

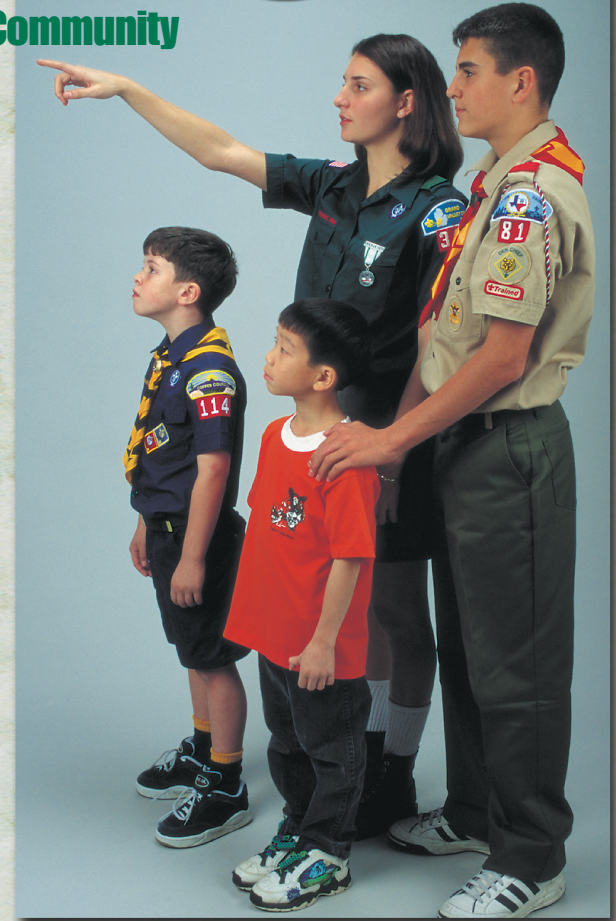


Organizing a Unit

- ◆ Elks Lodge leadership is informed about Scouting.
- ◆ Lodge membership officially adopts Scouting and selects a chartered organization representative.
- ◆ Chartered organization representative appoints an organizing committee of local parents and interested lodge members.
- ◆ Orientation session is held with the members of the lodge and parents of local youth.
- ◆ Organizing committee selects unit leaders and committee members.
- ◆ Leaders are trained in program planning (Fast Start).
- ◆ Program is planned for at least six months.
- ◆ Local youth are recruited.
- ◆ Unit meetings begin.
- ◆ Unit is installed and the charter is presented at a formal ceremony with the organization.

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The Elks and Scouting

Good turn, fair play, friendliness, and loyalty: four principles instilled in every member of the Boy Scouts of America. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA calls these virtues charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity.

That's why the Elks have supported Scouting for more than 60 years. Scouting youth benefit from this partnership through mentoring relationships that develop their potential and help them become vital members of their communities. Benefits to Elks lodges include strengthening the community, receiving local recognition, enhancing lodge membership, and accomplishing charitable objectives.

Young people today need the skills and values instilled by Scouting. What better way to show that *Elks Care—Elks Share* than to charter a Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, or Venturing crew? Get involved in Scouting today!

Eagle Scout Scholarships

The Elks' Eagle Scout scholarship program is funded by the Elks National Foundation. Established in 1984, the Foundation currently awards four \$8,000 scholarships and four \$4,000 scholarships to outstanding Eagle Scouts. Applicants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America who have achieved the rank of Eagle, have an SAT score of at least 1,090 and/or equivalent ACT score of 26, be graduating from high school during the year they are applying, and have financial need. For further information on the Elks' Eagle Scout scholarship program, contact your local council service center.

Marvin M. Lewis Elks and Scouting Award

Approved by the Grand Lodge in 1998, the Marvin M. Lewis Award recognizes dedicated Elks who have significantly contributed to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America. The award is named for the Honorable Marvin M. Lewis, PGER, who has given such strong support to Scouting over the years. Award winners include Elks who have brought Scouting to more youth; have assisted local Elks lodges in organizing and chartering Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews; are fully trained in the skills of Scouting; and are outstanding role models. These honorees have also worked to bring Scouting and the Elks together to serve the community and have been instrumental in organizing Scouting units for the physically handicapped and mentally challenged and in poor or disadvantaged communities. Marvin M. Lewis Award nomination forms are available from the Elks National Headquarters: Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, 2750 North Lakeside Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1889.

Why Scouting?

Our future lies within our children, and oftentimes the challenges and problems they face seem insurmountable. Today, more than ever before, our young people need the guidance and mentoring of quality adult role models. By chartering a Scouting unit, Elks can provide a positive alternative to the youth of their community.

How Scouting Helps Elks Lodges

Getting involved with Scouting offers lodges and their members many benefits. These include

- ◆ High visibility in the community by having active Scouting programs identified with the lodge.
- ◆ Providing an excellent opportunity for lodge members to mentor youth.
- ◆ Greater understanding of the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity.
- ◆ Providing service to the community by offering a time-tested, high-quality developmental youth program with continuous identification to youth.
- ◆ Participating in the development of more responsible young adults by instilling in them the values expressed in the Scout Oath and Law.

- ◆ Providing greater potential for increasing your lodge's membership by exposing the parents of the youth served to the values and ideals of the Elks.
- ◆ Helping further develop lodge and community leadership.

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 consistent with the interests of their chartered organization. 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.



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 Law. Activities include fitness and leadership training, wilderness adventures, and merit badge incentives for boys mastering hobby and career skills.



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 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.

