

5 Sources of Membership

As a membership organization, building and sustaining our membership must be our highest priority. Membership means registration with the Boy Scouts of America. This entails the submission of an application by a young person (with parent or guardian approval) to a unit leader, payment of a membership fee, acceptance by the unit and council, and issuance of an official registration card.

The Benefits of Youth Membership

- Access to an active, exciting, fun-filled, and adventuresome program.
- Authorization to wear a distinctive uniform.
- Ability to participate in advancement and recognition programs and earn awards for performance. Use of local council long-term camps and Cub Scout day camp programs.
- Use of national high-adventure bases.
- Participation in international, national, and regional events, such as jamborees.
- Opportunities for training in leadership, outdoor skills, citizenship, career awareness, etc.
- Identification with a large national organization having international affiliations.
- Association with men and women of character who care about young people.

Obligations of Youth Membership

- Understand the Scout Oath and Scout Law and intend to live by the principles contained in them.
- Be an active participant in the program and meetings of the unit.
- Learn skills to become more self-sufficient and to be able to help others.

Five Sources of Membership Growth

1. Growth from new / lapsed unit cultivation (Supported by the District Membership Committee and Executive Staff)
2. Growth from additional youth enrollments in currently chartered units (Supported by the District Membership Committee and Unit Leadership)
3. Growth from program transition: Cub Scouting to Scouts BSA, and Scouts BSA to Venturing & Sea Scouts BSA (Supported by the District Membership Committee and Unit Leadership)
4. Growth from keeping units active and chartered through the implementation of strong programs (Supported by members of the District Commissioner Staff)
5. Growth from increasing tenure/more youth reregistered at unit charter renewal (Supported by members of the Commissioner Staff)

Our Scouting Programs



Cub Scouting Grades K-5

Cub Scouting encourages boys and girls to make friends, be helpful to others, and do their very best no matter the outcome. The program involves the whole family as parents pitch in to plan and deliver activities. Cub Scouting helps form a foundation of character in ways that are affirmative and fun.



Scouts BSA Grades 6-12

In Scouting, leadership is learned through adventure, both in the great outdoors and in our communities. Scouts BSA learn leadership by putting the principles of Scouting into practice every day. In this time-tested program, youth lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.



Venturing Ages 14-20

Venturing is a coed program that focuses on adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service. Venturing crews are youth-led and adult-advised. Crews can have specialty interests, and youth can work on Venturing awards while also continuing to work toward Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.



Sea Scouting Ages 14-20

Sea Scouting is adventure in, on, around, and under water. Sea Scout ships are high adventure on oceans, rivers, and lakes. They provide limitless opportunities and exciting challenges while providing a place to grow and learn, find adventure, and build long-lasting friendships.

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Exploring Ages 10-20

Exploring is a work-site based career program for young men and women that provides hands-on career experiences in a real world setting.