



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Between**  
**American Sikh Council**  
**And**  
**Boy Scouts of America**



**WHEREAS**, World Sikh Council America Region (ASC) and Boy Scouts of America (BSA) would like to establish a valuable and productive relationship on behalf of young adults and their families for many years to come; we now enter into this Agreement for the purpose of confirming a framework for a cooperative relationship under which ASC and BSA will assist one another in areas of mutual interest.

**WHEREAS**, American Sikh Council (ASC) is a representative body of Sikh Gurdwaras and Sikh institutions in the US and has access to resources to educate youth in the Sikh way of life and to cultivate a nurturing environment for youth.

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the American Sikh Council (ASC) to equip its members following the Sikh Way of Life with such skills that allow them to work for the betterment of the human life through the enhancement of human services programs and allow interested persons the opportunity to develop leadership skills and responsibility, experience teamwork and gain an awareness of their inner strength.

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the BSA to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Venturing Oath.

**WHEREAS**, the BSA is desirous of lending its assistance and support to the citizenship training, character development and personal fitness of youth through community outreach amongst its members as well as non-member Sikh organizations.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that ASC and the BSA will work cooperatively with each other, within the policies and regulations of each organization. This is to establish and nurture Scout Units or individuals as an expression of the Sikh community's outreach program of the ASC, so that youth and adults may grow into the Sikh Way of Life with character, citizenship responsibility, and with the personal fitness necessary to achieve their greatest potential.

Signed and delivered on April 14, 2019.

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