



# Scouting

An Overview of Scouting History in  
the US and World

# What Is Scouting?



- A program of youth character building and citizenship based on outdoor activities.
- Program is used world-wide, with programs geared to specific age and gender groups.
- It is based on a Scout Promise and Scout Law.
- Each country customizes it to their culture, but still adheres to fundamental principles.

# Fundamental Principles



- The Scout Movement is:

*A voluntary non-political education movement for young people, open to all without distinction of origin, race, or creed, in accordance with the purpose, principles and method conceived by the Founder.*

*-(World Organization of the Scout Movement)*

# Fundamental Principles



- Purpose of the Scout Movement:

*To contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.*

*-(World Organization of the Scout Movement)*



# Fundamental Principles



- Principles of the Scout Movement:
  - *“Duty to God”*
  - *“Duty to Others”*
  - *“Duty to Self”*
  - *Adherence to a Promise and Law*
- All member groups must abide by this
  - *(World Organization of the Scout Movement)*



# Aims of Scouting

Character Development

Citizenship Training

Personal Fitness

*(Boy Scouts of America)*



# Methods of Scouting

## **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"*

**-BSA**



# Methods of Scouting

## Scout Law

**TRUSTWORTHY**

**LOYAL**

**HELPFUL**

**FRIENDLY**

**COURTEOUS**

**KIND**

**OBEDIENT**

**CHEERFUL**

**THRIFTY**

**BRAVE**

**CLEAN**

**REVERENT**





# Methods of Scouting

## **SCOUT MOTTO**

*Be Prepared*

## **SCOUT SLOGAN**

*Do a Good Turn Daily*



# Key Founders

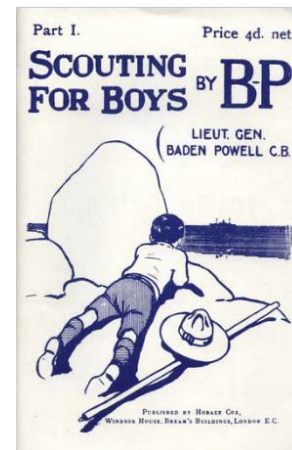
# Robert Baden-Powell



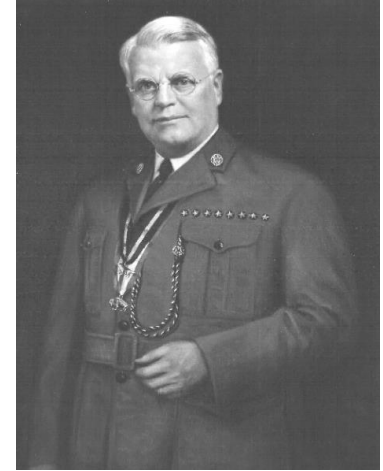
- Born 1857 in England, he was a poor student, but very good leader and had excellent outdoor and survival skills,
- Served in India, Malta, and in Africa during the Zulu wars, as intelligence officer and was recognized for his outdoor skills,
- As a Colonel he re-wrote the soldier's manual and taught in small groups called 'Patrols'.
- Baden-Powell's new "Scouting program" was very radical from current standards.
  - *Men were placed in small groups under leadership of one of their own, not an officer.*
  - *Method of training was by mock activities, not drills.*
  - *What was being taught was self-reliance and independence, and thinking on your own.*
- The new "Scouting" tactics proved a success during the Boer War in 1899,
- Robert, still a Colonel at the time was and promoted to Major General, then Lieutenant General.

# Lieut. Gen. Baden-Powell

- Unknown to him, his “Aids to Scouting” manual became a popular book; many soldiers used it to teach their sons,
- He was knighted in 1909 for his military service.
- Retired from military service in 1910 as a lieutenant general to start his “second life”.
- He established Boy Scout Association in 1908 in England.
- This book evolved to “Scouting for Boys” and Robert founded the world-wide Scout Movement, and with his sister Agnes, together they inspired...
  - William Boyce in the US to form the Boys Scouts of America, and
  - Juliette G. Low to form the Girl Scouts of America.
- Baden-Powell would devote the remainder of his life to Scouting, both in the UK and world-wide.



# James E. West



- Born 1876 in Washington DC, he never knew his father, mother died of Tuberculosis when Jimmy was six.
- Orphaned at seven, contracted polio and tuberculosis at orphanage, he survived, but left one leg crippled.
- Graduated high school with honors and worked his way through college and then law school.
- As an attorney, he was a leading advocate for children at Federal Court,
- He convinced the U.S. Congress to establish a children's court,
- Appointed by President Roosevelt to Department of the Interior (1902).
- Let the creation of the Department of Labor's Children's Bureau.
- In 1911, BSA invited him to Chief Scout Executive,
- More than any other person he created the well-organized national structure that was a key to the BSA's growth and reputation. Retired from BSA 1943



# BSA Programs



Cub Scout



Scouts BSA



Sea Scouts



Venturing



Exploring



# Cub Scouts

- Traditional Program for Boys and Girls [Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade]
- Units are called Packs, subdivided into Dens.
- Units are led by Cubmaster and Den Leaders, and Parents.





