



SCOUTS BSA

10 ESSENTIALS QUICK START GUIDE

If you're new to Scouting, we've created this especially for you. These are 10 easy steps with videos, links, etc. to get you and your Scout started on your incredible journey with us!

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Scouts BSA Overview

This video will quickly get you up to speed on what the program is all about: bit.ly/ScoutsBSA1

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Get A Uniform & Book

Order or shop for a uniform at your local Scout Shop. Ask for the latest specials, sales and discounts! You can also get books, camping gear and more. They'll even help you with sewing on your Scout's patches!

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Connect With Parents & Leaders

Your child will be placed in a "patrol" with other Scouts their age. This "patrol" is a part of a larger "troop". Be proactive and contact the leaders. They are typically busy parents too and often new to the leadership role. Be patient, ask questions and offer to help. (You'll soon learn that Scouts are "helpful" and learn to "do a good turn daily.")

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Take Youth Protection Training

This is required for all Scout leaders and highly recommended for all parents. It's good to understand how everyone involved in the Boy Scouts of America works diligently to keep kids safe. Here's how you get started: bit.ly/ScoutsBSA2

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Get Familiar With Scouts BSA

Every group of Scouts is a bit different, but all are based on the same principles and foundation. They also share the same growth opportunities (called "advancement") on the road to help Scouts achieve our highest advancement rank of Eagle Scout. Learn more by perusing the content here: bit.ly/ScoutsBSA3



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Learn About Summer Camp

We are achieving our #1 goal: every Scout gets to go to summer camp and have a world-class experience. From sailing, to mountain biking, to climbing and shooting sports, we have it all. Check out our Scouts BSA summer camps here: bit.ly/ScoutsBSA4

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Choose Your Summer Camp

Next, talk to your Scout and leaders about the camp you and your Scout would like to attend in the future or which camps are their favorites. (Scholarships are available.) Leaders will be able to make a reservation.

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Get A Medical Check Up

Download and fill out these medical forms: bit.ly/ScoutsBSA5. Then make an appointment with your Scout's doctor for an annual checkup. Your Scout will need these forms to attend various adventures.

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Gear Up, Prepare for Adventure

Your Scout's Handbook is chock full of resources for fun, skills development and adventure. Many Scout units attend summer camp and attend what we call "high adventure" trips to places like National Parks. Or they visit properties run by the National Boy Scouts of America. And you can always attend with your Scout! You'll find gear lists in your Scout Handbook or here: bit.ly/ScoutsBSA6

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Connect With Us & Stay Informed

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