



Pack # transitioning from	Parent Signature: <i>I have read the information for parents on the reverse and approve the application. I affirm that I have or will read "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse"</i>	First Name	Last Name	Arrow of Light Earned Yes or NO	Sex	Grade	Phone No

Signature of Troop Leader: _____ Leadership Position: _____ Troop #: _____

Welcome to the BSA!

The BSA makes Scouting available to our nation's youth by chartering community organizations to operate Cub Scout packs, Scout 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, leadership, and mental and personal 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 adults 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; exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography; online solicitation; enticement, or showing of obscene materials. 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 Abuse: A Parent's Guide in the Cub Scout or Scouts BSA handbook* or at www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection.

Youth Protection Policies

- Two registered adults 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader over 21 in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader over 21 must be present for any activity involving female youth.
- One-on-one activities between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited inside and outside of Scouting.

These and other key Youth Protection policies are addressed in the training and at www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/.

To learn about 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.

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 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 this Declaration of Religious Principle and to the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America shall be entitled to certificates of membership.

Joining Requirements Parent/Guardian Information Scouts BSA Troop

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Children can be a Scout 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 not have reached age 18.

1. Complete the application (sign your name, indicating approval).
2. Give the completed application and fees to the Scoutmaster.