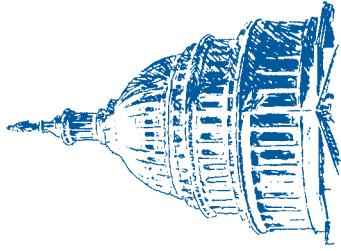


CHARTER CONCEPT



Boy Scouts of America
Chartered by Congress in 1916

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Incorporated 1910

WHAT IT HAS

An educational program for youth— which develops character and fitness and prepares them for citizenship

WHAT IT DOES

Designs and updates program
Provides services
Maintains standards
Issues CHARTERS

CHARTER TO COMMUNITY GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS

Use the Scouting program for

TIGER CUBS
CUB SCOUTS
BOY SCOUTS
VARSITY SCOUTS
VENTURERS

- Under their own leadership
- To serve youth and families for which they have concern
- To help them accomplish their objectives
- Select and approve unit leaders
- Provide a meeting place
- Follow BSA ideals and principles

INVITATION

SERVICE

CHARTER TO LOCAL COUNCIL TO

1. Extend an invitation to community groups/organizations to use the Scouting program, interpreting how it will help them.

2. Provide supporting services to help community groups/organizations successfully continue their Scouting program:

- Volunteer and professional counseling
- Leadership development
- Program supplement
- Service center
- Outdoor facilities
- Liability insurance protection
- Share in the approval of unit leaders

HOW SCOUTING WORKS

THE BSA SERVES . . .

Community-based organizations.

THOSE WHO BENEFIT ARE . . .

Children, youth, adults, families, and communities.

THE BSA OFFERS . . .

An educational resource program based on
“Duty to God and Country.”

THE BSA ISSUES . . .

Annual “charters” to community-based organizations and their local councils, which provide program, literature, training, support materials, and direct professional service.

THE CHARTERED ORGANIZATION PROVIDES . . .

Leadership, meeting facilities, encouragement,
and other support as needed.

PACKS, TROOPS, TEAMS, AND CREWS ARE OWNED, OPERATED, AND ADMINISTERED BY . . .

Community-based organizations whose
objectives, mission, and methodologies are
compatible with those of the BSA.

VOLUNTEERS AND PROFESSIONALS . . .

Work together in a team effort. Scouting
is led by more than a million volunteers
and nearly 3,800 professionals.

CHARTERS ARE GRANTED . . .

To local councils and to community-based
organizations to operate the Scouting program
for one year (renewable annually).



COUNCIL/CHARTERED ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Boy Scouts of America is an educational resource program. It charters community or religious organizations or groups to use Scouting as part of their service to their own members, as well as to the community at large.

The chartered organization agrees to

- Conduct the Scouting program according to its own policies and guidelines as well as those of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Include Scouting as part of its overall program for youth and families.
- Appoint a chartered organization representative who is a member of the organization, will represent it to the Scouting district, and will serve as a voting member of the local council. **(The chartered organization head or chartered organization representative must approve all leadership applications.)**
- Select a unit committee of parents and members of the chartered organization (minimum of three) to screen and select adult leaders who meet the organization's standards as well as the leadership standards of the BSA. **The committee chair must sign all leadership applications before sending them to the chartered organization head for approval.**
- Provide adequate facilities for the Scouting unit(s) to meet on a regular schedule with time and place reserved.
- Encourage the unit to participate in outdoor experiences, which are vital elements of Scouting.

The BSA local council provides the support services necessary to help the chartered organization succeed in their use of the program. The responsibilities of both the BSA local council and the chartered group are described below.

The council agrees to

- Respect the aims and objectives of the organization and offer the resources of Scouting to help in meeting those objectives.
- Provide year-round training, service, and support to the organization and its unit(s).
- Provide training and support for the chartered organization representative as the primary communication link between the organization and the BSA.
- Provide techniques and methods for selecting quality adult leaders and then share in the approval process of those leaders. **(A council representative must sign all adult leader applications.)**
- Provide primary general liability insurance to cover the chartered organization, its board, officers, chartered organization representative, and employees against all personal liability judgments. This insurance includes attorney's fees and court costs as well as any judgment brought against the individual or organization. Registered adult leaders are covered in excess of any personal coverage they might have, or, if there is no personal coverage, the BSA insurance immediately picks them up on a primary basis.
- Provide camping facilities, a service center, and a full-time professional staff to assist the organization in every way possible.