

selves, the council was renamed after "Uncle Louie" Fuertes after his death in an automobile accident. The rest of Tompkins County was absorbed into the council in 1928, and Tioga County followed in 1933.



*S.S.S. Spear*

The LAF Council was a pioneer in many of the BSA's programs, including taking part in the experimental new Cub Program in 1930. One of the first troops for the handicapped was founded in 1920 at the Reconstruction Home in Ithaca (now a retirement home, it was then for victims of Polio). With the resources of Cayuga Lake, it is not surprising that Sea Scouting was also an early program of the LAF council, and the "SSS Spear", Ithaca's Ship 25, had a long and active history of cruises in the several boats they'd owned - the original Sea Scout base is now "Oldport Harbour" restaurant.

The LAF Council had a long history of successful inter-troop activities, hosting a series of "Central New York Jamborees" at Cornell's Alumni Fields during the 20's and 30's, Scout Shows at Barton Hall through the 1980's, and, from the 1960's, camporees at the Council's camporee site "Chestnut Ridge" in Slaterville or "Camp Woodland" in Ulysses.

### **Susquenango Council**

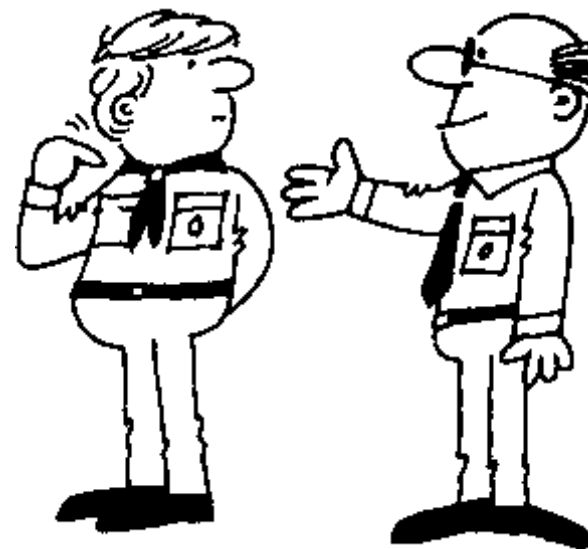
At the invitation of Rev. Alvin C. Sawtell and the Scoutmasters of the Binghamton troops, February 18, 1918, Daniel Carter Beard, the National Scout Commissioner, inaugurated the organizational meeting of the "Binghamton Local Council." Elmer A. Barrett accepted the position of Scout Executive on April 2, 1918. The region served by the Council was the City of Binghamton. In April 1920, at the insistence of the National Council, the name was changed to "Susquenango Council." In 1921, Endicott and Johnson City, Vestal, Maine, and other outlying areas separated to form the "Fair Play Council," but rejoined in 1933.

Chenango County was invited to join the Council in September 1924. A campsite on Cincinnatus Lake was purchased in January 1925 and named Camp Spalding. Sea Scouting and the Cub Scout programs were organized in 1931. In 1953 Camp Summit (now Tuscarora) became the Council camp. In 1955 the service center was built on Jensen Road in Vestal.



## **"How to Speak Scouting" A Scouting Dictionary**

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*A guide to "Scout Speak" and proper usage of Scouting terms.  
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*Taughannock District, Baden-Powell Council  
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# A Scouting Dictionary

Where a term or definition is specific to one program, the name of the program - "Cub", "Scout" or "Venturing" - will be noted in italics next to the term.

## A

**achievement** *Cub* The name given to a major requirement in Cub Scouting. There are achievements for the Tiger Cub, Wolf, and Bear ranks.

**activity badge** *Cub* One of 20 specialized recognitions earned by Webelos Scouts.

**activity badge counselor** *Cub* An adult, noncommissioned volunteer who counsels a Webelos Scout on one or more of the activity badges.

**activity chair** *Venturing* A Venturer appointed by the crew Advisor and president to chair a crew activity or project.

**adult partner** *Cub* The adult member of a Tiger Cub team.

**advancement** The process by which a member meets certain requirements and earns recognition.

**adviser** Use this spelling when describing a counselor other than a Venturing Advisor. Example: "Order of the Arrow lodge adviser."

**Advisor** *Venturing* The top adult leader of a Venturing crew who is responsible for program, coordination, and the training of the elected youth officers of the crew or ship. The Advisor or Skipper is appointed by the crew or ship committee, approved by the chartered organization, and commissioned, upon approval of the registration, by the Boy Scouts of America. Advisors must be 21 years of age, be citizens or legal residents of the United States, accept the BSA Declaration of Religious Principle (see "Religious Principle, Declaration of"), and be of high moral character. All adult positions in Venturing are open to men and women.

**Aids to Scouting**—book published by Baden-Powell as a guide to military scouts (spies). Adopted informally by boys after the Siege of Mafeking, it formed the basis of the Boy Scout movement.

**Akela** (Pronounced Ah-KAY-la.) *Cub* A title of respect used in Cub Scouting—any good leader is Akela. Akela is also the leader and guide for Cub Scouts on the Wolf trail. The name comes from Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book. See "Law of the Pack."

**Alpha Phi Omega** A coeducational service fraternity organized in many of the colleges and universities of



The B-P Council operated Camp Barton throughout its lifetime, but Camp Purchas, inherited from the Tioughnioga Council, was closed as an active summer camp on the formation of the Council. It continued to be used as a training center and camporee site until 1994, when it was sold. During its twenty-five year existence, the Baden-Powell Council built a well-deserved reputation for strong program and active units.

## Tioughnioga Council

Scouting in Cortland County can be dated to 1911, when the first troop in Cortland was founded. From 1927 to 1938, Cortland County scouting was part of the Onondaga-Cortland Council, headquartered in Syracuse. When the Cortland units were absorbed into the Syracuse council, they were renumbered to be consistent with that council's numbering scheme - which is the reason most of the troops in the area today have "80" and "90" series numbers.

Feeling that Cortland County's Scouts were not well served by the larger council, in late 1938 Judge Ames, Dr. Wattenburg and Fred Purchas organized the new Tioughnioga Council, and seceded from the northern council, despite discouragement from National Headquarters. They chose a local man, Bernard Rodenheizer, to be the first Council Executive, and he opened the new council's office in Cortland in 1939. Although it remained small - only once did the Tioughnioga Council have a second professional on the staff (Richard "Smokey" Stover was the Council's only District Executive in the late 1960's), over the next thirty-five years, the council oversaw a high-quality program for the Scouts of Cortland County.

The Tioughnioga Council owned and operated several camps over its lifetime, starting with Camp Cobako (named after the COrtland BAKing COMpany which donated the land), quickly renamed "Camp Tioughnioga" (or "Camp Ti", for short). Many of the troops from Cortland built Scout Huts at Camp Ti and summer camp was held there for many years, but as the concept of Scout Camp evolved, and health codes became more strict, it became obvious that a larger facility was needed. Camp Purchas in Lincklaen was the answer, and the camp served the Scouts of the Tioughnioga Council from the 1950's through 1974, when the Tioughnioga Council merged with the LAF Council to form the original Baden-Powell Council.

## Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council

The Ithaca Council attained "first-class Council" status with the hiring of Sam Bogan as its first Council Executive in 1922. Camp Barton was opened in the following year, and the new council grew rapidly in the following years. At the request of the Scouts them-



Sam Bogan

TAY - total available youth  
 TDC – Trainer Development Conference (“Train the Trainer”)  
 TLC – *obsolete* Troop Leaders Council (now PLC)  
 TLD– *obsolete* Troop Leader Development (youth leader training – now NYLT)  
 WDL - Webelos den leader  
 WOSM - World Organization of the Scout Movement  
 WSB - World Scout Bureau  
 YPT – Youth Protection Training



## History of the Baden-Powell Council

The Baden-Powell Council was formed on January 1, 1998, by the merger of the original Baden-Powell Council and the Susquehanna Council, retaining the Council Executive and Service Center in Vestal, NY, from the Susquehanna Council. The council initially had five geographical districts- Chenango (Chenango Co.), Delahanna (Susquehanna Co., PA), L.A.Fuertes (Tioga Co. and most of Tompkins Co.), Mohawk (Broome Co.) and Tioughnioga (Cortland Co. plus Dryden, Lansing and Groton), plus one programmatic district, Frontier (Exploring, Venturing and Learning for Life, primarily in Broome County). This was soon reduced to four-plus-one, with the Tompkins County part of the L.A. Fuertes District and the Tioughnioga District merged into the present Taughannock District, and the Tioga County part of L.A.F. joining Mohawk in the present Hiawatha District. The boundaries of Chenango, Hiawatha and Delahanna districts have since been adjusted, so that Chenango and Delahanna picked up parts of Broome County.

After the merger, the Susquehanna Council Executive Brad Farmer continued on as CE of the merged council. He was replaced by Mark Tyson, and the present Council Executive is Stephen Hoitt.

The Council operates two Scout Camps – Camp Barton on Cayuga Lake and Camp Tuscarora in Deposit, New York.

### Original Baden-Powell Council

The original Baden-Powell Council, with its headquarters in Dryden, was formed in 1975 by the merger of the Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council (Tompkins and Tioga Counties) and the Tioughnioga Council (Cortland County). The first Council Executive was John ("Jack") Bennison, who remained in that position for more than 10 years. The council originally had four districts - Fuertes-Frontenac, Tioga, Tiohero and Tioughnioga - but the Tiohero District was almost immediately merged into Tioughnioga. In 1997, Tioga and Fuertes-Frontenac Districts were merged into a new Louis Agassiz Fuertes District.



America. It was founded on the principles of the BSA and Scout Oath and Law.

**Anniversary Week** See "Scouting Anniversary Week."



**area** An administrative section of a BSA region containing a number of councils. Regions have from five to eight areas.

**Arrow of Light Cub Award** The highest rank in Cub Scouting and the only Cub Scout badge that may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

**Arrow Point Cub** An award for earning 10 elective credits as a Wolf or Bear Cub Scout: The first 10 electives earned in either rank are represented by a Gold Arrow Point; subsequent groups of 10 earn Silver Arrow Points.

**Arrowhead Honor** A recognition given to commissioners who have completed specific training projects.

**Arrowman Scout** A youth or adult member of the Order of the Arrow. Plural is Arrowmen.

**assistant Cubmaster Cub** A volunteer Scouter, 18 or older, appointed by the chartered organization to help the Cubmaster.

**assistant den leader Cub** A volunteer Scouter, 18 or older, appointed by the chartered organization to help the Cub Scout den leader.

**assistant denner Cub** A Cub Scout or Webelos Scout elected by his peers to help the denner.

**assistant patrol leader Scout** A Boy Scout who is appointed by the patrol leader to help him and to take his place in his absence.

**assistant Scoutmaster** (abbrev ASM) *Scout* A volunteer Scouter, 18 or older, appointed by the chartered organization to help the Scoutmaster by working with a new-Scout patrol, Varsity Scout team, or Venture patrol.

**assistant senior patrol leader** (abbrev ASPL) *Scout* A troop youth leader, usually in larger troops, who helps the senior patrol leader. Appointed by the senior patrol leader with the Scoutmaster's advice and consent.

**assistant Webelos den leader Cub** A leader in a pack, at least 18 years of age, who is appointed by the chartered organization to help the Webelos den leader.

**associate Advisor, Venturing** Each Venturing crew or Sea Scout ship should have one or more adults, 21 years of age or older, who perform such duties as may be assigned by the Advisor. Associate Advisors often are assigned administrative and program functions.

**awards of merit** See "District Award of Merit" and "National President's Scoutmaster Award of Merit."

## B

**Baden-Powell, Robert Stephenson Smyth** (1857-1941) Founder of the worldwide Scouting movement. British Army General, made a baron in 1929. He is referred to as *Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, Chief Scout of the World*. Abbreviate to B-P (without periods).



**Baden-Powell World Fellowship** This program of the World Scout Foundation recognizes individuals for their financial support of world Scouting. See "World Scout Foundation."

**badge** Usually lowercase when referred to badges that Scouts can earn: "Webelos activity badge," "Wolf badge," "Boy Scout badge," "merit badge"; however, "Wood Badge."

**Baloo** (Pronounced Bah-LOO.) *Cub* The friendly bear in Kipling's *Jungle Book* taught Mowgli the ways of the jungle. Parents and adult guides act as Baloo for Cub Scouts on the Bear trail in the same way they took the part of Akela for Cub Scouts on the Wolf trail.

**Be Prepared** The Scout motto. The initials of the motto are the initials of Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting.

**Bear** *Cub* The rank designed for a Cub Scout in the third grade (or 9 years old).

**Beard, Daniel Carter** (1850-1941) Founder of the *Sons of Daniel Boone*, a predecessor to the BSA. When the BSA was formed in 1910, he merged the *Sons* into the new organization and became the first National Commissioner of the BSA.



**big idea** *Cub-Obsolete* Formerly: Tiger Cub activities were grouped into themes, called "big ideas," in the Tiger Cubs BSA Family Activity Book. Capitalize when referring to a specific big idea: "Big Idea 17."

**Blair Atholl International Patrol Jamborette** *Scout/Venturing* An international encampment held on the grounds of Blair Castle in Blair Atholl, Scotland. The jamborette has been held every even-numbered year since 1946. Each international patrol is merged with a Scottish patrol for the ten days of the jamborette, then the Scouts go home with their Scottish counterparts for home visitation. The B-P Council has sent contingents to Blair Atholl since 1988.

For more information see <http://www.bpmlegal.com/scotland/>

CE – Council Executive

CM – Cubmaster

COPE - Project COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience)

COR - chartered organization representative

DC – District Commissioner

DCAD - distinguished citizen award dinner

DE - district executive

DL - den leader

FOS - Friends of Scouting

IR – *obsolete* Institutional Representative (now COR)

JASM - junior assistant Scoutmaster

JLT – *obsolete* Junior Leader Training (now NYLT)

JOTA - Jamboree-on-the-Air

KISMIF - Keep It Simple, Make It Fun

LNT - Leave No Trace

NCS - National Camping School

NESA - National Eagle Scout Association

NJLIC - National Junior Leader Instructor Camp

NLTC - National Leadership Training Conference

NLE- New Leader Essentials (generic leader training)

NOAC - National Order of the Arrow Conference

NYILT - National Youth Instructor Leadership Training

NYLT - National Youth Leadership Training

OA - Order of the Arrow

P.R.A.Y. - Programs of Religious Activities With Youth

PD - program director

PL - patrol leader

PLC - patrol leaders' council

SDE - senior district executive

SE - Scout executive

SLD – *obsolete* Scout Leader Development (old Scoutmaster training program)

SM - Scoutmaster

SME - *obsolete* Sustaining Membership Enrollment (now FOS)

SPL - senior patrol leader

**World Scout Foundation** Contributions to this foundation are invested permanently to produce regular income for the benefit of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. See "Baden-Powell World Fellowship."

**World Scouting News** This monthly bulletin, published by the World Organization of the Scout Movement, contains Scouting news items from around the world.

## XYZ

**Young American Awards** These local council awards may be given annually to young adults between the ages of 15 and 25 who have achieved excellence in the fields of science, religion, service, government, business, athletics, art, music, or literature. Recipients need not be members of the Boy Scouts of America.

**youth leader training** See "National Youth Leader Instructor Camp" and "National Youth Leadership Training."

**Youth Protection program** This BSA emphasis fights child abuse by teaching youth the "three R's": Recognize, Resist, and Report child abuse; by helping parents and Scouters learn to recognize indications of child abuse; and by teaching them how to handle child abuse situations. The required Youth Protection Training for leaders is often called "YPT"

**youth-serving executive** A Scouting professional who serves the council at the unit level. Note the use of the hyphen.

## Abbreviations and Acronyms

Abbreviations serve the purpose of brevity; they are not always conducive to clarity. The Scouting abbreviations and acronyms listed here can aid communication when you know that your audience will quickly recognize them. Abbreviations may hinder communication with those new to or unfamiliar with the Scouting movement, so use abbreviations carefully and sparingly and avoid "alphabet soup." From <http://www.scouting.org/Media/LOS/abbreviations.aspx>

ACM - assistant Cubmaster  
ADC—assistant district commissioner  
ADL - assistant den leader  
APL - assistant patrol leader  
APO - Alpha Phi Omega  
ASM - assistant Scoutmaster  
ASPL - assistant senior patrol leader  
B-P - Baden-Powell  
BSA - Boy Scouts of America



**blue and gold banquet** *Cub* A birthday dinner for Scouting held by Cub Scout packs in February to celebrate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 and of Cub Scouting in 1930. May be called "blue and gold dinner." Capitalize only when part of a full title: "Pack 214 Blue and Gold Banquet."

**board of review** *Scout* A review held to determine if a Boy Scout has satisfactorily completed rank requirements. A review may be held also to encourage Boy Scouts who are not advancing. For the first five ranks, the board of review is conducted by the troop committee. For the Eagle Scout rank, the council decides whether the unit committee or the district or council committee responsible for advancement conducts the board of review. At least one district or council advancement representative shall be a member of the unit board of review.

**Boardsailing** *BSA* This award was developed to introduce Scouts to basic boardsailing skills, equipment, and safety precautions; to encourage the development of skills that promote fitness and safe aquatic recreation; and to lay a skill and knowledge foundation for those who will later participate in more advanced and demanding activities on the water.

**Bobcat** *Cub* The first rank earned by every boy in Cub Scouting.

**booth show** Booth displays by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers are put on simultaneously while the audience walks around to observe them. This indoor or outdoor event may include stage shows for individual unit demonstrations. See also "arena show."

**Boyce, William Dickson** (1858-1929) American newspaperman and incorporator of the BSA. After an "unknown Scout" helped him in London in 1909, refusing a tip, he acquired a copy of *Scouting for Boys* and decided to import Scouting into the USA. He incorporated the BSA on February 8, 1910. Later on, he also founded the *Lone Scouts of America*— the LSA eventually merged into the BSA.



**boy-fact survey** A survey used to find who potential youth members are and where they live.

**Boy Scout** *Scout* A registered youth member of a Boy Scout troop or one registered as a Lone Boy Scout. On second reference or in informal usage, "Scout" is synonymous with "Boy Scout." The Boy Scout badge signifies fulfillment of the joining requirements; it does not represent a rank. See "Boy Scouting."

**Boy Scout Leader's Training Award** *Scout* A training recognition for adults in Boy Scouting. See "Scoutmaster's Key."

**Boy Scouting** *Scout* That part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America for boys and young men not yet 18 years old, and who are at least 11, or have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, or who have earned the Ar-

row of Light Award in Cub Scouting and are at least 10 years old. Boy Scouts advance through Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life ranks to Eagle Scout. The emphasis is on outdoor activity, learning skills, developing leadership ability, and service. The unit is a Boy Scout troop. See "Scouting program."

**Boy Scouts of America** The legal name of the organization is singular. Example: "In 2010 the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its 100th anniversary." The abbreviation is BSA (without periods) and is used with the article ("the BSA") when used as a noun. See "National Council" and "national office."

**Boys' Life** The magazine for all boys published by the Boy Scouts of America. The title should be typeset in italics and underlined when typed. Note the placement of the apostrophe (not Boy's).

**Bronze Award** *Venturing* Five Bronze awards are available to Venturers. Each Bronze Award relates to one of the five Venturing special-interest clusters: sports, arts and hobbies, youth ministries, outdoors, and Sea Scouting. Venturers may earn all five awards. Achievement of at least one Bronze Award is a requirement for the Gold Award.

**Bronze Palm** *Scout* See "Eagle Palms."

**Bronze Wolf Award** The only award of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, this is presented by the World Scout Committee for outstanding service to Scouting.

**Brotherhood membership** *Scout* The second and final induction phase of membership in the Order of the Arrow.

**BSA Aquatics Instructor** A five-year training designation awarded to an adult who satisfactorily completes the Aquatics section at a BSA National Camping School.

**BSA Family Award** *Cub* The BSA Family Award is earned by a Cub Scout and his family when they complete five of eight requirements that are outlined in the BSA Family Book.

**BSA family camping** An outdoor camping experience, other than resident camping, that involves elements of Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, or Venturing in overnight settings with two or more family members, including at least one BSA member of the family.

**BSA Family program** *Cub* The BSA Family program, as outlined in the BSA Family Book, helps strengthen families of Cub Scouts and encourages family involvement in Scouting.

**BSA Lifeguard** A three-year training designation awarded to Boy Scouts, Ven-

**Wood Badge** Training award granted upon completion of the Wood Badge for the 21st Century course. A leather thong with two wooden beads, a special neckerchief, and a slide (woggle) are worn by those who have completed the training. See also "Gilwell Park."

**Woods Services Award** A national recognition for exceptional service and leadership to Scouts with disabilities.

**woods tools** Those tools, including knife, ax, and saw, used by Boy Scouts and Scouters carrying out outdoor skills and related advancement requirements.

**World Brotherhood Exchange** Through this International Division program, a troop may offer home hospitality to a patrol of Scouts from another country, and have the patrol join the troop in activities and camping.

**World Conservation Award** An award emphasizing the importance of our natural resources and our interdependence with other countries in our world environment. Two awards are offered—one for Cub Scouts and one for Boy Scouts.

**World Crest** This emblem may be worn by all members as an expression of world brotherhood.

**World Friendship Fund** The means by which Scouts and Scouters in the United States of America may provide material help to Scouts and Scouting around the world. See "Baden-Powell World Fellowship."

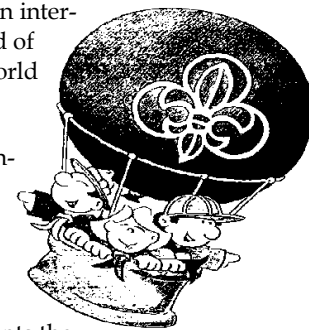
**world jamboree** See "jamboree."

**World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)** An international, nongovernmental organization that is composed of three principle parts: the World Scout Conference, the World Scout Committee, and the World Scout Bureau.

**World Scout Bureau** The secretariat that carries out the instructions of the World Scout Conference and the World Scout Committee. The head office is in Geneva, Switzerland, and regional offices are in Chile, Egypt, Kenya, the Philippines, Switzerland, and Ukraine.

**World Scout Committee** The executive body that represents the World Scout Conference between meetings. There are 12 committee members from 12 countries; they are elected for terms of six years. The members represent the interests of Scouting as a whole and not their own countries.

**World Scout Conference** Meeting every three years, this is the general assembly of Scouting that is composed of delegates from each of the member Scout organizations. If there is more than one Scout association in a country, a federation must be formed for world membership.



**Webelos Woods Cub** An activity designed to introduce Webelos Scouts, each with an adult family member, to the outdoor adventures of Boy Scouting.

**West, James E.** (1876-1948) First professional Chief Executive of the BSA, serving in that position from 1911-1943. Upon his retirement, he was given the title "Chief Scout".



**Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award** Presented to volunteer Scouters or organizations who have made an outstanding contribution through Scouting to rural or low-income urban youth.

**whole Scouting family** When an organization is chartered to operate a Cub Scout pack, a Boy Scout troop, a Varsity Scout team, and a Venturing crew, it is said to have the whole Scouting family. Also called "full family of Scouting." Somewhat equivalent to the term "Scout Group", used in other countries.

**Wilderness Commitment** Those who make the Wilderness Commitment follow the Outdoor Code and the Wilderness Pledge.

**Wilderness Pledge** "Through good camping and hiking practices, I pledge myself to preserve the beauty and splendor of America's wilderness, primitive and backcountry areas I commit myself to: Set a personal example in following the Outdoor Code. Train those I lead in the skills and attitudes needed to protect and preserve wilderness for future generations. Assure that parties of which I am part observe the hiking and camping standards that will "leave no trace" of our passing."

**Wilderness Use Policy** An official policy that outlines the size limit, skill level, and conduct of any Scouting group going into backcountry or wilderness areas. The objective is to minimize the effect such groups have on those delicate areas. See "Leave No Trace."

**William T. Hornaday Award** The William T. Hornaday Award is presented for distinguished service in conservation. The award is given in one of six forms: The local council may give the William T. Hornaday certificate for a unique conservation project by a pack, troop, team, or crew. The council may also award the William T. Hornaday badge to individual Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers for outstanding service in conservation. All other Hornaday Awards are conferred by the National Council; Scouts and Venturers may apply for the bronze and silver medals, and local councils may nominate Scouters for the gold medal and individuals and organizations for the gold certificate.

**woggle** - leather neckerchief slide See "Wood Badge."

**Wolf Cub** The rank designed for a second-grade or 8-year-old Cub Scout. Combinations: "Wolf achievements," "Wolf Cub Scout," "Wolf electives," "Wolf rank."

urers, and adults who meet prescribed requirements in aquatics skills, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, first aid, and emergency action. See "BSA Aquatics Instructor."

**BSA Lifeguard Counselor** The certification for adults who train BSA Aquatics Instructors.

**BSA local council** Not "BSA council" or "local BSA council."

**buddy system** One part of the Safe Swim Defense plan. Swimmers of like ability are paired, check in and out of the water together, and stay within 10 feet of each other during the swim. The buddy system is also used in other aquatics, hiking, and camping activities for safety reasons and in working with a merit badge counselor.



**budget plan** A method used by a unit to develop thrift habits. A yearly budget is established and weekly dues are agreed upon.

**bugler Scout** An appointed youth position in a Sea Scout ship or a Boy Scout troop.

## C

**calling-out ceremony Scout** The ceremony that begins the membership induction process for a newly elected Order of the Arrow candidate. Can use "callout" on subsequent references. (formerly "tap-out")

**camp director** The Scouter in charge of the administration of a Boy Scout resident camp or a Cub Scout day camp or resident camp.

**camp ranger** A ranger's responsibilities may include keeping camp facilities functioning properly, performing camp improvements and maintenance, issuing supplies and equipment related to maintenance, directing the maintenance staff, and managing the off-season program.

**camping director** A professional Scouter who is responsible for development of the year-round camping program of the local council. This person supervises the long-term camping program and may or may not serve as the resident camp director.

**campmaster** A volunteer Scouter trained to assist in short-term camping. Many councils organize a campmaster corps as a resource for their units. Also see "wagonmaster."

**camporall Scout** A weekend council activity in which all districts of a council participate in a coordinated camporee-type program.

**camporama** An activity that combines the essential elements of a camporee or camporall and a booth Scouting show.

**camporee** *Scout* Derived from two words: camp and jamboree. A camporee is a district or council troop activity that demonstrates the techniques of living in camp. Involves a one- or two-night camping experience and may include outdoor skills competition.

**campout** A camping activity with at least one overnight stay. One word.

**campsite** A unit's outdoor home for an overnight, resident, or long-term camp or for den activities at Cub Scout day camp. One word.

**Campways** A nationwide system of stopover camps for traveling Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews using official BSA tour permits.

**captain** *Varsity* The elected youth leader of a Varsity Scout team.

**Centennial Quality awards** Quality awards available from 2007 to 2010 in celebration of the BSA centennial. See "Quality awards."

**certificate of merit** See "Local Council Certificate of Merit" and "National Certificate of Merit."

**chairman, chairwoman** Do not use "chairperson" unless it is an organization's formal title for an office. However, if possible, do not presume maleness with the use of "chairman." Some alternatives: chair, moderator, committee head, coordinator, speaker.

**chaplain** (1) A spiritual leader for units appointed by the church, synagogue, or community organization chartered to use the Scouting program. (2) One who gives spiritual leadership to a camp or jamboree community; conducts religious services according to his or her faith and arranges for other religious observance as needed; provides help in dealing with morale; and visits those who are ill and provides counseling in case of bereavement.

**chaplain aide** *Scout* A youth leader who works with the troop chaplain to ensure all members have appropriate religious observance during outings and helps other Scouts in the religious emblems program. Appointed by the senior patrol leader with the Scoutmaster's advice and consent.



**chapter** *Scout* An optional geographic administrative unit of an Order of the Arrow lodge corresponding to a district or multiple districts.

**Character Connections®** *Cub* This method of emphasizing character development through the 12 Core Values is woven throughout the Cub Scouting pro-

**volunteer service** The work of men and women throughout the country who make Scouting available to youth by their service at all levels of the Scouting organization — all done without pay. The voting members of the council are volunteer Scouters.

## W

**wagonmaster** *Cub* A campmaster for Cub Scout family camping programs. See also "campmaster."

**Webelos badge** *Cub* The fifth rank in Cub Scouting; earned by Webelos Scouts in a Webelos den.

**Webelos den** *Cub* A group of Webelos Scouts who meet weekly under the supervision of a Webelos den leader.

**Webelos den chief** *Cub/Scout* A Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer who has been appointed to help direct the activities of a Webelos den.

**Webelos den leader** *Cub* A registered volunteer member, age 21 or older, appointed by the pack committee to plan and direct the den's activities.

**Webelos Den Leader Award** *Cub* An award available to Webelos den leaders for completing requirements of tenure, training, and performance.

**Webelos denner** *Cub* A Webelos Scout who is elected by other members of his den to help the Webelos den chief.

**Webelos Leader Outdoor Training** A supplemental training experience conducted by the district or council to provide Webelos leaders with the skills needed to conduct den parent-son overnight camping.

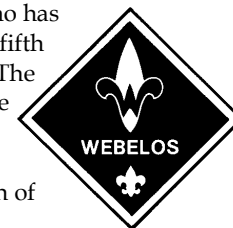
**Webelos resource person** *Scout* The assistant Scoutmaster who serves as liaison between the troop and the Webelos den.

**Webelos Scout** *Cub* (Pronounced WEE-buh-los.) A Cub Scout who has completed the third grade or is age 10 but has not yet completed fifth grade or reached age 11 1/2, and is a member of a Webelos den. The word "Webelos" (means WE'll BE LOYal Scouts) should always be used as a modifier, never as a noun.

*Obsolete:* "Webelos" was initially an equivalent award to today's Arrow of Light, and the word originally stood for the progression of Cub ranks to Scout: "Wolf Bear Lion Scout".

