The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The Programs of Scouting

Cub Scouts
Ages 5-10
A pack can be made up of all-girl or all-boy dens. There can be separate packs for boys & girls.

Scouts BSA
Ages 11-17
Separate Troops for Boys and Girls
Effective Feb. 2019

Venturing
Ages 14-20
All Boys, All Girls or Co-ed

Career Exploring
Ages 14-20
All Boys, All Girls or Co-ed

Sea Scouts
Ages 14-20
All Boys, All Girls or Co-ed

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;
To keep myself physically
strong, mentally awake,
and morally straight.

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Now the entire family can join the adventure!

**Boys, Girls or Both?**

*It’s the Chartered Organization’s Choice.*

An existing chartered organization may choose to serve girls or remain an all-boy pack. When creating a new pack, a chartered organization may form an all-boy pack, an all-girl pack or a pack with separate dens for girls and boys.

- Allows organizations to identify the options that work best for their communities
- Allows flexibility for chartered partners
- Introduces Scouting to more families

**Separate Dens for Boys & Girls**

(Ages 5-11)

- All-Boy Cub Scout Pack
- All-Girl Cub Scout Pack
- Boys and Girls Cub Scout Pack

**Separate Troops for Boys & Girls**

(Ages 11-17)

- All-Boy Troop
- All-Girl Troop

The name change will be effective in February 2019, when Scouts BSA will begin welcoming girls and boys.

**Why Scouts BSA?**

It’s important for all youth to see themselves in Scouting.

Initially, significant work was done to arrive at a separate name for the program that would serve older girls.

As work continued, it became clear that having two names for the same program would cause confusion and fuel a misconception that the programs were somehow different.

Since all single-gender troops would run the same Scouting program, earn the same merit badges, and achieve the same ranks, the best choice is to have one program name.

**Scouts BSA** builds on our legacy – Scout meetings, the Scout handbook, Scout camp, even Scouts themselves.

It’s the same iconic program, with a name that welcomes young men and women to the adventure of Scouting.

**Our organization’s name will remain the Boy Scouts of America**

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