# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
# YOUTH APPLICATION

This application is also available in Spanish. Esta solicitud también está disponible en español.

## Boy Scouting

## Cub Scouting

Tiger Cub
Cub Scout
Webelos Scout

## Scout Oath or Promise

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.

## VENTURING · BSA

## Venturer/Sea Scout

## Varsity Scouting

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# Information for Parents

**A parent or guardian must certify that he or she has read this information sheet for all applicants under 18 years of age.**

**(Venturing and Sea Scout members: It is important that you share this with your parents.)**

## Welcome to the Boy Scouts of America!

Please take the time to review this material and reflect upon its importance.

## The BSA and the Chartered Organization

The Boy Scouts of America makes Scouting available to our nation's youth by chartering community organizations to operate Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships.

The chartered organization must provide an adequate and safe meeting place and capable adult leadership, and must adhere to the principles and policies of the BSA. The BSA local council provides unit leader training, program ideas, camping facilities, literature, professional guidance for volunteer leaders, and liability insurance protection.

## Scouting's Volunteers and You

Scouting's adult volunteers provide leadership at the unit, district, council, and national levels. Many are parents of Scouts; many entered Scouting as youth members. Each chartered organization establishes a unit committee, which operates its Scouting unit, selects leadership, and provides support for a quality program. Unit committees depend on parents for membership and assistance.

The unit committee selects the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Scout Coach, Venturing Advisor, or Sea Scout Skipper, subject to approval of the head of the chartered organization or the chartered organization representative and of the BSA. The unit leader must be a good role model because our children's values and lives will be influenced by that leader. You need to know your child's unit leader and be involved in the unit committee's activities so you can evaluate and help direct that influence.

Scouting uses a fun program to promote character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness for every member. You can help by encouraging attendance, assisting with your child's advancement, attending meetings for parents, and assisting when called upon to help.

**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 barriers to abuse beyond what have previously existed in Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on providing the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA has developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies, and provides parents and leaders with numerous online and print resources for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs.

All Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout parents should review *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide* booklet in the Cub Scout and Boy Scout handbooks or at www.scouting.org/training/youthprotection.

## Program Policies

Chartered organizations agree to use the Scouting program in accordance with their own policies as well as those of the BSA. The program is flexible, but major departures from BSA methods and policies are not permitted. As a parent, you should be aware that

- BSA adult registration is restricted to qualified people who subscribe to the precepts of the Declaration of Religious Principle, the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the BSA Standards of Leadership.
- Citizenship activities are encouraged, but partisan political activities are prohibited.
- Military training and drills are prohibited. Marksmanship and elementary drill for ceremonies are permitted.
- While Boy Scouts of America recognizes the importance of religious faith and duty, it leaves sectarian religious instruction to the member's religious leaders and family.
- Members who do not belong to a unit's religious chartered organization shall not be required to participate in its religious activities.

## Youth Protection Policies

- Two registered adult leaders or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. If trips and outings are coeducational, leaders of both genders must be present.
- One-on-one activities between youth members and adult leaders are never permitted. Even personal Scout conferences must be conducted in plain view of others.
- Corporal punishment, hazing and bullying are not permitted in Scouting. Only constructive discipline is acceptable. Parents and unit leaders must work together to solve discipline problems.
- New leaders are required to take Youth Protection training within 30 days of registering, and Youth Protection training must be taken every two years.
- We encourage all parents to be involved with their Scout. There are no "secret" organizations in Scouting and all Scouting activities are open to parental visitation.
- If you suspect that a child has been abused, immediately contact the local authorities and the Scout executive.

## Excerpt from the Declaration of Religious Principle

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

## Policy of Nondiscrimination

Youth 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.

**Ethnic background information.** Please fill in the appropriate circle on the application to indicate ethnic background. This information helps the BSA plan for membership success in serving all youth.

