

Refund Policy:

When an adult completes a youth application or an adult application in hard copy or online registration format, they agree to the statement that the National Registration Fee is Non-Refundable. However, refunds are considered if they meet the certain qualifications. ***Only*** those refund requests that meet the below requirements are refundable. Any other type of refund will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and ***the new member fee if applicable will not be eligible as part of the refund.***

Duplicate registration

Should have been a transfer

Should have been a multiple

Registration errors

Entered into the wrong unit

Online registration errors

Online registration agreement to the No Refund policy:

Terms and Conditions

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.

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.

 E-Signature

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Youth Application National registration nonrefundable statement:

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 adult leaders 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 contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both 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 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/safetyandhealth/.



Scout Life Magazine

For a subscription to a magazine that will help your child grow in the Scouting program, just fill in the *Scout Life* circle on the application and pay the subscription price.

The J. Warren Young Literacy Fund

You can give a Scout the opportunity to enjoy a free subscription to *Scout Life* for one to five years. Go to go.boyslife.org/donate to donate. The local council will identify Scouts who do not have the funds to subscribe. Do a Good Turn today. Today's readers are tomorrow's leaders.

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.

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

Webeles 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

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Leader Requirements

The BSA is open to all who meet the requirements, and leaders are selected based on individual merit. Adult leaders must possess the moral, educational, and emotional qualities that the BSA deems necessary for positive leadership to youth. They must also:

- Abide by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Scouter Code of Conduct. The Scouter Code of Conduct can be found at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/bsa-scouters-code-of-conduct/.
- Subscribe to the precepts of the Declaration of Religious Principle.
- Reside within the USA or a U.S. territory, or be a U.S. citizen residing outside the USA.
- Be 21 years of age or older for primary leadership positions.
- Be 18 years of age or older for assistant leadership positions.
- Complete Youth Protection training (YPT) before application is processed and renew training as required by going to my.scouting.org and creating an account.
- Review the disclosure information related to the BSA's background check process and complete and sign a Background Check Authorization form.
- Take leader position-specific training at my.scouting.org. Classroom training may also be available through your local council.

APPROVAL REQUIRED—UNIT ADULTS

Chartered organization head or chartered organization representative.

The chartered organization representative is approved by the head of the chartered organization. All other adult leader applications must be accepted and approved by the head of the chartered organization or the chartered organization representative.

APPROVAL REQUIRED—COUNCIL and DISTRICT ADULTS

Scout executive or designee must accept and approve all council and district adults.

Scout executive or designee must approve any adults who answer "yes" to any Additional Information question.

The adult leader application process will not be complete until Youth Protection training has been completed and a criminal background check has been obtained.

Health information. You should inform your unit leadership of any condition that might limit your participation. Before participating in activities with your unit, please fill out the Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 680-001, found on www.scouting.org/forms and provide it to your unit leadership.

Scouting magazine. All registered, paid adult leaders receive access to the digital Scouting magazine, downloadable from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Scout Life. Registered adults get a special rate. For a subscription to a magazine that helps children grow in the Scouting program, just fill in the Scout Life circle on the application and pay the subscription price.

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BSA Privacy Policy

The BSA protects the confidentiality of the names and personal information of those who are affiliated with the organization. No commercial or unauthorized use is made of the names, addresses, and other confidential information. The BSA and its affinity groups may use registration information to notify registrants of benefit opportunities.

What Is the BSA Program?

The BSA program is outlined in the official publications of the BSA. Activities that are not in these BSA publications are not a part of the Scouting program. Leaders must not allow youth members or program participants to engage in any unauthorized or prohibited activities.

Training for New Leaders

The BSA is committed to your success as a volunteer while serving young people. To help you be successful, there are training materials designed for you. Training resources are available through your local council and at my.scouting.org.

What Makes a Trained Leader?

You are considered a trained leader when you have completed leader position-specific training for your position and have current Youth Protection training.

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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;