BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
YOUTH APPLICATION

This application is also available in Spanish. Esta solicitud también está disponible en español.

Cub Scouting
- Tiger Cub Scout
- Webelos Scout

Boy Scouting

Scout Oath or Promise
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.

Venturing/Sea Scouting

Varsity Scouting
Welcome to the Boy Scouts of America!

Please take the time to review this material and reflect upon its importance.

The BSA and the Chartered Organization

The Boy Scouts of America makes Scouting available to our nation’s youth by chartering community organizations to operate Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships.

The chartered organization must provide an adequate and safe meeting place and capable adult leadership, and must adhere to the principles and policies of the BSA. The BSA local council provides adult training, program ideas, camping facilities, literature, professional guidance for adult leaders, and liability insurance protection.

Scouting’s Adult Participants and You

Scouting’s adult participants provide leadership at the unit, district, council, and national levels. Many are parents of Scouts; many entered Scouting as youth members. Each chartered organization establishes a unit committee, which operates its Scouting unit, selects leadership, and provides support for a quality program. Unit committees depend on parents for membership and assistance.

The unit committee selects the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Scout Coach, Venturing Advisor, or Sea Scout Skipper, subject to approval of the head of the chartered organization or the chartered organization representative and of the BSA. Adult participants must be good role models because our children’s values and lives will be influenced by that adult. You need to know your child’s adult participants and be involved in the unit committee’s activities so you can evaluate and help direct that influence.

Scouting uses a fun program to promote character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness for every member. You can help by encouraging attendance, assisting with your child’s advancement, attending meetings for parents, and assisting when called upon to help.

Youth Protection Begins With You™. Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. Youth safety is of paramount importance to Scouting. For that reason, the BSA continues to create barriers to abuse beyond what have previously existed in Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on providing the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA has developed numerous procedural and adult participation selection policies, and provides parents and adult participants with numerous online and print resources for the Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing programs.

All Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout parents should review How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide booklet in the Cub Scout and Boy Scout handbooks or at www.scouting.org/training/youthprotection.

Program Policies

Chartered organizations agree to use the Scouting program in accordance with their own policies as well as those of the BSA. The program is flexible, but major departures from BSA methods and policies are not permitted. As a parent, you should be aware that

- BSA adult participation is restricted to qualified people who subscribe to the precepts of the Declaration of Religious Principle, the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the BSA Standards of Leadership.
- Citizenship activities are encouraged, but partisan political activities are prohibited.
- Military training and drills are prohibited. Marksmanship and elementary drill for ceremonies are permitted.
- While the Boy Scouts of America recognizes the importance of religious faith and duty, it leaves sectarian religious instruction to the member’s religious leaders and family.
- Members who do not belong to a unit’s religious chartered organization shall not be required to participate in its religious activities.

Youth Protection Policies

- Two registered adults or one registered adult and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. If trips and outings are coeducational, adults of both genders must be present. Venturing requires both adults to be age 21 or older.
- One-on-one activities between youth members and adults are never permitted. Even personal Scout conferences must be conducted in plain view of others.
- Corporal punishment, hazing, and bullying are not permitted in Scouting. Only constructive discipline is acceptable. Parents and unit leaders must work together to solve discipline problems.
- Adults are required to take Youth Protection training within 30 days of registering, and Youth Protection training must be taken every two years.
- We encourage all parents to be involved with their Scout. There are no “secret” organizations in Scouting and all Scouting activities are open to parental visitation.
- If you suspect that a child has been abused, immediately contact the local authorities and the Scout executive.

Excerpt from the Declaration of Religious Principle

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life. Only persons willing to subscribe to these precepts of the Declaration of Religious Principle and to the Bylaws and codes of the Boy Scouts of America shall be entitled to certificates of membership.

Policy of Nondiscrimination

Youth membership in the BSA is open to all who meet the joining requirements. Membership in Scouting, advancement, and achievement of leadership in Scouting units are open to all youth without regard to race, ethnic background, or sexual orientation, and are based on individual merit.

