



Boy Scouting

Boy Scouting is for boys who are at least 10½ years old and have completed the fifth grade or are 11 through 17 years old. It is

- Filled with troop and patrol activities designed to help build personal skills, teamwork, and leadership.
- An action-packed way to teach leadership, service, and respect for others.
- Adventure and fun outdoor experiences under the guidance of adult leaders.
- A program that provides plenty of opportunity for individual growth at a boy's own pace.

PURPOSE: 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 found in the Scout Oath and Law.

PROGRAM: Boy Scouts learn to develop personal strengths by example and through hands-on experience. Activities include fitness and leadership training, wilderness adventures, and merit badge incentives for boys mastering hobby and career skills. Scouting encourages boys to expand and test their personal initiative, courage, and resourcefulness.

METHODS: Boy Scouts learn some of life's more serious lessons while having fun. Boys learn about important values, such as helping yourself by helping others, and honoring the basic rights of others. Boy Scouting's active learning experiences include hiking, camping, and other outdoor expeditions; competitive individual and team sports activities; and community or religious service projects. Many Boy Scouts first practice basic leadership, self-government, and citizenship skills during regular troop meetings and campouts.

Venturing

Venturing is a youth-development program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age. It is

- Designed to help meet the needs, wants, and problems of this young adult generation.
- A novel program that includes emphasis on outdoor, high-adventure activities while providing members with community service, fitness, and social activities under the guidance of experienced adults.
- A great way for young men and women to learn leadership and problem-solving skills that will help them mature into confident, successful adults.

PURPOSE: Venturing is an effective coed young-adult program designed to improve character, citizenship, and fitness through positive experiences and activities that prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

PROGRAM: Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and adult Advisors serving as resources and mentors. The resulting program is filled with exciting and meaningful activities that help youth pursue their special interests; to grow; to develop personal, social, and leadership skills; and to become good citizens.

METHODS: Venturing has been carefully designed to achieve the aims of the Boy Scouts of America and meet the needs of young adults. Included in the methods of Venturing are

- **Leadership.** Opportunities to apply proven leadership skills are provided to the Venturers.
- **Group Activities** are interdependent group experiences in which success is dependent on the cooperation of all.
- **Adult Association.** Working closely with adult Advisors and other adult leaders, the youth officers lead the crew. The adults serve in a "shadow" leader capacity.
- **Recognition** comes through the Venturing advancement program and through the acknowledgement of a youth's competence and ability by peers and adults.
- **The Ideals.** Venturers are expected to know and live by the Venturing Oath and Code. They promise to be faithful in their religious duties, treasure their American heritage, to help others, and to seek truth and fairness.
- **High Adventure.** Venturing's emphasis on high adventure helps provide team-building opportunities, new meaningful experiences, practical leadership application, and lifelong memories to young adults.
- **Teaching Others.** All of the Venturing awards require Venturers to teach what they have learned to others. In so doing, they strengthen their knowledge, gain confidence, and acquire skills that can benefit them for the rest of their lives.

To find out more about Scouting, contact your local Boy Scout council, which can be found in the phone book under Boy Scouts of America, or contact the Relationships Division of the BSA at 972-580-2191.



The Loyal Order of the Moose also supports:



Girl Scouts of the USA



SCOUTS CANADA

Organizing a Scouting Unit

- Lodge leadership is informed about Scouting.
- Lodge board and membership officially adopt Scouting, and a chartered organization representative is selected from the lodge's members.
- The chartered organization representative appoints an organizing committee of local parents and interested lodge members.
- The organizing committee identifies and recruits unit leaders and committee members.
- The leaders are trained in program planning (Fast Start training).
- The program is planned for at least the first six months.
- Local youth are recruited.
- Unit meetings begin.
- Unit is installed and the charter is presented at a formal ceremony held at a lodge meeting.



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The Loyal Order
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The Moose and Scouting

In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was founded to help young people grow into responsible, well-rounded citizens. As a result, more than 102 million young people from throughout the United States and its territories have experienced the traditional, values-based programs offered by Scouting. Moose lodges throughout the United States have supported the programs of the Boy Scouts of America since 1919 and have been a partner in serving youth by chartering Scout units since the 1920s.

The impression that most people have is that Scouting is a program that focuses on camping, crafts, and badges. There is a whole lot more going on than meets the eye. For more than 90 years, our mission has been to raise the character of America's youth. Scouting's thrust has more to do with developing a boy mentally, physically, and morally. Basic aspects of the Scouting program teach young people self-reliance, good sportsmanship, and teamwork. It also reinforces spirituality, self-discipline, and the importance of service to others, as well as pride in their American heritage and traditional family values. All of this is summed up in the words of the Scout Oath or Promise and the 12 points of the Scout Law.

The training a young person receives in Scouting consistently provides for the development of strong leadership and social skills. The Scouting program has made a difference in many lives. As evidence, consider the following statistics: Among Scouting's alumni are 89 percent of the initial astronaut corps, 85 percent of senior class presidents, 85 percent of student council presidents, 85 percent of FBI agents, 72 percent of Rhodes scholars, 70 percent of U.S. Naval Academy graduates, 68 percent of United States Military Academy graduates, 63 percent of U.S. Air Force Academy graduates, and 70 percent of the men listed in *Who's Who in America*.