## Thank You

The Boy Scouts of America appreciates you taking time to become familiar with Scouting. We feel that an informed parent is a strong ally in delivering the Scouting program. Help us keep the unit program in accord with Scouting principles. Alert the unit committee, chartered organization representative, and head of the chartered organization to any major deviations. Please do your fair share to support a quality unit program.

**Tips for completing the Application for Youth Membership:**

- ➢Print—do not use cursive.
- ➢Use black or dark blue ink.
- ➢Press firmly when printing.
- ➢Print one letter only in each box.
- ➢Use uppercase letters and stay within the blue boxes for legibility.
- ➢Fill in circles; do not use check marks.
- ➢Make sure you have all needed signatures on application.
- ➢Don't alter the application—it could affect the quality of the scan.

Mailing address example:

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## *BOYS' LIFE* MAGAZINE

**A message to parents.** The nonrefundable national youth registration fee is $15 for one year.

***Boys' Life*** is the monthly magazine of the Boy Scouts of America. It will help in your Scouting program and stimulate your interest in good reading. The subscription is only $12 a year (half the new regular rate of $24 a year). Just fill in the *Boys' Life* circle on the application. Please calculate and remit the appropriate state and local taxes. On late registrations it may be necessary to deliver back issues. *Boys' Life* will not begin for at least two months after you register.

# Joining Requirements
# Parent/Guardian Information

## Cub Scout Pack

Pack membership is open to boys.

1. Complete the information on the application page and sign your name, indicating approval.
2. Give the completed application and fees to the Cubmaster.

**Tiger Cub—**Must be under the age of 8, have completed kindergarten or be in the first grade, or be age 7.
**Cub Scout—**Must have completed first grade but not completed third grade, or be age 8 or 9.
**Webelos Scout—**Must have completed third grade but not completed fifth grade, or be age 10 but not yet 11½.

**Parent Agreement**

I have read the Scout Oath or Promise and I want my son to join the pack. I will assist him in observing the policies of the Boy Scouts of America and of his pack's chartered organization. I will

- *While he is a Tiger Cub, serve as his adult partner and participate in all meetings and activities and approve his advancement.**
- *While he is a Cub Scout, help him grow as a Cub Scout and approve his Cub Scout advancement.*
- *While he is a Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, or Webelos Scout, attend monthly pack meetings and take part in other activities; assist pack leaders as needed.*

****If the parent is not serving as the adult partner, the parental signature on the application indicates approval of the adult partner and also if the adult partner does not live at the same address as the Tiger Cub, a separate adult application is required.***

**Health information.** 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.

## Venturing Crew/Sea Scout Ship (Coeducational)

I submit my $15 registration fee for one year. I am at least 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade or am 14 years of age and not yet 21. Must have parent/guardian approval if under 18 years of age.

Venturers and Sea Scouts registered in a crew or ship prior to their 21st birthday may continue as members after their 21st birthday until the crew or ship recharters or until they reach their 22nd birthday, whichever comes first.

Venturing and Sea Scouting include challenging physical and mental activities. If you have not recently had a complete medical examination, you are urged to see your family physician. Notify your Advisor/Skipper if you require special medication or if your physician recommends limited activity. 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.

## Boy Scout Troop/Varsity Team

**Boy Scout Troop**

Your son can be a Scout if he has completed the fifth grade and is at least 10 years old or is age 11 or has earned the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 years old, but has not reached age 18.

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

**Health information.** 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.

**Varsity Team**

Varsity Scouting—A male youth must be at least 14 years of age and not yet 18.
***(Complete the application process as above and give it to the Varsity Coach.)***

**Health information.** Varsity Scouting involves strenuous activities. You should inform your Varsity Scout Coach of any condition that might limit your son'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.

