Family Scouting for Troops
GIRLS IN SCOUTS BSA -- OVERVIEW

GIRLS MAY JOIN

FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Paperwork collection starting now

TROOPS WILL BE SINGLE GENDER

Girls attending events before 2/1/19 are covered under insurance
SCOUTS BSA ADULT LEADERSHIP
LINKED TROOPS
MUST HAVE separate Scoutmasters
May share committee members, Assistant Scoutmasters and Merit Badge Counselors

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SCOUTS BSA YOUTH LEADERSHIP

UNIQUE TROOPS
no alteration to PLC structure

LINKED TROOPS
All youth leadership positions must be separate and parallel
no alteration to PLC structure

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SCOUTS BSA ADULT LEADERSHIP
All Scouting activities MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION
TWO adults, present at all times
BOTH registered and YPT trained
BOTH over 21

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SCOUTS BSA ADULT LEADERSHIP

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR GIRL TROOPS

Scoutmaster may be male or female

Whenever a female Scout is present, a registered, YPT2 trained, over 21, FEMALE leader MUST BE PRESENT
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
WILL PRIOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS COUNT?

NO.

Activities/accomplishments, prior to the date of registration with a TROOP, cannot be counted toward rank or merit badge requirements – even if the individual was registered with a CREW.
WILL THERE BE ENOUGH TIME for GIRLS to ACHIEVE EAGLE RANK?

YES.

LIMITED EXTENSIONS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR A LIMITED TIME PERIOD.

Other Considerations
LIMITED EXTENSIONS FOR

YOUTH (boys and girls) JOINING IN 2019*
FOR THE FIRST TIME
* (join between 2/1/2019 – 12/31/2019)

AND WHO ARE
AT LEAST 16 but NOT YET 18
as of February 1, 2019

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
LIMITED EXTENSIONS BY
SUBMITTING REQUEST WITHIN 30 DAYS OF 18TH BIRTHDAY
IN WRITING (using designated form)
TO NATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
for approval by
NATIONAL COUNCIL

Other Considerations
CAN GIRLS ATTEND WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREEE?  YES.

At least 14, not yet 18  (by July 22, 2019)

CONTACT LOCAL COUNCIL NOW  
(yes, prior to being able to register on February 1, 2019)

Other Considerations
Why Not Just Go Co-ed?
CO-ED RESULTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
U.K., Ireland, Canada, Latin America

BEFORE

100% BOYS

AFTER

BOYS
GIRLS

NET LOSS OF 30% YOUTH

Why Not Just Go Co-ed?
CO-ED RESULTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
U.K., Ireland, Canada, Latin America

COED =
CULTURE CHANGE +
MIXED MATURE LEVELS

Why Not Just Go Co-ed?
CO-ED RESULTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES
U.K., Ireland, Canada, Latin America

BEFORE

All Boys

AFTER

Boys

Girls

INCREASE OF 30% YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

Why Not Just Go Co-ed?
Maturity Distribution

Why Not Just Go Co-ed?
SINGLE GENDER MAKES SENSE

SINGLE GENDER -- ALL BOYS NOW

BOYS GIRLS CO-ED based on known experience

SEPARATE TROOPS

Why Not Just Go Co-ed?
WHAT IS IN A NAME?
The Do’s & Don’ts of the SCOUTS BSA name
Be Prepared.
For Scouts BSA.

**Do...**
- Share your passion for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA)! We believe the BSA offers the best program for youth - but we also believe it's important for youth to be involved in the programs that are right for them.

**Don’t...**
- Compare the programs of the BSA to other youth programs.

**Do...**
- Refer all questions about GSUSA programs to the local GSUSA council or website.

**Do...**
- Refer all inquiries from media outlets (TV, radio, newspapers, online) to the BSA public relations team by email at pr@scouting.org

**Do...**
- Be clear. Be sure to use official BSA marks and logos from the BSA Brand Center when using terms like “Scout Me In” whether in print, social media, or digital.

**Remember...**
- Girls who are in Scouts BSA aren’t members of the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). Avoid using the word “girl” before “Scouts.” This includes files, in conversation, social media, etc. For example, you shouldn’t say, “Let’s have that group of Scouts BSA girl Scouts line up.”

**Do...**
- Remember that the BSA and GSUSA are separate organizations. If those around you say or suggest otherwise, politely correct them!

**Don’t...**
- Use names, programs, marks, logos, images, or awards of the GSUSA or combine them with those of the BSA.

**A Scout is Courteous**
The Boy Scouts of America applauds the work of the GSUSA in service to our nation’s youth and is committed to respecting the organization’s rights and programs.

[Image of Scout Me In]

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

www.scouting.org
IMPLEMENTATION
Getting Started

Recruit and train leaders

Utilize New Member Coordinators

Update BeAScout pin

Then register girls

How Do We Do This?
Where Will New Leadership Come From?

Lots of moms didn’t join the troop with their son

They might with their daughter

How Do We Do This?
Don’t Delay
Organize New Units NOW!
Recruit NOW!
Train NOW!
Observe a Unit NOW!
Be Prepared
REGISTER NOW!
Marketing/Planning

Flyers to school

Facebook

Tote Board
SCOUTS BSA LAUNCH TIMELINE

Now- 12/3/18- Unit Paperwork Collection Period- Invite Girls & their parents to join your troop. Collect applications & fees. Switch your Scouts BSA pin. Give out your unit calendar of upcoming events. Coordinate with District Executive to turn in Paperwork.

12/3/18- 2/1/19- Paperwork is processed- New units will be shown on the Tote Board. Scouts BSA girls will be posted to our wall of fame. Scout me in patches will be given out to new units and scouts BSA girls.
1/23/19 - Scout Me In Joining Event - All youth joining will receive a special token commemorating their welcome into scouting.

2/1/19 - Scouts BSA Launch Party - New girls will be welcomed in with a fun hands-on event to get them started on their trail to first class.

4/27/19 – Scout O Rama – Join us at our Community outreach fun day! Camp out and join bring your Troop and favorite activity.
Family Scouting

THANK YOU!

Questions?