

# YOUTH APPLICATION

This application is also available in Spanish. Esta solicitud también está disponible en español.



**Cub Scouting**



**Scouts BSA**



**Venturing**



**Sea Scouting**

## 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.

## Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal,  
helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,  
obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave,  
clean, and reverent.

## Welcome to Scouting America!

Scouting America makes Scouting available to our nation's youth by chartering community organizations to operate Cub Scout packs, Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships.

The chartered organization provides an adequate and safe meeting place as well as capable adult leadership, and requires adherence to the principles and policies of Scouting America. The local and national councils provide training, program, outdoor facilities, literature, professional guidance, and liability insurance protection.

## Parent/Legal Guardian Role in Scouting

Scouting uses a fun program to promote character development, citizenship training, leadership, and mental and physical fitness. You can help by encouraging attendance, assisting with your child's advancement, attending meetings for parents, and assisting the unit when called upon to help. The unit cannot provide a quality program without your help.

**Parent Agreement.** I have read the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and I want my child to join Scouting. I will assist them in abiding by the policies of Scouting America and the chartered organization. I will:

- *Serve as an adult partner while my child is a Lion or Tiger.*
- *Help my Scout grow through completion of advancements.*
- *Help the unit with activities and assist as needed.*

**Health Information.** You should inform your unit leader of any condition that might limit your child's participation. Please fill out the Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 680-001, found on [scouting.org/forms](https://scouting.org/forms) and give it to the unit leader.

**Safeguarding Youth Begins With You™.** Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. Youth safety is of paramount importance to Scouting. For that reason, Scouting America continues to create and consistently improve its barriers to abuse.

Scouting America is committed to providing a safe environment for young people. To maintain a safe environment, Scouting America provides parents and adult leaders with numerous online and printed resources and adult leaders must complete Safeguarding Youth training (SYT) and renew their training as required. Parents who participate in Scouting activities are highly recommended to complete SYT. To learn more about Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth resources, go to [scouting.org/training/safeguarding-youth](https://scouting.org/training/safeguarding-youth).

## Mandatory Reporting

All persons involved in Scouting must immediately report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused; physically or emotionally neglected; exposed to any form of violence or threat; or exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child sexual abuse material, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. No person may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.

Additionally, any known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk must also be reported to the local Scout executive or the Scouts First Helpline (1-844-SCOUTS1 or 1-844-726-8871) if your Scout executive or local council cannot be reached.

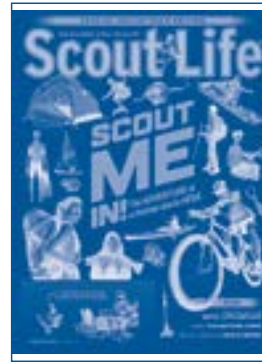
**All parents must review the *How to Safeguard Your Children: A Parent's Guide to Abuse Prevention* booklet in the Cub Scout or Scouts BSA handbooks or at [scouting.org/training/safeguarding-youth](https://scouting.org/training/safeguarding-youth).**

## Safeguarding Youth Policies

- Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader over 21 in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader over 21 must be present for any activity involving female youth.
- One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.

These and other key Safeguarding Youth policies are addressed in the training and at [scouting.org/training/safeguarding-youth](https://scouting.org/training/safeguarding-youth).

To learn about Scouting America's other health and safety policies, please review the online version of the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, the Scouter Code of Conduct, and the SAFE Checklist, which are available at [scouting.org/health-and-safety](https://scouting.org/health-and-safety).



## Scout Life Magazine

For a subscription to a magazine that will help your child grow in the Scouting program, just fill in the *Scout Life* circle on the application and pay the special Scout subscription price.

For details, go to [subscribe.scoutlife.org](https://subscribe.scoutlife.org)

## Who Can Join?

It is the philosophy of Scouting America to welcome all eligible youth, regardless of gender, race, ethnic background, or sexual orientation, who are willing to accept Scouting's values and meet any other requirements of membership.

## Joining Requirements

### Cub Scout Pack

Pack membership is open to youth in kindergarten through fifth grade.

**\*Lion**—Kindergarten (year before first grade)

**Bear**—Third grade

**\*Tiger**—First grade

**Webelos Scout**—Fourth grade

**Wolf**—Second grade

**Arrow of Light Scout**—Fifth grade

***\*Lions and Tigers must have an adult partner. If the parent is not serving as the adult partner, the parental signature on the application indicates their approval of the adult partner. In addition, if the adult partner does not live at the same address as the Lion or Tiger, an adult application is required.***

## Scouts BSA Troop

Youth can be Scouts if they are at least 10 years old, currently in the fifth grade and register on or after March 1; OR have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old, OR are age 11 but have not reached age 18.

