



strengthening youth through
SCOUTS BSA



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SETTING A COURSE FOR ADVENTURE

Some kids avoid obstacles.
Scouts overcome them.

Scouts BSA is a year-round program for boys and girls grades 5-12 that provides fun, adventure, learning, and challenges to help them become the best version of themselves.



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Scouts BSA is designed to be experienced outdoors but also has a STEM component to encourage the natural curiosity and sense of wonder of youth members.

There is something for everyone in Scouting!

SCOUTING BUILDS CHARACTER AND INSTILLS VALUES FOR A LIFETIME

ADVENTURE

Scouts BSA is an introduction to the great outdoors for boys and girls ages 11-17 and, most important, a lesson about their place in it.



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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Scouting builds leaders.

Scouts serve on the boards of global corporations, walk the halls of the White House, and have been known to go hiking on the moon occasionally.



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SERVICE

The Scout slogan is Do a Good Turn Daily. That means doing something to help others each day without expecting anything in return.

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MILLION HOURS
OF COMMUNITY
SERVICE*

*Average number of hours performed by scouts per year over last five years.



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PERSONAL GROWTH

As Scouts plan activities, participate in community service projects, do their daily good turn, and progress toward goals, they experience personal growth.



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SCOUT TROOPS

WHETHER LED BY GIRLS OR
BOYS, SCOUTS RUN THE SHOW

Troops are single gender, and the young men and women in them are responsible for the activities of the troop.

By planning and organizing activities, they learn how to lead as well as how to follow.

A photograph of four young men standing on a rocky shore, looking out over a body of water under a clear blue sky. They are wearing backpacks and outdoor gear. The man in the center has a green backpack and a shirt with 'ADVENTURE' on the back. The man next to him has a yellow backpack. The man on the far right has a grey backpack and is using a trekking pole. The man on the far left has a blue shirt and dark pants. The water is calm, and there is a small hill with some trees in the background.

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RANK ADVANCEMENT

Scouts BSA provides a series of challenging but achievable obstacles and the steps to overcome them through the rank advancement method.

Rank advancement is one method used by Scout leaders to help young men and women fulfill the aims of Scouting:



CHARACTER



FITNESS



CITIZENSHIP



LEADERSHIP



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MERIT BADGES

Earning merit badges gives Scouts the opportunity to learn essential life skills and to gain real-world knowledge in more than 130 different areas from American Business to Wilderness Survival.



2.1 MILLION
MERIT BADGES

*Average number of merit badges earned
by Scouts per year over last five years

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN EAGLE SCOUT

Service, community engagement, and leadership development are integral parts of earning Scouting's highest rank.

Eagle Scouts are more likely to volunteer, donate money to charity, vote, and work with others to improve their neighborhood than non-Eagle Scouts



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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN EAGLE SCOUT

Eagle Scouts have proved their character and leadership by making a positive impact in their own life, their family, and their community.



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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN EAGLE SCOUT

Being an Eagle Scout carries a significance, not only in Scouting but also as one enters higher education, business or industry, and in service to their community.



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SCOUTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Scouting can help grow
your impact in the
community by bringing new
families into your
organization.



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Scouting provides a unique opportunity for organizations to bring stronger service to the community while offering fun and adventure to their youth and families.



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By working together, your organization and Scouting can combine resources that result in stronger, more confident children and more productive families and communities.



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START A SCOUT TROOP TODAY!

STEP 1

Contact your local BSA
council through
BeAScout.org

STEP 2

Meet with your local
Scouting professional or
volunteer

STEP 3

Find the right parents and
adults to become Scout
leaders





Scouts BSA motto:
BE PREPARED

SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty
To God and my country and obey the Scout Law:
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.



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SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.



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MISSION

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.