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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



SCOUTING AT A GLANCE

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Mission Statement: 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.

Purpose: The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide an educational program for young men and women to build character, train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develop personal fitness.

Chartered Organizations: Community groups receive national charters to use the Scouting program as a part of their own youth work. These groups, which have goals compatible with those of the BSA, include religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business and labor organizations, governmental bodies, corporate, and professional associations and citizens' groups.

Tiger Cubs: A one-year program for first-grade (age 7) boys and their adult mentors that stresses leadership, teamwork, community service and family understanding.

Cub Scouting: A family program for boys in second through fifth grades (ages 8-10). Cub Scouting's emphasis is quality programming at the local level. Fourth and fifth grade boys are called Webelos (We'll be loyal Scouts) and participate in more advanced activities that prepare them to become Boy Scouts.

Boy Scouting: A program for boys (ages 11-18) designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. Boys set goals, experience the challenge of achieving goals and the triumph of success.

Venturing: Venturing, a co-educational program for youth (ages 14-20) is designed to help youth develop skills in areas of high adventure sports, arts, hobbies and Sea Scouting as well as learn positive leadership and ethical values from both adult and peer leaders. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that help youth pursue their special interests, develop leadership skills and become good citizens.

Varsity Scouting: An active, exciting program for young men (ages 14-18) built around five program fields of emphasis: advancement, high adventure, personal development, service and special programs and events.

Learning for Life: A subsidiary corporation of the Boy Scouts of America, Learning for Life is a co-educational program designed to meet the needs of elementary and high school aged youth. It helps youth meet challenges by teaching character and good decision-making skills. The Learning for Life program provides a structure through which youth learn the value of respect and responsibility, allowing them to achieve their full potential.

Exploring: (ages 14-20) A co-educational, work-site based program, Exploring gives youth an opportunity to visit community organizations and explore the dynamics of various careers. Local community organizations initiate an Explorer Post by matching their people and program resources to the interest of young people in the community. The result is a program of activities that help youth pursue their special interests, while discovering a world of career possibilities.