



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

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The Scout Law

A Scout is...

1. Trustworthy
2. Loyal
3. Helpful
4. Friendly
5. Courteous
6. Kind
7. Obedient
8. Cheerful
9. Thrifty
10. Brave
11. Clean
12. Reverent



Boy Scout Parent Orientation Guide

Scouting's Values

Scouting is a values-based program with its own code of conduct. The scout Oath and Law help instill the values of good conduct, respect for others, and honesty. Scouts learn skills that will last a lifetime, including basic outdoor skills, first aid, citizenship skills, leadership skills, and how to get along with others. For almost a century, scouting has instilled in young men the values and knowledge that they will need to become leaders in the community and country.

The Adventure of Scouting

In the outdoors, youth have opportunities to acquire skills that make them more self-reliant. They can explore canoe passages and hiking trails and complete challenges they first thought were beyond their ability. Attributes of good character becomes part of a youth as he learns to cooperate to meet outdoor challenges that may include extreme weather, difficult trails and dealing with nature's unexpected circumstances.

Learning by doing is a hallmark of outdoor education. Unit meetings offer information and knowledge used on outdoor adventures. A leader may describe and demonstrate a Scouting skill at a meeting, but the way a Scout truly learns an outdoor skill is to do it themselves on a unit outing.

Scouting uses the patrol method to teach skills and values. Scouts elect their own patrol leader, and they learn quickly that by working together and sharing duties, the patrol can accomplish far more than any of its members could do alone. The patrol succeeds when every member of the patrol succeeds and Scouts learn that good teamwork is the key to success.

Health and wellness is part of the outdoor experience. As Scouts hike, paddle, climb, bike, or ride, their muscles become toned and their aerobic capacity increases.

When they work as a patrol to plan menus for their outings, they learn to purchase cost effective ingredients to prepare flavorful and nutritious meals.

Service to others and good citizenship is learned through such outdoor activities as conservation projects, collecting food, building trails and shelters and conducting community service projects that promote healthy living. Through helping other people, Scouts learn to appreciate how they can share themselves and their blessings to those in need. By giving service to benefit others, Scouts gain a sense of personal satisfaction.



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A Short History of Scouting



The Boy Scouts of America has recently celebrated their 100th birthday. Incorporated on February 8, 1910, President William Howard Taft was named honorary President and Theodore Roosevelt became honorary Vice President and the first

Chief Scout Citizen.

- **1907:** In England, Lord Robert Baden-Powell releases Scouting for Boys, a non military version of the survival manual he created for his British regiment. He is credited as the founder of Scouting worldwide.
- **1910:** The Boy Scouts of America is incorporated by William D. Boyce who was impressed by Baden-Powell's work and wanted to create an American counterpart.
- **1920:** The first Jamboree is held in England and attended by Scouts from 32 countries.
- **1930:** Cub Scout program is launched. Membership tops 5,000 and in 1935 Boy Scouts 25th anniversary, membership tops 1 million.
- **1940:** Scouts pitch in to help the war effort by collecting aluminum foil and waste paper.
- **1950:** On the 40th anniversary, the United States Postal Service launched its first Boy Scout stamp.
- **1960:** Over 5 million celebrate Scouting's Golden Jubilee and a second commemorative stamp is issued by the Postal Service. In addition, the 500,000th Eagle Scout badge is awarded.
- **1970:** "Operation Reach," Scouting's first program against drug abuse is launched and former President and Eagle Scout Gerald R. Ford debuts a celebrity public service announcement.
- **1980:** Cub Scouting celebrates its 50th anniversary, registering its 30 millionth member since its inception in 1930. Tiger Cubs, BSA and Varsity Scouting are launched.
- **1990's:** The BSA launches Scouting in minority, low-income and rural communities and the Venturing program is launched for young men and women.

How Are Boy Scouts Organized?

Boy Scouting Starts with the Troop

Each troop is owned and operated by a Chartering Organization. Chartering Organizations include schools, parent teacher organizations, service clubs, religious organizations and many other organizations interested in service to youth.

What does a "Chartering Organization" do?

The Chartering Organization helps to choose the adult leadership in the troop. It works with the volunteers of the troop to secure a meeting place. It also makes sure that the troop and all of its volunteers work within the established guidelines and policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Committee helps the Troop

The Committee selects leadership, helps the Chartering Organization find a meeting spot, performs record keeping, helps train new and existing leaders and to help provide for a well balanced program for the Scouts.