**Registration and Subscription Fee Chart**

| Term per month | Youth/adult registration fee | *Boys' Life* subscription fee |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1.25 | — |
| 2 | 2.50 | 2.00 |
| 3 | 3.75 | 3.00 |
| 4 | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| 5 | 6.25 | 5.00 |
| 6 | 7.50 | 6.00 |
| 7 | 8.75 | 7.00 |
| 8 | 10.00 | 8.00 |
| 9 | 11.25 | 9.00 |
| 10 | 12.50 | 10.00 |
| 11 | 13.75 | 11.00 |
| 12 | 15.00 | 12.00 |

*Cut along dotted line.*

TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

This certifies that

_____

is a member of _____

_____

Unit leader signature

_____

Date

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**USE BLACK OR BLUE INK ONLY.**

- Print—do not use cursive.
- Print one letter or number only in each box.
- Use uppercase letters and stay within the blue boxes for legibility.

**Unit type: (Fill in the circle.)** ○ Cub Scout Pack ● Boy Scout Troop ○ Varsity Scout Team ○ Venturing Crew ○ Sea Scout Ship ○ Lone Cub Scout ○ Lone Boy Scout ○ Arrow of Light earned

Unit No.:

For pack registration select one: ○ Tiger Cub ○ Cub Scout ○ Webelos Scout

○ Mark here if new to Scouting. ○ Former Scout ○ Former Venturer ○ Former Sea Scout

ed membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by paying $1 for processing the transfer. Mark and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

Transfer from council number: Unit type: ○ Pack ○ Troop ○ Team ○ Crew ○ Ship

from unexpired certificate:

- Fill in radio buttons completely.

*Name and address information* **(Please print one letter in each space—press hard, you are making a copy.)**

First name **(No initials or nicknames)**: JOHN Middle name: ANDREW Last name: SMITH Suffix:

Country: US Mailing address: 1234 ANY STREET City: ANYTOWN State: NY Zip code: 12345

Home phone: 555-123-4567 Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 01/01/1995 Grade: 06

Ethnic background: ○ Black/African American ● Native American ○ Alaska Native ○ Asian ○ Caucasian/White ○ Hispanic/Latino ○ Pacific Islander ○ Other

School: OAK TREE ELEMENTARY

Gender: ○ Male ○ Female

○ ***Boys' Life* subscription**

*Parent/guardian information* ○ Mark here if address is same as above. ○ Mark here if you are the Tiger Cub adult partner.

○ Mark here if the Tiger Cub adult partner is not living at the same address; complete and attach an adult application.

Select relationship: ○ Parent ○ Guardian ● Grandparent ○ Other (specify)

First name **(No initials or nicknames)**: DEBORAH Middle name: SUE Last name: SMITH Suffix:

Country: US Mailing address: 1234 ANY STREET City: ANYTOWN State: NY Zip code: 12345

Home phone: 555-123-4567 Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 01/01/1972 Occupation: Employer: Gender: ○ M ● F

Business phone: - - X E ng experience Cell phone: - -

- Make sure you have all needed signatures on application.

Parent/guardian email address: @

I have read the attached information for parents and approve the application. I affirm that I have or will review "How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide."

*Bill Taylor*

Signature of unit leader (or designee)

Date: / /

*Deborah Sue Smith*

Signature of parent/guardian (required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Signature of Venturer

Registration fee $ .

*Boys' Life* fee $ .

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SAMPLE

**This form is read by machine. Please print the numbers and letters as shown on the sample application.**

# YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

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Country Mailing address City State Zip code

US

Home phone - - Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) / / Grade

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School

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Country Mailing address City State Zip code

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Home phone - - Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) / / Occupation Employer Gender: ○ M ○ F

Business phone - - X Ext. Previous Scouting experience Cell phone - -

Parent/guardian email address @

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Signature of parent/guardian (required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Signature of unit leader (or designee) Date / /

Signature of Venturer

2002 Registration fee $ . *Boys' Life* fee $ .

LOCAL COUNCIL COPY

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Date / /

Signature of parent/guardian (required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Registration fee $ .

*Boys' Life* fee $ .

Signature of Venturer

UNIT COPY

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