

THANK YOU for your interest in becoming an adult volunteer to share your skills and values to enrich young people. Dedicated volunteers are what keep the Scouting program alive and moving forward.

Every adult volunteer has something valuable to offer. Adult role models in Scouting provide an ideal learning experience for all youth. Ninety-six percent of the more than 1 million registered adult volunteers in Scouting say they would recommend volunteering for the BSA to other adults.

Your leadership will help grow future leaders. The more interest you show, the more likely Scouts will stay in Scouting to reap the benefits and knowledge, and to grow into the young adult that will make you proud. Volunteering is also a good way to bond with your own child or children, and set them on a path toward good citizenship by introducing them to Scouting.

Please register to be an adult volunteer for your local troop or council. There is a small fee for registration, but the benefits are many:

- You're investing in youth and in the future of America.
- Once you register, you'll receive liability insurance coverage to protect you in the rare occurrence of any unforeseen legal issues as a result of your involvement as an adult volunteer.
- Registering as an adult volunteer is a sign of **your commitment**—to assist in building young lives, and to leading through example.
- All registered adult volunteers authorize a criminal background check on themselves to ensure the safety of everyone in Scouting—children, teens *and* adults.
- You'll also receive *Scouting* magazine, a council newsletter, ongoing support materials and opportunities for additional training from the Boy Scouts of America.

We're confident you'll find the experience to be rewarding and fulfilling, and your efforts will help build a better future for everyone.

Sincerely,

The Boy Scouts of America

Family FUN of Scouting!
Enthusiasm!
Commitment!
Great Rewards!
Make It SO!



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

The purpose of this instrument is to assist you, the adult parent or friend, to determine your availability and interest in supporting your Boy Scout in a volunteer role. We match your natural skills and preferences with the volunteer roles available.

Your Name:	Phone:	Email:
My Scout is in Troop number:		

Part One: Your Availability and Interest

Circle the number that best describes you.

		Not at All			Very Much So	
1	I like working with youth in this age bracket...	1	2	3	4	5
2	I have flexibility with my time and schedule...	1	2	3	4	5
3	I am willing to make a personal time investment to support my child and/or to advance the mission of the Boy Scouts of America...	1	2	3	4	5

Add your scores from the above three questions. As a general rule, **if your total is 10 or greater**, your availability and interest are such that you will want to pursue a volunteer role (go to Part Two below).

If your total is less than 10, your role most likely will be to support your Boy Scout as a *ScoutParent* and to contribute financially as you are able. Also consider volunteering for specific tasks like: providing transportation to events and outings; or serving as a program resource or merit badge counselor in your area of expertise, interest, or hobby; or serving as a committee member for your child's unit.

Part Two: Type of Volunteer Role to Consider

Circle the number that best describes you.

		Not at All			Very Much So	
1	I would enjoy having personal interaction with youth in this age category...	1	2	3	4	5
2	I prefer and enjoy outdoor activities and natural environments...	1	2	3	4	5
3	I prefer mixing with others rather than spending time alone...	1	2	3	4	5
4	I keep a cool head under pressure...	1	2	3	4	5

Add your scores from the above four questions. As a general rule, **if your total is 12 or greater**, you will want to pursue a volunteer role working directly with Boy Scouts. Go to Part Three and review Section 1 or 2 on the next page for specific volunteer opportunities for you to consider.

As a general rule, **if your total is less than 12**, you are most likely best suited for a supporting role. Go to Part Three and review Section 3 or 4 for volunteer opportunities in either administration or other volunteer opportunities for you to consider.

To learn more about additional Boy Scout volunteer opportunities, please visit the *ScoutParents* Web site, www.ScoutParents.org

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BOY SCOUTING

VOLUNTEERING INDICATOR

Part Three: Check Your Top Two Preferences

Review the lists below and check all that fit your availability, your talents, and your interest. We need every parent or adult mentor to select your top two “specific tasks” to assist your Scout’s unit to help make his Scouting experience the best it can be. We promise you will both enjoy the *GREAT Family FUN of Scouting!*

1. Working directly with the Boy Scouts on an ongoing basis

- ScoutParent for your Boy Scout
- Scoutmaster or assistant Scoutmaster
- Board of review coordinator/member
- Court of honor coordinator/member
- Patrol guide (mentors one patrol of six to eight Boy Scouts)

2. Working directly with the Boy Scouts in specific outdoor/event activities

- Camping committee chair/member
- Camping trips—other than summer camp—participant
- Merit badge counselor
- Non-camping activities participant
- Service project coordinator/participant
- Summer camp participant
- Summer camp promotion

3. Support: Administrative

- Advancement committee chair/member
- Communications committee chair/member: Webmaster, PR, newsletter
- Life to eagle coordinator
- Merit badge coordinator
- Troop ScoutParents coordinator
- Secretary: recordkeeping, activity permits, meeting minutes, annual recharter activities
- Treasurer or assistant treasurer

4. Support: Other

- Chartered organization representative
- Service on district/council committees
- Friends of Scouting committee coordinator/member
- Historian
- Product sales committee coordinator/member
- Promoter of district/council events to parents
- Quartermaster
- Youth recruiter (peer-to-peer; Webelos transitions)
- Religious award coordinator/promoter
- Training coordinator
- Transportation coordinator
- Troop committee chair/member

Please return this page to your unit leader or ScoutParents coordinator.

Ways Parents Can Help Boy Scout Troops and Varsity Teams:

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