



**STRENGTHENING YOUTH
THROUGH *BOY SCOUTING***



***BOY SCOUT 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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SETTING A COURSE FOR ADVENTURE

Some boys avoid obstacles. Boy Scouts overcome them. They live to display their abilities while learning new skills.

Boy Scouting is a year-round program for boys in fifth grade through high school that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility to help them become the best person they can be.

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

Boy Scouting is designed to be experienced outdoors. Hiking, camping, mountain biking, skateboarding, BMX, mountain climbing, kayaking, whitewater rafting—all of these and more are among those experiences.

There is something for everyone in Scouting!

ABOUT BOY SCOUTING



SCOUTING BUILDS
CHARACTER
AND
INSTILLS **VALUES** FOR A
LIFETIME

ADVENTURE

Scouting is an introduction to the great outdoors for many boys 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 occasionally go hiking on the moon. Life lessons learned in Scouting will help boys 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 means that Scouts do their part to care for the community and the environment.

PERSONAL GROWTH

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



BENEFITS OF SCOUTING



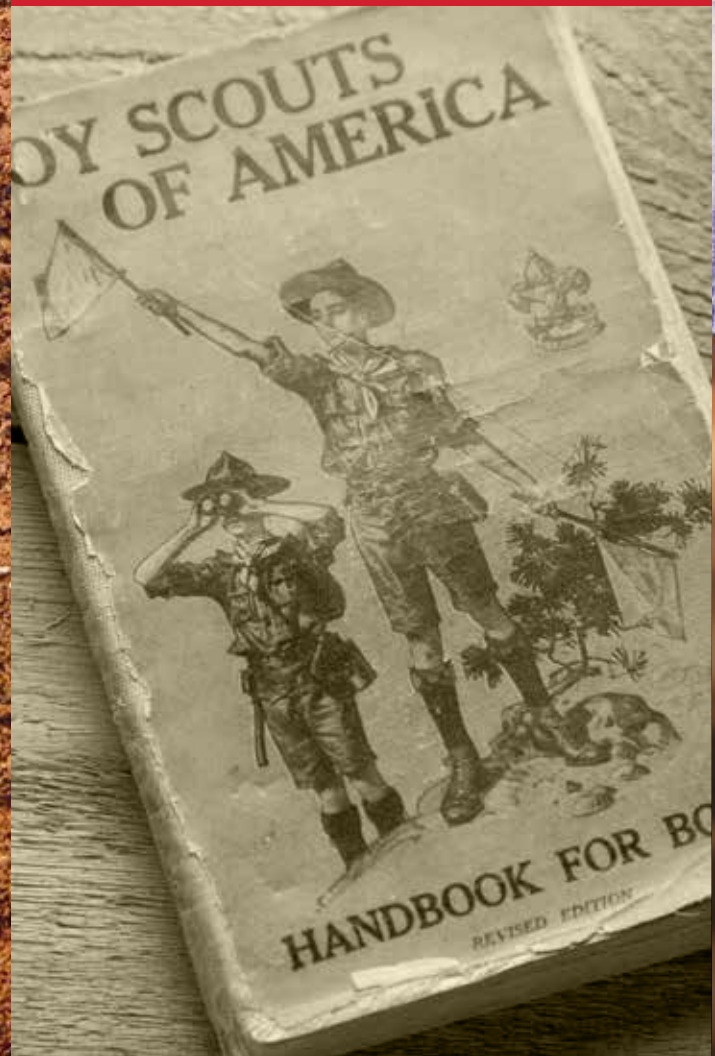
14 **MILLION***
HOURS OF
COMMUNITY
SERVICE

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

SCOUT TROOPS

ARE BOY-LED AND BOY-RUN

Youth take responsibility for the activities of the troop. Adults train youth members to assume leadership roles, and boys are allowed to plan the program and carry it out. By planning and organizing activities, they develop teamwork and learn to lead as well as follow.



21 MILLION* MERIT BADGES

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

RANK ADVANCEMENT



Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and the steps to overcome them through the rank advancement method. Each Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. Rank advancement is one method used by Scout leaders to help boys fulfill the aims of Scouting: character development, citizenship training, and mental and physical fitness.



MERIT BADGES

Earning merit badges gives Scouts the opportunity to learn important life skills and to gain real-world knowledge in more than 130 different areas — from American Business to Woodwork. The merit badge program plays a major role in Scouting advancement.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN **EAGLE SCOUT**

- Service, community engagement, and leadership development are integral parts of earning Scouting's highest rank.
- An Eagle Scout has proved his character and leadership by making a positive impact in his own life, his family, and his 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.
- Only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts ever achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.



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 MEN WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN IN SCOUTING

WHAT IS AN EAGLE SCOUT?

SCOUTING
MAKES A **DIFFERENCE**

- A relationship with Scouting can help your organization to fulfill its mission and strengthen its outreach efforts.
- Scouting provides a unique opportunity for organizations to bring stronger service to the community while offering fun and adventure to their own 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 BOY SCOUT!
TROOP TODAY!

STEP 1

Contact your local BSA council through www.beascout.org.

STEP 2

Meet with your local Scouting professional or volunteer.

STEP 3

Find the right parents and adults to become Scout leaders.



**REASONS TO SUPPORT
SCOUTING IN YOUR
ORGANIZATION**