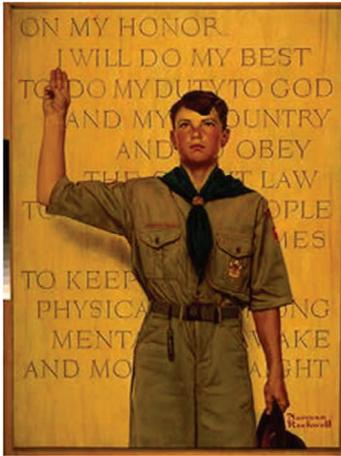
From Dens to Patrols

"The patrol system is not one method in which Scouting for boys can be carried on. It is the only method."

Lord Baden-Powell, Scouting's Founder

It changes in Boy Scouting from a parent led pack to a boy led troop in small groups called patrols.

The patrol is a group of Scouts who belong to a troop and who are probably similar in age, development, and interests. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in a small group outside the larger troop; to work together as a team and share in the responsibility of making their patrol a success. A patrol takes pride in its identity and its members strive to make it the best it can be. At other times, a patrol will join with other patrols to learn skills and complete advancement requirements. Patrol size depends upon a troops enrollment and the needs of its members. The ideal patrol size is eight Scouts.



There are different kinds of patrols.

New Scout patrols are for 11 year old Scouts who have recently joined the troop and are together for the first year in the troop. An older experienced Scout is often assigned as a guide to help the new patrol through the new

challenges they face.

Regular patrols are made up of Scouts who have completed their First Class requirements. They have been around long enough to be comfortable with the patrol and troop operation and are well versed in camping, cooking and Scouting's other basic skills.

What are the Joining Requirements?

Meet the age requirements. Be a boy who is 11 years old, or one who has completed the fifth grade or earned the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 years old, but is not yet 18 years old.

- Find a Scout troop near your home.
- Complete a Boy Scout application and health history signed by your parent or guardian.
- Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Demonstrate the Scout sign, salute, and handshake.
- Demonstrate tying the square knot (a joining knot).
- Understand and agree to live by the Scout Oath or Promise, Scout Law, motto, and slogan and the Outdoor Code.
- Describe the Scout badge.
- Complete the "Protect Your Children from "Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide", exercises.
- Participate in a Scoutmaster conference. Turn in your Boy Scout application and health history form signed by your parent or guardian, then participate in a Scoutmaster conference.

What Scouting Programs Are There?

Boy Scouting is for boys 11 through 17 years of age. Boys may also become Boy Scouts if they have earned the Arrow of Light Award, have completed the fifth grade, or are 11 though 17 years of age. Boy Scouting achieves the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program using peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster.



Varsity Scouting is for young men 14 through 17 years of age. Emphasis is on high adventure, personal development, service, and special program and events.



Venturing is for young men and women who are 14 through 20 years of age and have completed the eighth grade. Venturing can provide positive experiences through exciting and meaningful activities that help youth grow to adulthood, pursue their special interests, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens.



Exploring is part of the Learning for Life career education program for young men and women who



are 14 through 20 years old and have completed the eighth grade. 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 helps youth pursue their special interests, growth, and development.

What is Advancement?

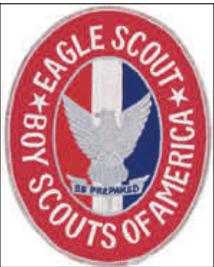
Advancement is when a Scout completes the skills for his particular rank.

Both adult and youth leaders approve Boy Scout advancement. This permits greater emphasis on standards and more consistency in measurement, but it also places another level of importance on teaching and testing. As Scouts work with one another, learning takes place on both sides of the equation as they play teacher and student in turn. Parents are involved at home encouraging, mentoring, and supporting, but they do not sign for rank advancement requirements unless they serve as leaders

Advancement at this level is subtle. It presents a Scout with a series of challenges in a fun and educational manner. As he completes the requirements he achieves the three aims of Scouting: to develop character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop physical and mental fitness. It is important thus, to remember that in the end, a badge recognizes what a young man is able to do and how he has grown. It is not so much a reward for what he has done. It is instead, more about the journey: As a Scout advances, he is measured and he grows in confidence and self-reliance. The badge signifies a young man-through participation in a series of educational activities-has provided service to others, practiced personal responsibility, and set the examples critical to the development of leadership; all the while working to live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Scout Advancement Age Requirements

All Boy Scout awards, merit badges, badges of rank, and Eagle Palms are for registered Boy Scouts who are not yet 18 years old.



Four Steps in Scout Advancement

A Scout advances from Tenderfoot to Eagle by doing things with his patrol and troop, with his leaders, and on his own. Well-delivered programming will take boys to First Class in their first year of membership. Advancement is a simple matter when the four steps or stages outlined below are observed and integrated into troop programming.

