



FAMILY SCOUTING & SCOUTING BSA

FRONTIER DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE

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Agenda

- *Scouting BSA terminology, what to say and what not to say*
- *Family Scouting. Overview and the Hawk Mountain Council Experience.*
- *Scouting BSA. What it is and what it is not.*
- *How can units “Be prepared” to support BSA girl troops.*
- *Order of the Arrow update for Scouts BSA and beyond*
- *FAQ with Brian Beddow/Steve Gehris*

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Introduction

LIVE THE VALUES OF SCOUTING

The Boy Scouts of America applauds the work of all youth-serving organizations, including the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA), that serve our nation's youth and is committed to respecting the organization's right and programs.

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What to say...

Scouts

Separate troops can be called:

- Scouts BSA girl troops; Scouts BSA boy troops
- Troops for girls; troops for boys
- Girl troops; boy troops

For instance:

- In a recruitment setting, it is best to refer to Scouts BSA girl troops
- In a meeting setting, it is better to refer to troop for girls

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What not to say...

- “Girl” in front of “Scout”
- Girl Scouts BSA troop
- Girl Scouts

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Family Scouting

- **Introduced in June 2018 nationwide**
- **Open to boys and girls ages 5-10**
- **Dens are organized as single gender, all boy or girl**
- **Packs have option to be all boy, all girl or hybrid**
- **Chartered Organization has choice to adopt girl Den/Pack or maintain boy only Pack**

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Family Scouting

Cub Scouts Ages 5-10 (or grades K-5)

All-Boy Cub Scout Pack



Boys and Girls Cub Scout Pack



All-Girl Cub Scout Pack



 Cub Scout Pack  All-Boy Den  All-Girl Den

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Family Scouting

- **Same program for boys and girls**
- **Same advancements**
- **Same activities and events**
- **Can meet at same time, location**
- **Same uniform, except girl appropriate skorts, bows etc.**
- **Can combine girls to form a den if don't meet minimum (e.g. lions/tigers) with each working on age appropriate rank requirements**

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Family Scouting

- **Hawk Mountain Council currently has:**
 - 34 Packs with girl dens (14 units in Frontier)
 - 103 girl cub scouts (34 in Frontier)
 - 11 girl Arrow of Light Webelos (2 in Frontier - Pack 315)
- **Starting in February 2019, girls in Family Scouting can transition to Scouts BSA Girl Troops**
- ***Insert Brian Beddow or Steve Gehris on the plan***

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Family Scouting

- Plan for transitioning girl AOL's to Scouts BSA Girl troops
- Brian or Steve input

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Scouts BSA

- **The new name of the program serving youth 11-17 years old**
- **Name change effective February 2019**
- **Members in Scouts BSA will be called “Scouts”**
- **Handbooks and other information will be updated to include female members**

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Scouts BSA

- Troops will be organized into all boy or all girl Troops
- There will be no co-ed units like in Family Scouting
- Chartered Organizations will have the choice to also charter girl Troops
- They can form a girl Troop with separate committee or shared committee

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Scouts BSA

- **Same leader cannot be Scoutmaster of Scouts BSA Boy Troop and a Scouts BSA Girl Troop**
- **Girl Troops can share unit number with Boy Troop if same Chartered Organization like Pack/Troop/Crew**
- **Girl Troops and Boy Troops can share opening and closing, but should have separate advancement (i.e. troop) meetings**
- **Girl Troops and Boy Troops can participate in joint activities, outings, etc.**

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New Unit Leadership Requirement

- **Effective October 1, 2018 two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings**
 - Previous policy was one at least 21 years old and a second at least 18 years old.
 - Scouters 18-20 can be Assistant Scoutmasters
- **A registered female adult leader over 21 must be present for any activity involving female youth**

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Troop Leadership

- **Eligible volunteers need to be:**
 - 21 and over (18-20 years, but still requires two at least 21 years or older)
 - Registered as a volunteer with the BSA
 - Have gone through a background check
 - Be up to date on Youth Protection training

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Scouts BSA

- **All female scouts will follow the current BSA program**
- **All BSA programs are applicable to Scouts in Girl Troops**
- **Physical requirements are based on showing improvement**
- **They will need to fulfill the current requirements for merit badges and rank advancement, up to and including Eagle Scout**

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Temporary Eagle Scout Extension

- **BSA has determined that the minimum period of elapsed time to complete Eagle Rank is approximately 19-20 months**
- **Youth age 16 years or older, but not yet 18 on Feb. 1, 2019 who register in Scouts BSA on/before Dec. 31, 2019, may request extensions to complete Eagle Scout Award requirements after they turn 18 years of age**

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Temporary Eagle Scout Extension

- **Applies to all youth, both female and first-time joining boys**
- **Extensions must be received no later than 30 days after turning 18 years of age**
- **Extensions only may be approved by National Council**
- **Request must be received by January 7, 2020**

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Scouts BSA

- **BSA will not recognize the first female Eagle Scout to avoid potentially introducing incentives which are counter to Scouting's values**
- **BSA will officially recognize the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts in the fall of 2020**

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Camp Accommodations

- **Most camps have been serving young women, and some facilities likely exist**
- **Each council will evaluate and update**
- **Separate shower and latrine facilities should be provided**
- **If separate facilities aren't available, then separate times should be posted**

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Sleeping Accommodations

- **Separate sleeping accommodations for male and female**
- **Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age**
- **Adults and youth sleep separately**
 - In Cub Scouting, parents may share tent with their family

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Be Prepared!

- **Current troops can work with their Chartered Organization to establish Girl Troops**
- **Area Troops can reach out to Cub Packs with girl dens to judge numbers and interest in transitioning to Scouts BSA Girl Troops**
- **Establish leadership at the committee and unit leader level**
- **If new to Scouting, register leaders and complete required training and background checks**

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Recruiting for BSA Girl (and Boy) Troops

- Meet with girl (boy) den leaders and scouts
- Hold joint Pack/Troop activity
- Conduct open houses
- Post on social media
- Place yard signs (available from council)
- Speak at local youth and community events
- Talk to current boy scout families and siblings about the program
- Speak at church service of Chartered Organization

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Order of the Arrow

- **National Honor Society of Scouting established in 1915 at Treasure Island Scout Reservation outside Philadelphia**
- **Purpose is to recognize those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily life and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others**

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Order of the Arrow

What is changing

- Nights of camping can be with troop, crew or ship
- Scouts must earn First Class, Venturing Discovery Award or Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher
- Girls in Troops, Crews or Ships can be elected to the Order of the Arrow

New Membership Portal

<https://oa-bsa.org/about/membership>

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FAQ to be answered

- **Camp accommodations?**
- **Can a leader be a Scoutmaster of a Boy and a Girl Troop? What about ASM?**
- **Plan for forming Scouts BSA girl troops in HMC**
- **Lone Scouts**
- **Can patrols merge for Klondike/First Aid meet if not enough female scouts to form a patrol**
- **Projection for growth**
- **GSUSA relationship**

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Same Program, Same Trail to Eagle



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Resources

- www.scouting.org/familyscouting
- <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/FAQ-Family-Program-061218-FINAL.pdf>
- [BSA Brand Center](#) - Information on both programs along with website banners, posters and fliers
- <https://oa-bsa.org/about/membership>

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