

NEW-UNIT APPLICATION



Purpose of the Boy Scouts of America

Its purpose is to promote, through cooperation with other agencies, the ability of youth to do things for themselves and others, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues. In achieving this purpose, emphasis is placed upon its educational program and the oaths, promises, and codes for character development, citizenship training, and mental and physical fitness.

Pack

Cub Scouting is for parents, leaders, and organizations to use with boys who are in the first through fifth grade or are at least 7 years of age and not yet 11½.

Troop

Boy Scouting is an educational program filled with fun and adventure that appeals to boys. Boys must be under

the age of 18, have completed the fifth grade and be at least 10 years old, or have earned the Arrow of Light Award and be at least 10 years old, or be 11 or older.

Team

Varsity Scouting is a program designed to assist your organization in meeting the needs and interests of older boys. Boys must be at least age 14 and not yet age 18.

Venturing Crew/Ship

Venturing will help your organization meet the needs, desires, and concerns of young adults. They must be at least 14 years of age and have completed the eighth grade or be 15 years of age and not yet 21.



VARSITY



VENTURING® BSA

A CHARTERED ORGANIZATION

The Chartered Organization selects one of its members to register as chartered organization representative who may also serve as chair or as unit committee member if needed. All units must have a unit leader and a minimum of five paid youth. There must be at least three committee members, with one named chair. Packs must have a den leader/Webelos den leader/Tiger Cub leader who should be registered as an adult in the pack. The chartered organization also provides meeting facilities for the unit. No one may register in more than one position in the same unit, except the chartered organization representative.

Unit Charter Fee. Units are required to pay an annual charter fee of \$20. This fee shall be submitted with the unit's charter application and will help defray the expenses for the general liability insurance program. These fees will raise approximately 25 percent of the funds required to maintain insurance coverage for all chartered organizations, leaders, and ScoutParent unit coordinators.

Chartered Organization Certification. The executive officer of the chartered organization, by signature, certifies that the organization approves the charter application. The executive officer also certifies that the organization has approved all registering unit adults. The responsibility for approval of unit adults can also be given to the chartered organization representative. The chartered organization certifies that all registered adults: agree to abide by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, the Declaration of Religious Principle, the policy of nondiscrimination, and the *Charter and Bylaws* and the *Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America*; agree to respect and obey the laws of the United States of America, and to meet age requirements as follows:

- **Packs**—All leaders must be at least 21 years of age except assistants, who must be at least 18 years of age. Tiger Cub adult partners must be at least 18 years of age.
- **Troops**—Assistant Scoutmasters may be 18. All other adults in the troop must be at least 21.
- **Teams**—Varsity Scout Coaches must be at least 21 years old. Assistant Varsity Scout Coaches must be at least 18 years old.
- **Crews/Ships**—All leaders must be at least 21 years old.

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL THROUGH THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA:

1. Helps you organize your unit.
 - Provides unit committee with proven and accepted methods to recruit leadership.
 - Outlines suggested procedures to recruit youth.
 - Conducts organization meetings.
 - Shares in approval process for unit leaders.
2. Provides training opportunities for your Scouting leaders.
3. Provides year-round help.
 - Leader roundtables
 - Commissioner service
 - Concerned district personnel
 - Special activities and events
4. Maintains a council service center.
 - Program helps
 - Latest editions of literature
 - Professional staff assistance

INSTRUCTIONS

Program. Indicate program by placing an "X" in the appropriate box on the application.

Unit Leader Certification. The unit leader certifies on individual applications that each member meets the age and gender requirements as follows:

- **Packs**—The Cubmaster certifies that each boy is in the first through fifth grade, or is at least 7 years of age and not yet 11½, and that each boy has parental consent.
- **Troops**—The Scoutmaster certifies that each boy is under the age of 18, has completed the fifth grade and is at least 10 years old, or has earned the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 years old, or is 11 or older.
- **Teams**—The Coach certifies that each boy is at least age 14 and not yet age 18.
- **Crews/Ships**—The Advisor/Skipper certifies that each crew or ship youth member has completed the eighth grade and is at least 14 or 15 years of age and not yet 21. The youth in these units may be male or female.

For Units Serving People With Special Needs. Please use one of the following disability codes when registering a unit with a majority of members who have special needs.

Mentally Disabled

Physically Disabled

Special Interest

A special-interest code and description should be entered for units with a special interest. A list of codes and descriptions: traditional program, code 0413; Soccer and Scouting, code 0414; and Scoutreach, code 0418

Policy of Nondiscrimination. 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.