The Scout Learns

He learns by doing, and as he learns, he grows in his ability to do his part as a member of the patrol and troop. As he develops knowledge and skill, he is asked to teach others; and in this way he learns and develops leadership.

The Scout Is Tested

The Scoutmaster authorizes those who may test and pass the Scout on rank requirements. They might include his patrol leader, senior patrol leader, an assistant unit leader, a troop committee member, another Scout, or the Scoutmaster himself. Merit badge counselors teach and test him on requirements for merit badges.

The Scout Is Reviewed

After he has completed all requirements for a rank, the Scout meets with a board of review. For Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life ranks, and Eagle Palms, members of the unit committee conduct it. The Eagle Scout board of review is held in accordance with National Council and local council procedures.

The Scout Is Recognized

When the board of review has approved his advancement, the Scout deserves recognition as soon as possible. This should be done at a ceremony at the next unit meeting. The certificate for his new rank may be presented later, during a formal court of honor.

What About the Fun and Excitement

There are many fun and exciting things to do in Scouting. *Court of Honors* celebrate the accomplishments of rank advancement and Merit Badge awards for Scouts. It also is an occasion to celebrate the advancement of a new Eagle Scout.



Scout Show is an annual event for the Scouts in the council. The Scout show is a tremendous opportunity for the public to see what Scouting is all about with hands-on activities and great prizes!

Scouting groups from around the Denver metro area plan fun activities for this event. The Scout Show provides inexpensive entertainment for the whole family and is open to the public. The Scouts also have the opportunity to sell Scout Show coupon cards to raise money benefiting their Troop and the Council.

Klondike Derbies. A Klondike Derby is a competitive event conducted by patrols to demonstrate proficiency in Scouting skills traditionally conducted in the winter. In some cases, Scouts have the opportunity to earn their Polar Bear award when the temperature dips down below 0 degrees.



Camporees are usually held during the late summer or early fall months. This is an opportunity for Scouts to come together in a council or district event to learn and use their Scouting skills.



Trails End popcorn sales start in August. Selling popcorn benefits the Troop and the Council. Scouts also have an excellent

opportunity to earn college scholarship money with qualifying sales through this program. www.trails-end.com

Scouting for Food, usually held in November, is a time for all Scout groups to conduct a meaningful and visible service project for their communities.

Camping Opportunities

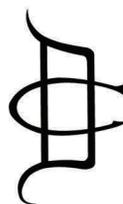


The Denver Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, is proud to offer two of the “Best Camps in the West”. Camp Tahosa, nestled on the edge of the India Peaks Wilderness outside of Boulder,

and Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, located in the Black Forest near Elbert. Both camps are approximately 1.5 hours from Denver, making them easily accessible for in-and-out of state troops. Live outdoors for a week in the cool mountain air, climb in the Rocky Mountains, and experience Scouting in true Colorado style.



Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch offers two summer camps for your troop:



Camp Cris Dobbins is our traditional merit badge camping program with dining hall food service. The Dobbins program is known for top quality staff, great facilities, and an expansive merit badge program. Horsemanship, fantastic shooting sports, heated pool, rock climbing, cinematography and more! Dobbins is a great way to get Scouts even more excited about camping.

Camp Cortlandt Dietler is our back to basics hardcore patrol camping program. Cook your own meals and experience the patrol method at its best. Outstanding staff and interested thematic programming make Dietler a hit among Scouts and Scouters alike. The mining history and theme can be seen throughout the program including the new Blacksmith shop that debuted offering metalwork merit badge in 2006.



Camping continued

Camp Tahosa offers two summer camps for your troop:



Camp EaglePoint is the custom troop designed program. If you have strong adult leadership or want to build your adult and youth leadership by offering your own programming, EaglePoint is for you. A small staff supports this program to provide additional merit badge and advancement options such as swimming or archery. You can choose your own meal plan – bring and cook your own food, we provide and you cook your own, or eat at the dining hall.

Camp Tahosa offers high adventure like no other camp with its Alpine Adventure backpacking program. The 6 day 5 night backpacking program revolves around mountaineering skills. (Rock climbing, weather study, backcountry navigation, and beautiful scenery in the Indian Peaks Wilderness.)

Off season camping is available for units at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch and Camp Tahosa.

