



Chartered Organizations and the Boy Scouts of America

FACT SHEET

Overview of Chartered Organizations

- Civic, faith-based, and educational organizations operate Scouting units to deliver the programs to their youth members, as well as the community at large.
- Over 100,000 Scouting units are owned and operated by chartered organizations. Of these:
 - 71.5 percent of all units are chartered to faith-based organizations.
 - 21.3 percent of all units are chartered to civic organizations.
 - 7.2 percent of all units are chartered to educational organizations.
- Responsibilities of chartered organizations include:
 - Providing adequate meeting facilities.
 - Providing quality leadership for the Scouting unit.
 - Appointing a chartered organization representative to coordinate all Scouting unit operations within the organization.

Faith-Based Chartered Organizations

The 25 faith-based organizations with the largest Scouting youth membership (Source: 2013 Boy Scouts of America Local Council Index, using December 31, 2013, membership data):

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*	37,933	437,160
United Methodist Church*	10,703	349,614
Catholic Church*	8,131	259,297
Presbyterian Church*	3,520	119,879
Lutheran Church*	3,728	111,483
Baptist Churches*	3,532	91,526
Episcopal Church*	1,180	41,340
United Church of Christ, Congregational Church	1,154	36,194
Community Churches	1,009	30,114
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	1,083	30,113
Church of Christ*	495	13,559
Evangelical/independent churches	299	7,740
Church of God	207	4,354
Reformed Church in America	124	3,921
Church of the Nazarene	154	3,841



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Faith-Based Chartered Organizations (cont.)

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
Jewish synagogues and centers*	146	3,268
Church of the Brethren	101	2,614
Islam, Muslim, Masjid*	75	2,226
African Methodist Episcopal*	128	2,053
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	91	2,004
The Salvation Army	101	1,721
Community of Christ	66	1,718
Buddhist Churches of America	69	1,698
Assemblies of God*	74	1,620
Other churches	802	21,804

*Individual fact sheet available

Civic Chartered Organizations

The 20 civic organizations or groups with the largest Scouting youth membership (Source: 2013 Boy Scouts of America Local Council Index, using December 31, 2013, membership data):

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
Groups of citizens	2,633	84,497
American Legion and Auxiliary	2,477	64,864
Lions Club International*	2,200	60,671
Business/industry	2,555	57,266
Rotary International	1,289	40,996
VFW*, Auxiliary, Cootie	1,078	30,686
Fire departments	1,156	29,752
Kiwanis International	857	26,587
Elks lodges (BPOE)	794	21,892
Community centers	818	19,661
Boys and Girls Clubs*	547	16,628



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Civic Chartered Organizations (cont.)

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
Nonprofit agencies	570	15,286
Athletic booster clubs	353	11,201
Playgrounds, recreation centers	379	9,561
Chambers of commerce, business associations	303	8,892
Homeowners' associations	242	8,786
Optimist International*	244	8,300
Masons—Eastern Star	260	8,018
YWCA, YMCA	257	7,362
Other community organizations	1,503	41,180

*Individual fact sheet available

Educational Chartered Organizations

Source: 2013 Boy Scouts of America Local Council Index, using December 31, 2013, membership data:

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
Parent-teacher groups other than PTAs	3,076	126,207
Private schools	2,579	91,828
Parent-Teacher Associations/Parent-Teacher Organizations	1,473	60,171