

- **Recognition**—Venturers’ achievements are recognized through the Venturing advancement program and through the acknowledgement of a youth’s competence and ability by peers and adults.
- **Ideals**—Venturers are expected to know and live by the Venturing Oath and Code. They promise to be faithful in their religious duties, to 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.

ADVANTAGES FOR MASONIC LODGES

- Scouting provides mentoring opportunities for lodge members.
- Scouting offers program opportunities that attract youth and their families.
- Scouting offers ready-made programs to augment the work of DeMolay.
- Scouting has age-appropriate programs for boys 7 through 17 years of age and young men and women 14 through 20 years of age.
- Scout units have an obligation for service to their chartering organizations.
- Scouting provides a time-tested, high quality developmental youth program that has continuous identification with the Masonic Lodge.
- Scouting offers the use of its program and support facilities, as well as the experience of trained volunteer and professional staff.



- Scouting offers additional challenges and personal growth opportunities through its advancement program.
- Chartering a Scout unit provides greater public awareness of the objectives and mission of Masonry.

ORGANIZING A SCOUTING UNIT

1. Lodge leaders are informed about Scouting.
2. Lodge leaders agree on the desirability of organizing a Scouting unit.
3. The Worshipful Master appoints a chartered organization representative.
4. The chartered organization representative appoints an organizing committee of lodge members, local parents, and other interested adults.
5. An orientation session is held with prospective Scouts and their parents.
6. The organizing committee identifies and recruits unit leaders and committee members.
7. The leaders are trained in program planning (Fast Start training).
8. The program is planned for at least the first six months.
9. Youth are registered.
10. Unit meetings begin.
11. The unit is installed and the charter is presented at a formal ceremony held at a meeting of the lodge.

DANIEL CARTER BEARD MASONIC SCOUTER AWARD

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is a national recognition approved by the Boy Scouts of America and promoted by the Grand Lodges of the United States. It may be presented to any Master Mason who has made significant contributions to youth through Scouting. A member of the Masonic Fraternity may be nominated if the individual is currently a registered Scouter who has displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting program through:

- Developing Scouting units
- Assisting Masonic lodges in forming units
- Exemplifying the Scout Law and Masonic Virtues
- Recruiting Scouting volunteers
- Strengthening the relationship between Masonry and Scouting

Work accomplishment and dedication, rather than tenure in Scouting, should be the criteria for receiving the award.

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is being managed and processed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. To secure further information and nomination petition forms, contact the Masonic Youth Program office by phone at 717-367-1536 or on the Web at <http://grandlodge.org/pyf/pgm/scouter/>.



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WHY SCOUTING?

MASONRY AND SCOUTING: A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

In serving youth, Masonry and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA):

- Share a similar mission and objectives.
- Build better youth and future leaders for the community and the nation.
- Can make more effective use of their shared resources.
- Provide a positive alternative for young people.

Our future lies with our children, and the challenges and problems they face can often seem insurmountable. Today, more than ever before, young people need the guidance and mentoring of quality adult role models. Masonic lodges and Scouting have worked together in serving youth for more than 85 years. By chartering a Scouting unit, lodge members can provide a positive developmental program for the youth of their community. Becoming a chartering organization can result only in a win-win situation for a Masonic lodge.

Specifically, the Boy Scouts of America endeavors to develop citizens who are:

- Physically, mentally, and emotionally fit
- Have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness
- Have personal values based on the Scout Oath and Law
- Have the desire and skills to help others
- Understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems
- Are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation’s role in the world

- Have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people
- Are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society

The Boy Scouts of America isn’t just talking about having more Scout units associated with Masonic lodges. Scouting was designed to be a resource program for community organizations to use in serving youth. By working together, we can accomplish so much more!

CUB SCOUTING

Cub Scouting has distinct, age-appropriate program levels. The Cub Scout program is for boys who are in the first through fifth grades (or 7, 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 those 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, good 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.

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 themselves 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**—Venturers enjoy 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.