## 2022-2023 Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements



New Cub Scouts who are in 1<sup>st</sup> grade or above earn the Bobcat Badge first before working on the requirements for their badge of rank.

Exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse*

- Scout Oath
- Scout Law
- Cub Scout Sign
- Cub Scout Handshake
- Cub Scout Motto
- Cub Scout Salute

 <b>LION</b> Kindergarten	 <b>TIGER</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade or 6 years old	 <b>WOLF</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade or 7 years old	 <b>BEAR</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade or 8 years old	 <b>WEBELOS</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade through joining a Scouts BSA Troop.	
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# Scout BSA Program



- Program for Boys and Girls 12-17 years old.
- Units are called Troops, subdivided into Patrols.
- Units are youth-led by Two Senior Patrol Leaders and Patrol Leaders, and Parents are encouraged to volunteer

In the Boy Scouts there are seven ranks to travel through

- Boy Scout
- Tenderfoot Scout
- Second class Scout
- First class Scout
- Star Scout
- Life Scout
- Eagle Scout

Eagle Scout is the highest award given to a boy scout and must be achieved by the eighteenth birthday of the recipient.





# BSA by Numbers



- Since 1911, about 110 million Americans participated in BSA programs
- BSA remains one of the largest youth organizations in the United States,
- In 2021:
  - about 1.2 million youth participated in BSA programs
  - about 1 million adult volunteers participated in BSA programs
  - Educational breakdown of adult volunteers:
    - 60% have Bachelor’s degrees,
    - 14% have Associate Degrees,
    - 12% have high school diplomas
    - 6% masters degrees,
    - 4% post-doctoral degrees, 4% other
  - There were 3,885 leaders were employed by BSA in the United States.
- Ethnic breakdown adult volunteers:
  - White (66.1%),
  - Hispanic or Latino (13.3%),
  - Black or African American (8.9%) and Other (5.9%).

# BSA by Numbers



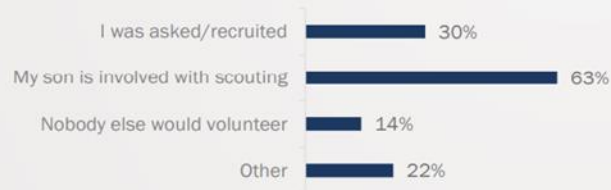
## BSA VOLUNTEERING



**93%** of respondents **have children** (N=610).

**68%** of respondents had **children currently participating in BSA programs** (N=563).

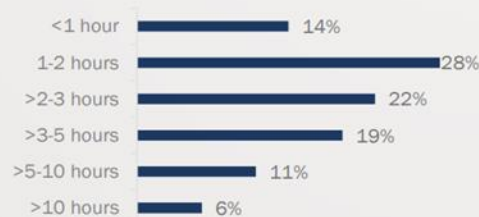
### Why did you become a volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America? (N=788)



**Average Age** of volunteers was **51 years old**



### Approximately how many hours do you volunteer per week? (N=607)



**71%** of respondents **were male.**

**70%** of respondents **volunteered for another organization** outside of the BSA **in the past 12 months** (N=570).



# Rotary & Scouts



- Rotary founder **Paul Harris**, together with Chief Scout Executive **James E. West** traveled the country together establishing Rotary clubs and Boy Scout councils,
- By 1930, Rotarians had organized more than half of the then 500 Boy Scout councils, and
- Today Rotary Clubs Charter 1,483 Scout units, 33 in Florida alone with a total of 45,528 youth.
- The principles and goals of both organizations are closely allied. Character-building; service to country, to others, and to self; teaching leadership skills; and becoming aware of the world around us – these are all incorporated into the programs and activities of each organizations.



# Cub Scout Volunteers



Food Drives



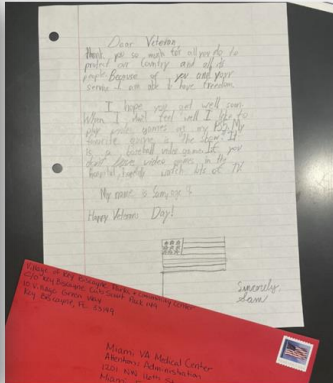
Beach Cleanup



Food Drives



Planting 5,000 Native Trees













# Resources

- BSA web site [www.scouting.bsa.org](http://www.scouting.bsa.org)
- GSUSA web site [www.gsusa.org](http://www.gsusa.org)
- CampFire web site [www.campfireusa.org](http://www.campfireusa.org)
- WOSM [www.wosm.org](http://www.wosm.org)
- WAGGGS [www.waggggs.org](http://www.waggggs.org)
- US Scouting Service project [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org)
- Order of the Arrow [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)

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