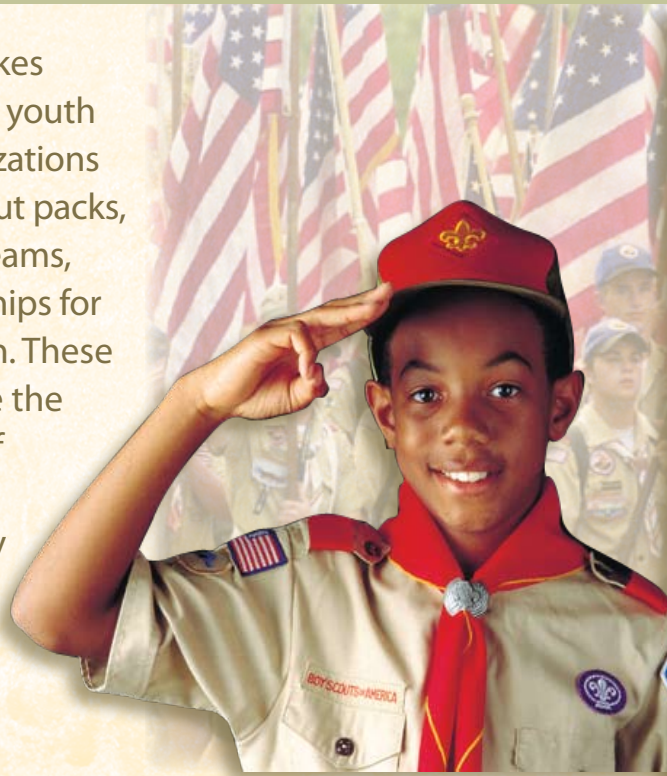


The Boy Scouts of America makes Scouting available to our nation's youth by chartering community organizations to organize and operate Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, Venturing crews and Sea Scout ships for boys and young men and women. These chartered organizations manage the units and control the program of activities to support their goals and objectives. When community organizations establish a new unit, they must take these two important actions to ensure a quality Scouting program:



THE SCOUT LAW

LOYAL

HELPFUL

FRIENDLY

COURTEOUS

KIND

OBEDIENT

CHEERFUL

THRIFTY

BRAVE

CLEAN

REVERENT

1. Select leadership. The head of the chartered organization appoints a *chartered organization representative* to provide leadership in the selection of a *unit committee* of parents and organization members that will provide overall supervision for the unit's program. The committee selects the adult unit leaders who will work with the youth. The chartered organization representative also is a voting member of the local council and may serve as a member of the district committee.

2. Provide a meeting place and promote a good program. The chartered organization arranges for appropriate meeting facilities for the unit and promotes through its committee the full use of the program, including outdoor experiences, advancement, recognitions, and, in particular, Scouting's values.

Benefits of Becoming a Scouting Chartered Organization

Joining with The Boy Scouts of America offers your organization advantages that begin immediately:

- **Branding.** The BSA is a well-known and highly respected organization with a strong national brand. A relationship with Scouting is viewed positively by a large majority of people.
- **Values.** The values instilled by The Scout Law represent the highest ideals of God, country and self. When these values align with those of your organization, the resulting synergy elevates the image and reputation of both.
- **Exposure.** Scouting's externally focused activities are well known and seen as beneficial to the community. Joining with Scouting enhances your position in and beyond your immediate community.

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SCOUTING IN THE COMMUNITY:
THE CHARTERED ORGANIZATION



The Role of the Chartered Organization Representative

The chartered organization representative (COR) is appointed by the head of the chartered organization, heads up the “Scouting Department” in the organization, and is a voting member of the BSA council representing the chartered organization.

The COR also is a member of the district committee and liaison between the organization’s Scouting units and the resources available to these units through the district and council volunteer and professional resources.

An effective chartered organization representative can help make a real difference in the lives of youth. Responsibilities of the COR include:

- **Being committed to the Scouting program** by being active in the chartered units, sharing experiences, fulfilling the responsibilities of the position, and having the perseverance to see the job through.
- **Acting as liaison between the units and the organization.** Serving as the unit representative to the youth council, education board, or other committees of the chartered organization will enable the COR to keep the officers of the organization aware of its units’ programs and to see that its policies are being carried out.
- **Representing the Chartered Organization on the local Scout Council and District Committee.** As a voting member, the COR’s voice is important. Serving on one of the district operating committees in an area related to his or her own personal talents and interests will be a rewarding experience and will allow the COR to keep the organization informed of council and district Scout services and activities.

- **Promoting recruiting.** A regular recruiting plan which includes contacting parents for additional leadership will keep the unit growing as older youth outgrow the program.

- **Suggesting Good Turns.** Scouting units can offer service to their chartered organization through Good Turns.



- **Maintaining dialogue with the organization’s leaders.** Be sure that the head of the organization and all of its leaders understand the unit program and are aware of its accomplishments.

- **Coordinating programs.** Coordinate the Scouting program with other programs in the chartered organization.

- **Encouraging outdoor programs.** Remember, three-fourths of “Scouting” is “outing”. Youth members enjoy a vigorous outdoor program.



- **Remembering that a Scout is Reverent.** Become familiar with the religious aspects of the Scouting program. Whether or not the chartered organization is a religious body, the COR pays careful attention to the religious emblems program of the various faiths. Advocate the observance of Scout Sabbath & Scout Sunday each February.

- **Encouraging recognition of leaders.** Scout leaders devote an enormous amount of time, effort, energy and money in their service to youth. It’s vital that the chartered organization be aware of this and provide suitable recognition. Sometimes a sincere “thank you” is all that’s needed; a plaque, certificate, or other item is a tangible and much appreciated form of recognition.

- **Cultivating resources.** Explore ways to meet the needs of the units through the resources of chartered organization membership.

How the BSA Supports the Chartered Organization

To support the more than 120,000 Scouting units owned and operated by chartered organizations, more than 300 BSA councils agree to:

- Respect the aims and objectives of the organization and offer the resources of Scouting to help meet those objectives.
- Provide year-round training, service, and program materials and literature, planning tools, and other program aids and resources 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 unit leaders and share in the approval

process of those leaders. (The Scout executive or designee must approve all leader applications.)

- Provide primary general liability insurance to cover the chartered organization, its board, officers, chartered organization representative, employees and volunteers currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America. Coverage is provided with respect to claims arising out of an official Scouting activity with the exception that the coverage is excess over any insurance which may be available to the volunteer for loss arising from the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle or watercraft. This insurance is only available while the vehicle or watercraft is in the actual use of a Scouting unit and being used for a Scouting purpose.
- Provide camping facilities, a service center, and a full-time professional staff to assist the organization in every way possible.

In addition, council representatives conduct annual charter review conferences with chartered organization personnel to evaluate how effectively the Scouting program is being delivered and how it might be improved.

The Next Step

To learn more about becoming a Scouting chartered organization, contact your local BSA council or go to www.Scouting.org > local councils.

