



Simon Kenton Council • Boy Scouts of America

About the Boy Scouts of America

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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
Reverent

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America:

Incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, the Boy Scouts of America provides an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

Leadership:

The Scouting organization is composed of 1.2 million volunteers, whose dedication of time and resources has enabled the BSA to remain the nation's leading youth-serving organization. Leading these volunteers are the Chief Scout Executive, assistant Chief Scout Executives, and the National Executive Board.

Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout:

- In 2008, around 5 percent of all Boy Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank.
- In 2008, the average age of boys earning the Eagle Scout rank was 17.3 years of age.
- From 1912 to 2009, 2 million Boy Scouts earned the Eagle Scout rank.

For additional information, visit www.scouting.org