## Venturing Crew/Sea Scout Ship

Venturing and Sea Scouting are for young men and women at least 13 years old who have completed the eighth grade, or are age 14 and not yet 21. **Applicants age 18 and older must complete a Scouting America adult application.**

## Excerpt From the Declaration of Religious Principle

Scouting America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life. Only persons willing to subscribe to this Declaration of Religious Principle and to the Bylaws of Scouting America shall be entitled to certificates of membership.

**THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION FEE IS NONREFUNDABLE.**

**For general questions, contact your Scouting America local council or visit [scouting.org](https://scouting.org) for current policies.**

# SCOUTING AMERICA YOUTH MEMBER APPLICATION—Must be completed by the youth's parent or legal guardian

## YOUTH INFORMATION

|                                                                    |                                                                    |                                   |                      |                                                              |  |                                                                        |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| First name (Full legal name)                                       |                                                                    | Middle name (if none leave blank) |                      | Last name                                                    |  | Suffix (if any)                                                        | Preferred nickname   |
| <input type="text"/>                                               |                                                                    | <input type="text"/>              |                      | <input type="text"/>                                         |  | <input type="text"/>                                                   | <input type="text"/> |
| Country                                                            | Home address                                                       |                                   |                      | City                                                         |  | State                                                                  | Zip code             |
| <input type="text"/>                                               | <input type="text"/>                                               |                                   |                      | <input type="text"/>                                         |  | <input type="text"/>                                                   | <input type="text"/> |
| Phone                                                              | Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)                                         |                                   | Grade                | Ethnic background:                                           |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female          |                      |
| <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> |                                   | <input type="text"/> | Black/African American<br>Caucasian/White<br>Hispanic/Latino |  | Native American<br>Pacific Islander<br>Alaska Native<br>Asian<br>Other |                      |
| School                                                             |                                                                    |                                   |                      | Youth email address                                          |  |                                                                        |                      |
| <input type="text"/>                                               |                                                                    |                                   |                      | <input type="text"/>                                         |  |                                                                        |                      |

☐ Scout Life subscription

## PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

☐ Mark here if address is same as above. ☐ Mark here if you are the Lion or Tiger adult partner.

☐ Mark here if the Lion or Tiger adult partner is not the parent or legal guardian. Have the adult partner complete and attach an adult application and indicate their relationship below.

Select relationship: ☐ Parent ☐ Legal Guardian

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| First name (Full legal name)                                       |                                                                    | Middle name (if none leave blank) |                      | Last name            |  | Suffix (if any)                                               | Preferred nickname   |
| <input type="text"/>                                               |                                                                    | <input type="text"/>              |                      | <input type="text"/> |  | <input type="text"/>                                          | <input type="text"/> |
| Country                                                            | Home address                                                       |                                   |                      | City                 |  | State                                                         | Zip code             |
| <input type="text"/>                                               | <input type="text"/>                                               |                                   |                      | <input type="text"/> |  | <input type="text"/>                                          | <input type="text"/> |
| Primary phone                                                      | Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)                                         |                                   | Occupation           | Employer             |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |                      |
| <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> |                                   | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |  |                                                               |                      |
| Alternate phone                                                    | Ext.                                                               | Previous Scouting experience      |                      |                      |  |                                                               |                      |
| <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> | x <input type="text"/>                                             | <input type="text"/>              |                      |                      |  |                                                               |                      |

I have read the attached information for parents and approve the application. I affirm that I have or will review *How to Safeguard Your Children: A Parent's Guide to Abuse Prevention*.

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Signature of parent/legal guardian | Date                                                               | Parent/legal guardian email address |
| <input type="text"/>               | <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/>                |

## To be completed by unit

|                                        |                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Signature of unit leader (or designee) | Date                                                               |
| <input type="text"/>                   | <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> |

Unit type: ☐ Pack ☐ Troop ☐ Crew ☐ Ship

☐ Lone Cub Scout ☐ Previously earned Arrow of Light  
☐ Lone Scout

If applicant has unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished at no charge by transferring the registration or multiple registering.

Unit No.:

☐ Transfer application ☐ Multiple application  
 Enter membership number from unexpired certificate:

Registration fee \$  Council fee \$

Council No.:  Unit type: ☐ Pack ☐ Troop ☐ Crew ☐ Ship  
 Unit No. or district name:

Scout Life fee \$

PAID: ☐ Cash ☐ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Credit card