

Renewal terms and conditions

All who renew their BSA membership must digitally sign this thick document. At a whopping 1197 words, it has poor reading-ease scores.

The document:

Welcome to the BSA!

The BSA makes Scouting available to our nation's youth by chartering community organizations to operate Cub Scout packs, Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships. The chartered organization provides an adequate and safe meeting place as well as capable adult leadership, and requires adherence to the principles and policies of the BSA. The BSA local and national council provide training, program, outdoor facilities, literature, professional guidance, and liability insurance protection.

Parent/Legal Guardian Role in Scouting

Scouting uses a fun program to promote character development, citizenship training, leadership, and mental and physical fitness. You can help by encouraging attendance, assisting with your child's advancement, attending meetings for parents, and assisting the unit when called upon to help. The unit cannot provide a quality program without your help.

Parent Agreement.

I have read the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and I want my child to join Scouting. I will assist them in abiding by the policies of the BSA and the chartered organization. I will:

- Serve as an adult partner while my child is a Lion or Tiger.
- Help my Scout grow through completion of advancements.
- Help the unit with activities and assist as needed.

Health Information.

You should inform your unit leader of any condition that might limit your child'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.

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 and consistently improve its barriers to abuse. The BSA is committed to providing a safe environment for young people. To maintain a safe environment, the BSA provides parents and adult leaders with numerous online and printed resources and adult leaders must complete Youth Protection Training (YPT) and renew their training as required. Parents who participate in Scouting activities are highly recommended to complete YPT. To

learn more about the BSA's Youth Protection resources, go to www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/.

Mandatory Reporting

All persons involved in Scouting must immediately report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused; physically or emotionally neglected; exposed to any form of violence or threat; or exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. No person may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person. Additionally, any known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk must also be reported to the local Scout executive or the Scouts First Helpline (1-844-SCOUTS1 or 1-844-726-8871) if your Scout executive or local council cannot be reached. All parents must review the How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide booklet in the Cub Scout or Scouts BSA handbooks or at www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/.

Youth Protection Policies

- Two registered adults, both of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all Scouting activities, including meetings. If activities are coeducational, adults of both genders must be present.
- One-on-one contact between youth members and adults is never permitted, except for situations involving transportation of a child with the prior authorization of the parent/legal guardian. Even personal Scout conferences must be conducted in plain view of others. These and other key Youth Protection policies are addressed in the training and at www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/. To learn about the BSA's other health and safety policies, please review the online version of the Guide to Safe Scouting, the Scouter Code of Conduct, and the Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety, which are available at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety.

Who Can Join?

It is the philosophy of Scouting to welcome all eligible youth, regardless of gender, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, or gender identification, who are willing to accept Scouting's values and meet any other requirements of membership.

#####Scout Oath

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.

Joining Requirements

Cub Scout Pack

Pack membership is open to youth in kindergarten through fifth grade.

- Lion—Kindergarten (year before first grade) Bear—Third grade
- Tiger—First grade Webelos Scout—Fourth and fifth grade
- Wolf—Second grade
- Lions and Tigers must have an adult partner. If the parent is not serving as the adult partner, the parental signature on the application indicates their approval of the adult partner. In addition, if the adult partner does not live at the same address as the Lion or Tiger, an adult application is required.

Scouts BSA Troop

Youth can be Scouts if they have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, OR have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old, OR are age 11 but have not reached age 18.

Venturing Crew/Sea Scout Ship

Venturing and Sea Scouting are for young men and women at least 13 years old who have completed the eighth grade, or are age 14 and not yet 21. Applicants age 18 and older must complete a BSA adult application.

Excerpt From the Declaration of Religious Principle

The BSA 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 is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life. Only persons willing to subscribe to this Declaration of Religious Principle and to the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America shall be entitled to certificates of membership.

Annual Membership Registration:

Boy Scouts of America is an annual registration program with automatic membership renewal each year on or about the annual anniversary of your sign-up date. Unless you notify the BSA via the opt-out option located in the My Application tool in [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) at least 15 days in advance of your renewal date, you understand and expressly agree that your membership will automatically continue for another year, and you authorize BSA to collect and charge the then-applicable membership fee each year using the payment method BSA has on file for you. You will be reminded of your renewal beginning 60 days prior to the expiration of your current membership and given an opportunity to opt-out of your renewal at that time too. Your renewal will be communicated back to your Scout unit upon completion.

The annual national registration fee is nonrefundable.

For general questions, contact your BSA local council.

By signing here you agree and accept the Terms and Conditions of the Boy Scouts of America.

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