Scouts learn creativity, fairness, generosity, the joy of achievement, and the value of hard work. Equally important, perhaps, is what Scouts don't do—like take drugs, hang out on street corners, shoplift, join gangs, and disrespect teachers and other adults. Scouting prepares kids for life by teaching them to be responsible adults and good citizens. The results of a recent Louis Harris study on Scouting revealed that 84 percent of former Scouts believe that the values they learned in Scouting remained important in their adult lives, 75 percent said Scouting helped them be better leaders, 89 percent said that Scouting taught them to take better care of the environment, and 88 percent said that Scouting taught them to get along with and respect others.*

* *The Values of Men and Boys in America*, a study conducted by Louis Harris & Associates for the Boy Scouts of America, May 1995.

How a Moose Lodge Can Use the Scouting Program

Scout units are owned by the Moose lodge to which they are chartered. The lodge manages its units and controls the program of activities in a manner that supports the goals and objectives of the Moose and Scouting. A Moose Family Center is an ideal location for a Scouting program.

When a Moose lodge establishes a new unit, it must take two very important actions to ensure a successful quality program:

1. Selecting leadership. The lodge governor, as the head of the chartered organization, appoints a chartered organization representative to provide leadership in the selection of a committee of adults that will provide overall supervision of the unit's program. The committee selects the adult unit leaders who will work with the youth. The chartered organization representative is the official representative of the lodge to the Boy Scouts of America. As such, the chartered organization representative is a voting member of the local Boy Scout council and may serve as a member of the district committee.

2. Providing a meeting place and promoting a good program. The chartered organization arranges for adequate meeting facilities for the unit and promotes through its committee the full use of the program, including outdoor experiences, advancement, recognitions, and in particular, Scouting's values.

How the BSA Supports the Moose Lodge

The Boy Scouts of America has more than 300 local councils that stand prepared to provide professional support, counseling, and administration; commissioner service; training for leaders; camping and outdoor facilities; program materials and literature; planning tools; and other program aids. Councils also maintain records on units and their membership, provide rank certificates and merit badge cards, and maintain service centers where badges, insignia, literature, and other helps can be obtained.

What Are the Advantages for the Moose Lodge?

By chartering a Scout unit, the Moose lodge can benefit in a number of ways:

1. Positive public relations in the community by providing a time-tested, quality program for the youth of the community.

2. A source of new membership for the lodge. The Scouts' parents, the unit leaders, and the committee members are all potential members of the lodge, if they aren't already members. The Scouts are potential future Moose. Down the line, they will remember the positive Scouting experiences they had in their "Moose lodge unit."

3. The Scouts and their leaders are a ready resource to help the lodge in its numerous community activities and service projects.

What Can Your Moose Lodge Do?

Young people today need challenging and constructive activity provided to them by positive adult role models. The Boy Scouts of America is a resource available to local Moose lodges in their youth outreach efforts. The BSA has designed its program to be used by schools, community and religious organizations, and other groups as part of their youth outreach. A Moose lodge, with support from the local BSA council, can organize a Scout unit—a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, or Venturing crew.

For more than 80 years, Moose lodges in the United States have been working with the Boy Scouts of America to serve young people. Many of these Scouting alumni are active Moose today.

Eagle Scout Certificate of Achievement

The Loyal Order of Moose Eagle Scout Certificate of Achievement is available to all Eagle Scouts. To request one, simply write to the Community Service Department, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1126. It will be necessary for you to provide the name of the Eagle Scout, the year he attained the rank, and his unit number.



Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting has distinct, age-appropriate program levels. Tiger Cubs is a one-year program for first-grade (or 7-year-old) boys and their adult partners. The Cub Scout program is for boys who are in the second through fifth grades (or 8, 9, and 10 years old). It is

- Home centered and family building.
- Filled with fun, action, and adventure to help build fitness, character, and good citizenship traits in boys through family emphasis.
- A boy's first experience in growing up as a member of a group.

PURPOSE: The Boy Scouts of America created Cub Scouting in 1930 to help advance the character development and spiritual growth of young boys. This central mission of Cub Scouting might be even more important to boys growing up in the 21st century than it was for the early Cub Scouts more than 70 years ago.

PROGRAM: Local Cub Scouting activities involve parents, adult leaders, and friends of Cub Scouts in home-centered programs that teach life skills, habits, values, and attitudes consistent with the interests of their faith and community. Millions of boys and their families participate in Cub Scouting, the largest of the three Boy Scouts of America membership divisions.

METHODS: Cub Scouting encourages each boy to strive for his personal best, a lesson that will help him achieve success as he enters Boy Scouting—and throughout his adult life. Cub Scout activities encourage character development, physical coordination, family unity, and enthusiasm for learning. Cub Scouting helps boys develop a sense of teamwork, achievement, self-confidence, and respect for others. Learning to master new skills helps the Cub Scout realize his own abilities and discover that his can-do attitude is the first sign of success in any endeavor. In fact, that's the Cub Scout motto:

DO YOUR BEST.