For additional information, contact the Camping Department 720-266-2111 or camping@denverboyscouts.org

Denver Area Council Camporee

The Denver Area Council is turning 100 years old and is throwing a birthday bash so epic, it requires an entire weekend of jam-packed fun to contain all the festivities! Your troop is invited to join us in the celebration by attending the Council Camporee on September 21-23, 2012, located at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch. There will be activities for Scouts of all ages as everyone experiences the exciting events that have made the Denver Area one of the premier Boy Scout Councils in the country. So mark your calendars, pull out the party blowers and get ready for a weekend of excitement as you participate in an event so big, it only comes around every 100 years!

What Will Scouting Cost Me?

All boys should have the opportunity to be in Scouting. No one is denied membership in the Denver Area Council because of lack of funds.

There is an annual registration fee that is prorated throughout the year based on the joining month. It is renewed every year in February.

A subscription to Boy's Life is recommended. It has features on Scouting, sports, hobbies, science and history. There are also jokes, comics and short stories.

Some troops have monthly dues. However most troops fundraise including Trail's End Popcorn and Scout Show coupon card sales to decrease and in some cases eliminate the amount of dues required.

Last is a uniform. Available at the Scout Shop, uniforms that are purchased with "room to grow" can last for many years. Uniform assistance is available for those who are truly in need. Scouts must participate in Council sponsored fundraising events and donate toward the cost of the uniform.

Boy Scout Uniform Checklist

The BSA official uniform includes:

Scout Shirt
Scout Pants or Shorts
Scout Belt
Scout Socks (optional)
Neckerchief
Neckerchief Slide
Hat

Insignia/Patches

- Denver Area Council Patch
- World Crest Emblem Patch
- Unit Numerals
- Boy Scout Shoulder Loops (Green)

Handbook

A troop still needs adults!

A troop still needs parents to fill in some important positions. Each troop needs a Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee members; Secretary, Treasurer, Quartermaster and Activity chairs as well as Merit Badge counselors and patrol leadership. A troop's success is measured by parental involvement.

Youth Protection training is required for all registered volunteers.

New leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training before they submit an application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins.

You do not have to be a registered member or have a member ID to take Youth Protection training. To take Youth Protection training go to MyScouting.org and create an account.

From the MyScouting.org portal, click on E-Learning and take the Youth Protection training.

Upon completion, you may print a certificate of completion to submit with a volunteer application or submit the completion certificate to the unit leader for processing at the local council.

When your volunteer application is approved, you will receive a BSA membership card which includes your member ID number. After you receive your membership card, log back into MyScouting, click on My Profile and update the system by inputting your member ID number. This will link your Youth Protection training records to your BSA membership.

Roundtable is a monthly gathering of adult leaders sharing the best practices for program themes and an opportunity to learn more about what is coming up in the District and Council.

Cub Scout Roundtable is held the first week of every month so come a few minutes early to pick up all of the flyers and get plenty of information.

Each Roundtable has breakouts for: Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members.

University of Scouting



University of Scouting is held in October and provides a variety of different classes ranging from how to start a fire to how to fundraise for your Troop.

Who Should Attend University of Scouting?

All registered leaders, prospective leaders, den chiefs, and parents that are looking for the very best program for their boys will find a variety of class sessions relevant to their position in Scouting.

The University of Scouting is a Scout leader's learning adventure! It is an action-packed, fun-filled day of supplemental training where you choose the sessions that you want to take. Sessions are led by experienced volunteers who will help you enhance your ability to deliver a fun and exciting program to the scouts.

Class sessions are designed to help leaders improve their skills and increase their knowledge about Scouting, Venturing and Commissioner Service.

The University of Scouting is a single day packed with a year's worth of program ideas, and information. In addition, you'll have the opportunity to meet and share ideas with Scouters from across the Denver Area Council.

For more training information please contact the Council.

Important Information!

My Troop number is _____

My Patrol name is _____

My Scouting District is _____

My Council is: Denver Area Council

My Scout Master's Name _____

My Troop Meets On _____

My Troop Meets At _____

Notes:

Resources

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303-455-4689

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Tuesdays, 9AM–8PM
Sat 9AM–3PM
303-477-4830

