



## **AMVETS and the BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA**

**SERVING AMERICA TOGETHER**

*Today's children are tomorrow's leaders.*

### **The Boy Scouts of America (BSA)**



The Boys Scouts of America (BSA) teaches life lessons centered on the four pillars of Scouting—character, fitness, citizenship, and leadership—to boys and girls ages 5 – 20 in five programs.

- Cub Scouts, for ages 5 – 10, includes boys and girls in separate dens for Kindergarten Lions, first grade Tigers, second grade Wolves, third grade Bears, and fourth and fifth grade Webelos
- The current Boy Scout program for boys only ages 11 – 17 continues until February 2019 when Scouts BSA begins with separate boy and girl troops for those ages
- Venturing, for ages 14 – 20, features all boy, all girl, or co-ed crews
- Sea Scouts, also for ages 14 – 20, provides programs for all boy, all girl, or co-ed ships
- Exploring is a career-based program for youth ages 10 – 20 in all boy, all girl, or co-ed posts

Scouting allows youth to try new things, provide service, build self-confidence, and reinforce ethical decision making. Scouting units are sponsored by chartered organizations that provide adequate meeting facilities, appoint a chartered organization representative, and select quality volunteer leadership. Nationally, 70% of the chartered organizations are from faith-based organizations, 22% are from civic and community organizations, and 8% are from educational organizations.

### **AMVETS Eagle Scout Recognition**

AMVETS National Eagle Scout certificates and congratulatory letter from the National Commander are available to all Scouts who achieve this honor. The Scout Leader may send a request directly to Programs Department on the website at <http://amvets.org/boy-scouts-america/>, or through your post or department. This is a great AMVETS public relations opportunity.

## **Benefits of Chartering a Unit**

**The Boy Scouts of America** is an educational resource. It charters community organizations such as AMVETS, to use the Scouting program in the attainment of their goals.

By making a commitment to operate a Scouting unit, you will help enrich the lives of the youth in your community.

Your post can fulfill its mission by providing a service to the community that offers a time-tested, high-quality youth program and strengthen your community outreach. Unit involvement allows post members to become active Scout leaders who provide patriotic examples for young people. The Scouts, parents and leaders can also become involved with AMVETS activities, working together to build strong communities.

## **AMVETS Post Organizing a Scouting Unit**

Familiarize yourself with the information about Boy Scouts by going to <http://amvets.org/boy-scouts-america/>.

Visit the BSA National website, [www.scouting.org/newunits](http://www.scouting.org/newunits).

Present information to the Post leadership; if there is interest, then a post representative is appointed.

Contact the National Programs Department to inform them of your decision to organize/charter a BSA unit or to discuss ideas.

Contact the BSA Scout Council in your area and inform them of your interest as well.

Request the BSA Tool Kit from Programs Department or go online to <http://amvets.org/boy-scouts-america/>.

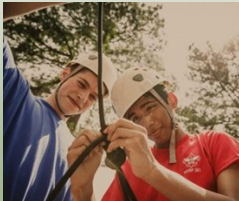
## **HOW TO GET STARTED**

<http://www.amvets.org/amvets-boy-scouts-america/>

or

Contact AMVETS Programs Department  
301-683-4031 or 301-683-4027

**Good Luck!**



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