Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting and the Boy Scouts of America

Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting is an all-volunteer organization, recognized by the Boy Scouts of America. It was founded (1) to interpret Scouting to members of Churches of Christ, (2) to encourage the use of Scouting by members of Churches of Christ, and (3) to promote spiritual Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting.

The MCCS logo is the Heart of the Servant, which symbolizes the four spheres in the life of a servant leader: (1) service to God and His church, (2) service to one's own family, (3) service to the nation, and (4) service to Scouting.

### Strong Values, Strong Leaders—Character Counts

Through the national program theme "Strong Values, Strong Leaders—Character Counts," the Boy Scouts of America and MCCS are delivering a message to our youth, our Scouting parents, and the general public that spirituality, morals, values, manners, ethics, caring, respect, and service are important. The Servant Leadership Series is a great program.

There may never be a more important time than now to let the country know that Scouting still believes in America's young people. After all, today's children will be the parents and leaders of our churches and nation tomorrow.



## Boy Scouting

Boy Scouting encourages boys to develop physical, mental, and emotional fitness and to adopt and live by meaningful personal standards as a cornerstone for success in life. These values include the basic principles in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Activities include fitness and leadership training, wilderness adventures, and merit badge incentives for boys who are mastering hobby and career skills.



## Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting activities involve the parents, adult leaders, and friends of Cub Scouts in home-centered programs that teach life skills, habits, values, and attitudes that are consistent with the interests of their church. Millions of boys and their families participate in Cub Scouting, the largest of the three Boy Scouts of America membership divisions. Cub Scout activities encourage character development, physical coordination, family unity, and enthusiasm for learning.



## Venturing

Venturing is an effective coed young-adult program designed to improve character, citizenship, and fitness. Venturers exercise leadership, citizenship, fitness, social, outdoor, and community service endeavors. Venturing provides a variety of challenging activities to teach young people ages 14–20, or 13 and with the completion of the eighth grade, the real-world meaning of values, ethical decision making, and life skills. Venturing teaches leadership and problem-solving skills to help youths mature into confident, successful adults. Venturing crews organize around a special vocation or interest of the youth members. The specialty clusters include outdoors, sports, arts and hobbies, youth ministry, and Sea Scouting.



## Comments from MCCS Members

*“One of the most rewarding moments for me as a leader came after returning from a high-adventure trip. About a month after the trip, a mother of one of the Scouts told me, ‘You took my boy on that trip and brought me back a man.’”*

**Billy Walker**  
Franklin, Tennessee

*“Scouting at the Highland Church of Christ is an excellent outreach and is an important part of our overall youth ministry. I highly recommend the Scouting program to all congregations.”*

**Brigadier General (Retired) Robert J. Strader**  
Elder, Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, Texas

*“In my opinion, the Venturing program is the best thing that Scouting has going for it in the United States. Its use in churches offers older youth an opportunity to learn, lead, and create adventures that continue to develop their ethical foundations on Biblical principles and Scouting ethics. Further, it allows young people to involve their ‘unchurched’ friends in activities and a group, exposing them to Christian values, and potentially involving them in a local church.”*

**Nathan Williams**  
Venturing Crew Advisor, Abilene, Texas

*“While many among Churches of Christ are wringing our hands over the lack of real spiritual direction for our youth, MCCS has taken a positive direction in providing the Servant Leadership Series, which provides a framework for youth to grow in their knowledge of the Bible, to deepen their sense of reverence toward God, and to develop the mindset of service toward others.”*

**Gregory Tidwell**  
Minister, Columbus, Ohio

*“The Scouting program is a way for Scouts to actually do what the Bible already asks them to do. It’s my goal to make the 12th point of the Scout Law first by emphasizing that a Scout is reverent.”*

**Regina Harrison**  
MCCS trustee, secretary, Winchester, Tennessee

## Servant Leadership Series

Our families, churches, nation, and world need Christian servant leadership today. The Servant Leadership Series has been designed by the MCCS to emphasize the development of this style of leadership.

The Servant Leadership Series will help youth and adults develop and model servant leadership and encourage a lifetime of servanthood. The series addresses servant leadership in three stages in the lives of youth: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing.

Loving Servant for Cub Scouts  
Grades 1–3



Joyful Servant for Webelos Scouts  
Grades 4–5



First-year Boy Scouts  
Grade 6

Good Servant for Boy Scouts  
Grades 6–8



Giving Servant for Boy Scouts  
Grades 9–12



Venturers  
Ages 13–20

Faithful Servant for Adult Scouters



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