Ethnic background information. Please fill in the appropriate circle on the application to indicate ethnic background. This information helps the BSA plan for membership success in serving all youth.

Thank You

The Boy Scouts of America appreciates you taking time to become familiar with Scouting. We feel that an informed parent is a strong ally in delivering the Scouting program. Help us keep the unit program in accord with Scouting principles. Alert the unit committee, chartered organization representative, and head of the chartered organization to any major deviations. Please do your fair share to support a quality unit program.
Cub Scout Pack

Pack membership is open to boys.

1. Complete the information on the application page and sign your name, indicating approval.
2. Give the completed application and fees to the Cubmaster.

Tiger—Must be under the age of 8, have completed kindergarten or be in the first grade, or be age 7.

Cub Scout—Must have completed first grade but not completed third grade, or be age 8 or 9.

Webelos Scout—Must have completed third grade but not completed fifth grade, or be age 10 but not yet 11 1/2.

Parent Agreement

I have read the Scout Oath or Promise and Scout Law, and I want my son to join the pack. I will assist him in abiding by the policies of the Boy Scouts of America and of his pack’s chartered organization. I will:

• While he is a Tiger, serve as his adult partner and participate in all meetings and activities and approve his advancement.*
• While he is a Cub Scout, help him grow as a Cub Scout and approve his Cub Scout advancement.
• While he is a Tiger, Cub Scout, or Webelos Scout, attend monthly pack meetings and take part in other activities; assist pack leaders as needed.

*If the parent is not serving as the adult partner, the parental signature on the application indicates approval of the adult partner and also if the adult partner does not live at the same address as the Tiger, a separate adult application is required.

Health information. Please fill out the Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 680-001, found on www.scouting.org/forms and give it to the unit leader.

Boys Scout Troop/Varsity Team

Boy Scout Troop

Your son can be a Scout if he has completed the fifth grade and is at least 10 years old or is age 11 or has earned the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 years old, but has not reached age 18.

1. Complete the application (sign your name, indicating approval).
2. Give the completed application and fees to the Scoutmaster.

Health information. Please fill out the Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 680-001, found on www.scouting.org/forms and give it to the unit leader.

Varsity Team

Varsity Scouting—A male youth must be at least 14 years of age and not yet 18.

(Complete the application process as above and give the application to the Varsity Coach.)

Health information. Varsity Scouting involves strenuous activities. You should inform your Varsity Scout Coach of any condition that might limit your son’s participation. Please fill out the Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 680-001, found on www.scouting.org/forms and give it to the unit leader.

Registration and Subscription Fee Chart

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If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished at no charge by transferring the registration. Mark and attach a copy of the certificate.

Transfer from council number:  
Enter membership number from unexpired certificate:  

Unit No.:  

Parent/guardian information  
Mark here if address is same as above.  
Mark here if you are the Tiger adult partner.  

Select relationship:  
Parent  
Guardian  
Grandparent  
Other (specify)  

School  

Home phone  
Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)  
Grade  

Ethnic background:  
Black/African American  
Native American  
Alaska Native  
Asian  
Caucasian/White  
Hispanic/Latino  
Pacific Islander  
Other  

Gender:  
Male  
Female  

Parent/guardian email address  

Signature of unit leader (or designee)  

Signature of parent/guardian  

Registration fee $  
Boys’ Life fee $  

I have read the attached information for parents and approve the application. I affirm that I have or will review “How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide.”

This form is read by machine. Please print the numbers and letters as shown on the sample application.
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Select relationship:

Parent
Guardian
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Other (specify)

First name (No initials or nicknames)

Middle name
Last name
Suffix

Country Mailing address City State Zip code

Home phone Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Grade

Ethnic background:

Black/African American
Native American
Alaska Native
Asian
Caucasian/White
Hispanic/Latino
Pacific Islander
Other

Gender: Male Female

Business phone Ext. Previous Scouting experience Cell phone

Parent/guardian email address

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