Denver Area Council Website

www.denverboyscouts.org

National Council, Boy Scout of America

www.scouting.org

Scout Leader Training Information

<http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Leaders/Training.aspx>

Boy's Life Magazine

www.boyslife.org

Scouting Magazine

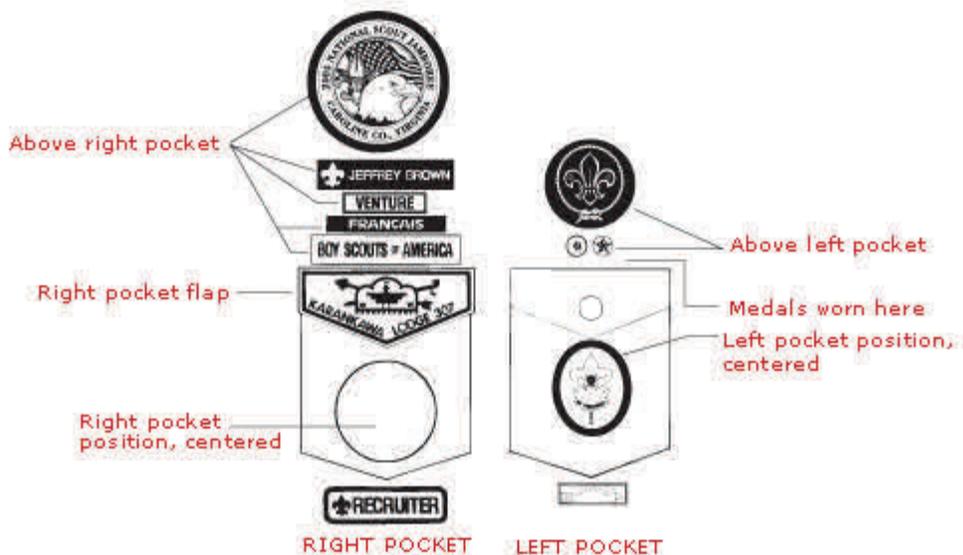
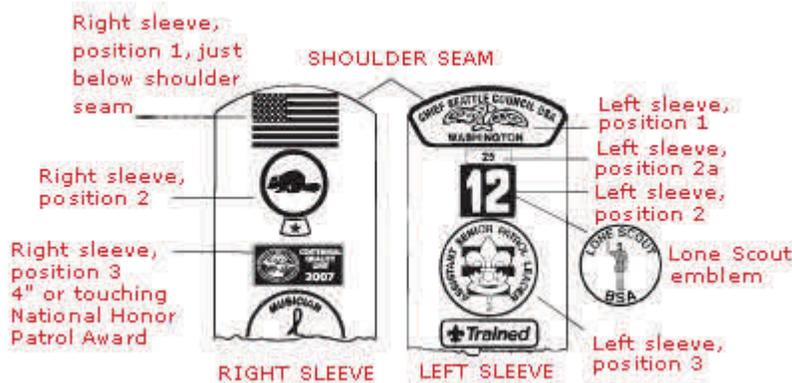
www.scoutingmagazine.org

Religious Award Information

www.praypub.org

Online Uniform Ordering & Catalog

www.scoutstuff.org/bsasupply/





- ⇒ Scout must be a registered member of the Denver Area Council, Boy Scouts of America and appear in ScoutNet.
- ⇒ Scouts are eligible for assistance only once.
- ⇒ **If circled, proof of participation in the USDA Free or Reduced Lunch Program is required and Scout's name must appear on the letter.**
- ⇒ A two year commitment to Scouting is suggested to receive the full benefit of the Scouting Program.
- ⇒ **A donation of at least \$2.00 toward the uniform is recommended at the time of application. Money orders only please. No personal checks.**
- ⇒ Scout agrees to participate in Council fundraising projects including Popcorn and Scout Show Cards.
- ⇒ Scout will receive a voucher to be redeemed for one uniform.
 - ⇒ Uniform consists of 1 each; shirt, neckerchief, neckerchief slide and appropriate insignia.
 - ⇒ Voucher can only be redeemed at the **Denver Area Council Scout Shop**.
 - ⇒ Voucher cannot be redeemed for cash.
 - ⇒ **Voucher expires 60 days after issuance.**
 - ⇒ Original voucher only. No reproductions.
 - ⇒ Only 1 voucher will be issued. Verification of address will be obtained prior to mailing.
 - ⇒ Voucher will be sent by mail only. Vouchers will NOT be available for pickup at the Denver Area Council Office or the Denver Area Council Scout Shop.

When completed mail, fax or email to:
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 720.266.2135 direct 303.433.9978 fax
 jolynne.conrad@scouting.org
 denverboyscouts.org

I have read, understand and agree to the policies of the Uniform Assistance Program.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

This form must be completely filled out for consideration. Please print clearly.

Scout's Name as it appears on Scout application _____

Pack/Troop _____ District _____ Grade _____ Age _____ Rank (Tiger) (Wolf) (Bear) (Webelo) (Boy Scout)

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

Are you currently employed? Yes No

Does your Scout participate in the free lunch program? Yes No

In two or 3 sentences, please give a compelling reason why uniform assistance is needed. You may use the back of this form if necessary.

