

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA YOUTH APPLICATION



## Cub Scouting

Tiger Cub

Webelos Scout

Cub Scout

## Cub Scout Promise

I, (name), promise to do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country,  
To help other people and  
To obey the Law of the Pack.



## 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.



## Varsity Scouting



## VENTURING® · BSA

## Venturer/Sea Scout

## Venturing Oath

As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to  
God and help strengthen America, to help  
others, and to seek truth, fairness, and  
adventure in our world.



# Boy Scouts of America Information for Parents

**A parent or guardian must certify that he or she has read this information sheet for all applicants under 18 years of age.**

**(Venturing and Sea Scout members: It is important that you share this with your parents.)**

## Welcome to the Boy Scouts of America!

Your child is joining more than 4 million members of 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 unit leader training, program ideas, camping facilities, literature, professional guidance for volunteer leaders, and liability insurance protection.

## Scouting's Volunteers and You

Scouting's adult volunteers 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 respective 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. The unit leader must be a good role model because our children's values and lives will be influenced by that leader. You need to know your child's unit leader 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 perfect attendance, assisting with your child's advancement, attending meetings for parents, assisting with transportation, and assisting when called upon by the unit leader.

## 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

- Leadership is restricted to qualified adults 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.
- 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.
- Two registered adult leaders or one registered adult leader 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, leaders of both genders must be present.
- Corporal punishment and hazing are not permitted. Parents and unit leaders must work together to solve discipline problems.
- One-on-one activities between youth members and adults are not permitted; personal conferences must be conducted in plain view of others.
- If you suspect that anyone in the unit is a victim of child abuse, immediately contact the Scout executive, who is responsible for reporting this to the appropriate authorities.
- All Scouting activities are open to parental visitation. There are no "secret" organizations within the Boy Scouts of America.

## 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 of the Boy Scouts of America shall be entitled to certificates of membership.

## Policy of Nondiscrimination

Youth membership in the Boy Scouts of America is open to all boys and young adults 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 or ethnic background and are based entirely upon individual merit.

**Ethnic background information.** The BSA receives inquiries from various agencies regarding racial composition. Please fill in the appropriate circle on the application to indicate ethnic background.

## 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.



USE BLACK OR BLUE INK ONLY.

- Print—do not use cursive.
- Print one letter or number only in each box.
- Use upper-case letters and stay within the blue boxes for legibility.

Unit type:  
(Fill in the circle.)

☐ Cub Scout Pack

☒ Boy Scout Troop

☐ Varsity Scout Team

☐ Venturing Crew

☐ Sea Scout Ship

☐ Lone Cub Scout

☐ Lone Boy Scout

☐ Arrow of Light earned

Unit number:

For pack registration select one:

☐ Tiger Cub

☐ Cub Scout

☐ Webelos Scout

☐ Mark here if new to Scouting.

☐ Former Scout

☐ Former Venturer

☐ Former Sea Scout

ed membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by paying \$1 for processing the transfer. Mark and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

Transfer from council number:

Unit type:

☐ Pack

☐ Troop

☐ Team

☐ Crew

☐ Ship

from unexpired certificate:

- Fill in radio buttons completely.

Name and address information (Please print one letter in each space—press hard, you are making a copy.)

First name (No initials or nicknames)

Middle name

Last name

Suffix

JOHN ANDREW SMITH

Country Mailing address

City

State

Zip code

US 1234 ANY STREET ANYTOWN NY 12345

Home phone

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Grade

Ethnic background:

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☐ African American

☒ American Indian

☐ Alaska Native

☐ Asian

☐ Caucasian/White

☐ Hispanic/Latino

☐ Pacific Islander

☐ Other

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

☐ Boys' Life subscription

Parent/guardian or Tiger Cub adult partner information

☐ Mark here if address is same as above.

☐ Mark here if you are the Tiger Cub adult partner

☐ Mark here if the adult partner is not living at the same address; complete and attach an adult application.

Select relationship:

☐ Parent

☐ Guardian

☒ Grandparent

☐ Other (specify)

First name (No initials or nicknames)

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Suffix

DEBORAH SUE SMITH

Country Mailing address

City

State

Zip code

US 1234 ANY STREET ANYTOWN NY 12345

Home phone

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Occupation

Employer

Gender:

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- Make sure you have all needed signatures on application.

Business phone

ing experience

Cell phone

Parent/guardian e-mail address

ANYPARENT@ANYE-MAILADDRESS.COM

I have read the attached information sheet and approve the application (signature of parent/guardian required if applicant is under 18 years of age).

Deborah Sue Smith

Signature of parent/guardian

Bill Taylor

Signature of unit leader (or designee)

Date

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Boys' Life fee

\$   .

Registration fee

\$   .



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

## YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

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Occupation

Employer

Gender:

M

F

Business phone

Ext.

Previous Scouting experience

Cell phone

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Signature of unit leader (or designee)

Date

Signature of parent/guardian

2000

Registration fee \$

Boys' Life fee \$

Signature of Venturer

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