

## What is Scouts BSA?

Scouts BSA is a year-round program for youth in fifth grade through high school that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves.

For the first time in its 100+ year history, the iconic program of the Boy Scouts of America is open to young women as well as young men, all of whom will have the chance to earn Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.

## What do the Scouts Do?

Scouts go camping, canoeing, backpacking, exploring, bike riding, cook outdoor meals, and so much more. The Scouts learn skills and confidence by doing things not by listening to lectures and they provide integral support to their community through service projects.

## What does the Scoutmaster do?

The Scoutmaster is the adult leader of the troop. The Scoutmaster and his assistant Scoutmasters train & guide the scouts as well as support their advancement.

## What do parents do?

In Scouts BSA the Scouts plan the meetings and events and adults provide support. It is tempting to jump in when a Scout is struggling. Our leaders are trained in coaching and in providing enough support so the struggle turns into a learning experience.

A fundamental principle of Scouting is that troops be Scout Led. However, in order for the Scouting program to be successful, parents NEED to be involved. There are many roles to fill and ways to contribute. We need your help, supporting an activity, teaching a skill and helping with advancement. Your involvement can be as expansive or as limited as your schedule allows but we encourage you to get involved.

## Troop 1176 Contact Information

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## Welcome to Troop 1176

Scouting is a great program. Troop 1176 offers a wide range of opportunities for female Scouts 5th grade through High School.

Scouting troops vary widely in size, activities, and programs. When looking for a troop to join, it's important to make sure you find a "good fit" – leaders, scouts, activities and overall "feel" should be a good match.

Troop 1176 sets our activities to best meet both the immediate and long term needs of the Scouts.

## What do I need to buy and where do I get it?

The uniform is an important part of the Scout program. It identifies the scouts with the program and gives them a sense of belonging in the troop and to the Boy Scouts of America.

We are a full uniform troop however we do consider lower cost options for some uniform parts.

- Khaki Uniform Shirt  
(short or long-sleeve)



\$29.99+

- Ventura County Council  
Shoulder Patch



\$4.99

- Red Unit Numbers for  
1176



\$1.50 ea

- World Crest Emblem



\$2.29

- World Crest Ring  
(optional)



\$1.99

- Scouts BSA Olive  
Shoulder Loops



\$4.49

- Olive bottoms  
\* Can be official BSA or  
any olive bottoms as  
long as they are not  
denim or leggings



OR



\$44.99

\$19.99+

- BSA Scout Web Belt



\$9.99

- Scouts BSA Olive  
Uniform Cap (for day-to-  
day activities)



\$17.99

- Scouts BSA Olive  
Campaign Hat (for  
Council events &  
summer camp etc)



\$109.99

- Black Neckerchief with  
Red Embroidery



\$10.99

- Neckerchief Slide  
(optional. You can  
make your own!)



\$5.99

- Olive Knee Socks  
\* Can be official BSA or  
any olive knee socks  
(can have red trim)



\$9.99

- Olive Merit Badge Sash



\$10.99

- Scouts BSA Handbook



\$17.99

The Scouting program has four specific objectives, commonly referred to as the "Aims of Scouting." They are character development, citizenship training, physical and mental fitness, and leadership development.

The methods by which the aims are achieved are:

- 1 **The patrol method** gives Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches youth how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where members can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through elected representatives.
- 2 **The ideals** of Scouts BSA are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan. The Scout measures him/herself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as the Scout reaches for them, the Scout has some control over what and who the Scout becomes.
- 3 **Outdoor Programs** - Scouts BSA is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. In the outdoors, the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around us. The outdoors is the laboratory in which Scouts learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.
- 4 **Advancement** - Scouts BSA provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.
- 5 **Association with Adults** - Youth learn a great deal by watching how adults conduct themselves. Scout leaders can be positive role models for the members of the troop. In many cases a Scoutmaster who is willing to listen to youth, encourage them, and take a sincere interest in them can make a profound difference in their lives.
- 6 **Personal Growth** - As Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Scouts BSA. Youth grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. Probably no device is as successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn. The religious emblems program also is a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent personal conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.
- 7 **Leadership Development** - The Scouts BSA program encourages youth to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a youth accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.
- 8 **The uniform** makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Scouts BSA is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Scout activities and provides a way for Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

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Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm