



CHARITY WATCHLIST

Scouting America



NOTEWORTHY

- On February 2025, Boy Scouts of America officially [changed its name](#) to Scouting America due to its allowance of girls into the organization in 2020.
- Scouting America membership has declined significantly over the years, and dropped from [1,147,382 members in 2021](#) to [1,010,158 in 2023](#) (archive) nationwide. With the push of LGBTQ+ lifestyles, sexual assault cases from leaders and scouts over the decades, and the admittance of girls to the Boy Scouts in 2019, memberships continue to decline.



LGBTQ+

- In May 2013, the Boy Scouts' National Board [voted to admit openly homosexual scouts](#) into the Boy Scouts beginning January 2014.
- In [July 2015](#), Boy Scouts of America [lifts ban on homosexual adult leaders](#):
This resolution allows chartered organizations to select adult volunteer leaders without regard to sexual orientation (page 7).
- In November 2021, [BSA introduces "New Citizenship in Society" merit badge](#) (archive), a DEI requirement for any youth seeking to achieve the prestigious Eagle Scout rank. CEO of BSA, Roger Mosby:
This merit badge aligns with both the Scout Oath and Scout Law, which encourage Scouts to respect the beliefs of others, to be kind and courteous, and to help other people at all times.
It is a prerequisite to becoming an Eagle Scout:
Beginning July 1, 2022, the Citizenship in Society merit badge will be required for any youth seeking to achieve the prestigious Eagle Scout rank.
- Scouting America includes the LGBTQ+ Leaders and Scouts' group, "BSA View." Its [mission](#) (archive) is to:
Promote an inclusive community for BSA's LGBTQ+ employees and their allies. The group will strive to support diversity across the organization.
- Listed within the resource section of the [Family Life merit badge handbook](#) is *Journey to Same-Sex Parenthood: Firsthand Advice Tips and Stories from Lesbian and Gay Couples*. The handbook's recommended organizations includes the National Council on Family Relations, a pro-LGBTQ group.
- On [June 25, 2023](#) (archived), the Boy Scouts of America, along with the Girl Scouts of America, [led the "PRIDE" parade in downtown Seattle, Washington](#) (video).

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(aka Boy Scouts of America)

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Mission

To prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetime by instilling values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Focus

youth mentoring, scouting programs, community service for youth

Charity Watchlist Rating: RED
unworthy of support