



BSA Tool Kit



- **AMVETS & BSA a Win-Win**
- **Memorandum of Mutual Support**
- **Steps to organize**
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 - **Exploring is a career-based program for youth ages 10 – 20 in all boy, all girl, or co-ed posts.**
- **Eagle Scout Certificates of Recognition**
- **AMVETS / BSA Leadership Award**
 - **Background**
 - **Requirements**
 - **Application**
- **AMVETS/Scouting Post Card No. 03-180 – May be requested from the National Programs Department.**

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AMVETS & BSA a Win-Win

AMVETS is a chartered partner with the BSA and has a seat on the National BSA Community Relations Sub-committee. Scouting offers a time-tested set of activities that have produced fine citizens, many of them veterans, dedicated family members, and strong community leaders for more than 100 years.

AMVETS is proud to partner with the largest youth movement in the free world. Fifty-two of our posts serve as chartered partners of packs, troops and crews, where more than 1,400 young people benefit from this outstanding educational program-thanks to the efforts of some 496 volunteer leaders. *

Scouting partnerships have the potential to help AMVETS accomplish one of its major membership objectives of reaching out to members of the National Guard and Reserves. Currently, only 16 percent of our membership is between the ages of 18 and 54. Guard and Reserve members typically have younger families and are looking to affiliate not only with organizations they have a personal interest in, but also with those that are “family friendly.” Organizations that provide opportunities for “quality” time with their families is very important.

Chartering a Scout unit can create opportunities for your post members to set patriotic examples for young Scouts and become even more active in their post by serving as Scout leaders. Scouts, their parents, and their leaders may be a major source of volunteers to assist the post in accomplishing its community service projects.

Contact the National Programs Department if you or your post would like to learn more about organizing/chartering a BSA unit.

*Numbers as of 2016

Steps to Organize

Categories:

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The key steps are the same for each unit, it is dependent on the families you are supporting and ages of the children/young adults that they want to serve;

1. Visit and familiarize yourself with the information about the Boy Scouts of America that is contained on the AMVETS Web site (<http://www.amvets.org/boy-scouts-america/>).
2. Review the AMVETS/Boy Scouts post card: SERVING AMERICA TOGETHER (03-108) (<http://amvets.org/wp-content/themes/amvetshq/docs/boy-scouts-03.pdf>)
3. Visit the BSA National Web site. (WWW.Scouting.org)
4. Contact the National Programs Department and inform them of your decision to organize/charter a BSA unit and/or to discuss your ideas.
5. Contact your local BSA Scout Council and inform them of your location and your interest in chartering a BSA unit and for what age children and/or young adults. (PLEASE INFORM THE NATIONAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT OF YOUR DECISION TO CHARTER A SCOUT UNIT PRIOR TO CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL SCOUT COUNCIL.)
6. Your Post should make a formal decision to charter a BSA unit and have it included in your official minutes. Please understand you are agreeing to charter a BSA unit for a minimum of 12 months. The unit must be re-chartered each year, similar to your post re-validation process.
7. The Post Commander should appoint a BSA chartered organization representative. This must be a member of your post who is interested in seeing your post charter a BSA unit. They do not need to have been a Scout or adult Scouter. This individual will carry the project through and be the key liaison with your local Boy Scout Council.
8. The newly appointed chartered organization representative appoints an organizing committee of AMVETS members and/or parents of the new Scouts. They meet to discuss the next steps and complete the New-Unit application. You would normally have an adult Scouter volunteer and/or a BSA District Scout Executive from your local BSA district at this meeting.
9. The newly appointed organizing committee recruits and selects key unit leaders and

permanent committee members, assisted by the local BSA council representatives if necessary.

10. The newly recruited unit leaders and permanent committee members get BSA program planning assistance and receive training, beginning with Fast Start.
11. The committee plans program/unit meeting themes & purposes for at least the first six-months of unit meetings
12. Youth are identified/recruited and their parents are given an orientation and encouraged to become involved with their children. Scouting is a family program reinforcing the quality of life issues.
13. Complete the final paperwork, new youth and adult applications and submit to the BSA Council office. Each adult should have completed Youth Protection Training (YPT) prior to submitting the application as the YPT certificate needs to be turned in with the adult application.
14. Start unit meetings.
15. Install the unit at a formal gathering of your post membership and include the children and their parents.

**Before We Can Put Scouting's Values into Youth,
We Have to Put Youth into Scouting.**

Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates and Letter from National Commander

You may request certificates, signed by the national commander, to recognize Eagle Scouts for their significant achievement. Certificates come in a nice certificate holder and are suitable for framing.

Simply go to <http://www.amvets.org/boy-scouts-america/>, go to the bottom of the page to fill out the 'form' and hit "Submit" to submit your request to the National Programs Department.