



BE PREPARED TO BE A SCOUT



DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER OF A TROOP
SCOUTS BSA IS FOR BOYS & GIRLS (AGES 11-17)

Things to Consider When Selecting a Scouts BSA Troop

1. Will I feel comfortable in this troop?
2. Where, when, and how often does the troop meet?
3. What goes on in troop meetings?
4. How often does the troop go camping? Where? When?
5. What does the troop calendar look like?
What are the troop's core/signature events?
6. What does youth-led look like in this troop?
7. What sets you apart from other troops?
8. How does the troop's youth leadership support an inclusive and respectful environment? How diverse are the members of this troop, and how are scouts from all backgrounds welcomed and included?
9. How much does a year of scouting cost?
10. What service projects does the troop participate in?
11. How is rank advancement managed? At what pace do Scouts advance in this troop?
12. How many scouts are in the troop? How many scouts regularly participate in meetings and camping trips? (What size troop would I like?)
13. Are the troop leaders Scouting America trained?
14. What is the culture of the troop as it relates to parent participation? What opportunities are available for parents to register as a leader, volunteer or otherwise participate?
15. Would I have fun in this troop?