



strengthening Youth through
SCOUTS BSA





about SCOUTS BSA

SETTING A COURSE FOR ADVENTURE

Some kids avoid obstacles. Scouts overcome them.

Scouts BSA is a year-round program for boys and girls in fifth grade through high school that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves.

In Scouts BSA, young men and women go places, test themselves, and have one-of-a-kind adventures that can't be found anywhere else.

Scouts BSA is designed to be experienced outdoors but also has a STEM component. While hiking, camping, mountain biking, and whitewater rafting are all offered and bring Scouts into the great outdoors, young men and women with a drive for science will learn to develop and hone those skills as well. The Boy Scouts of America's STEM initiative encourages the natural curiosity of youth members and their sense of wonder about these fields through existing programs.

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 through 17 and, most important, a lesson about their place in it.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Scouting builds leaders. Former 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. Life lessons learned in Scouting will help all of its members make good decisions throughout life.

SERVICE

The Scout slogan is Do a Good Turn Daily. That means doing something to help others each day without expecting anything in return. It implies that Scouts do their part in caring for the community and the environment.

PERSONAL GROWTH

As Scouts plan activities and progress toward goals, they experience personal growth. Young men and women grow by participating in community service projects and by doing a Good Turn daily.

14 MILLION HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE*

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



benefits of
SCOUTING

about the PROGRAM

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. Adults train youth members to assume leadership roles, and with those skills, the Scouts plan the program and carry it out. By planning and organizing activities, they develop teamwork and learn to lead as well as follow.

RANK ADVANCEMENT



Scouts BSA provides a series of challenging but achievable obstacles and the steps to overcome them through the rank advancement method. Each Scout plans their advancement and progresses at their own pace as they meet each challenge. Rank advancement is one method used by Scout leaders to help young men and women fulfill the aims of Scouting: character development, citizenship training, personal fitness, and leadership.

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. The merit badge program plays a significant role in Scouting advancement.

21 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 have proved their character and leadership by making a positive impact in their own life, their family, and their community.
- Being an Eagle Scout carries a significance, not only in Scouting but also as one enters higher education, business or industry, and community service.



CHARACTER



FITNESS



CITIZENSHIP



LEADERSHIP

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



what is an
EAGLE SCOUT?





get
INVOLVED

SCOUTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

- Scouting can help grow your impact in the community by bringing new families into your organization.
- Scouting provides a unique opportunity for organizations to bring stronger service to the community while offering fun and adventure to their youth and families.
- By working together, your organization and Scouting can combine time and other resources that result in stronger, more confident children and more productive families and communities.

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 to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

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

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 Scout Law.



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