**Webelos Scout overnighter** *Cub* A one- or two-night campout by Webelos Scouts and their adult partners.

**Webelos-to-Scout transition plan** The preparation and graduation of a Webelos Scout from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting.





**Venturer** *Venturing* A registered youth member of a Venturing crew. The word "Venturer" should be used only as a noun referring to a youth member. Use "Venturing" when a modifier is needed. Venturing is different from the Boy Scout Venture program. See "Venture."

**Venturing** The young adult program of the Boy Scouts of America for men and women 14 (who have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age. "Venturing" is both a noun and a modifier. Venturing is different from the Boy Scout Venture program. See "Venture."



**Venturing activity interest survey** *Venturing* An annual survey of the career and leisure interests of high school students conducted by the local council. Survey results may be available to help crews recruit new members.

**Venturing Code** *Venturing* "I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, strength, and traditions of our people. I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life. I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it. I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life. I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world."

**Venturing crew** *Venturing* Youth members and adult leaders who conduct the Venturing program within an organization chartered by the BSA. This is different from a Venture patrol. See "Venture patrol."

**Venturing Oath** *Venturing* "As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and help strengthen America, to help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world."

**veteran** A recognition status accorded to members of Scouting who have served five years or more. Combinations: "10-year veteran," "15-year veteran," "20-year veteran." Units also achieve veteran status and may display veteran insignia on their flags and uniforms.

**vice chairman** A National Council, local council, district, or unit committee title.

**vice president** (1) An adult volunteer elected position in the National Council or a local council. (2) An elected youth position in a Venturing crew.

**Vigil Honor** *Scout* The highest honor the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members, for service to the lodge, council, and Scouting.

**volunteer** Individual who donates service, time, or funds to support the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

gram and is not a separate "program." It challenges Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts to consider (1) knowledge (What do I know or think about the Core Value, the experience, etc.); (2) commitment (How do I feel about this value?); and (3) practice (What can I do to demonstrate this value at school, at home, with my friends?).

**Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base** This year-round headquarters facility in Ely, Minnesota, offers cold-weather camping and access to dozens of wilderness routes in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota and the Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada.

**charter** In the BSA, charters authorize (1) an organization to operate BSA Scouting units (see "chartered organization"); (2) a local council to incorporate as a BSA local council; (3) operation of an Order of the Arrow lodge; or (4) the Boy Scouts of America to incorporate.

**charter presentation** A formal ceremony at which the charter, Scouter commissions, and membership certificates are presented to organization authorities and members of the unit.

**charter renewal** An annual meeting attended by the chartered organization representative, head of the chartered organization, troop leaders, and unit commissioner for the purpose of completing the charter application and making plans for the charter presentation.

**charter review** See "membership inventory."

**chartered organization** A religious, civic, fraternal, educational, or other community-based organization that has applied for and received a charter to operate a BSA Scouting unit. Do not use the term "chartered partner" or the term "sponsoring unit."

**chartered organization representative** A manager of Scouting in a chartered organization who also represents this organization in the local council and district. Formerly "Scouting coordinator" or "institutional representative" (IR)

**cheermaster** *Scout* This Scout is in charge of leading patrol songs, yells, stunts, and campfire programs. He is appointed by the patrol leader.

**chief** *Scout* The key elected youth leader in the Order of the Arrow who may be a chapter chief, lodge chief, section chief, regional chief, or national chief.

**Chief Scout** The United Kingdom's version of Chief Scout Executive.

**Chief Scout Executive** The top-ranking professional Scouter of the Boy Scouts of America. This is the only professional title that is routinely capitalized.

**Class A uniform**—full, formal Scout uniform. This is a military term, and while

it's commonly used, is considered improper in Scouting usage.

**Class B uniform** – “activity” uniform – usually, a Scouting t-shirt and Scout shorts. As with “class A”, this is military terminology and considered improper.

**Climb On Safely** The BSA's recommended procedure for conducting unit climbing/rappelling activities. Note the uppercase "On."

**cluster** *Venturing* A grouping of Venturing crews by program interest. The five national Venturing clusters are arts and hobbies, outdoors, sports, youth ministries, and Sea Scouting.

**College Scouter Reserve** A registration status for young people 18 and older who are in college, have been actively registered in Scouting, and commit themselves to an informed interest and active participation in the program whenever possible.

**commissioned personnel** The commissioned personnel of a council includes all professional Scouters and all commissioners.

**commissioner** A commissioned Scouter who works with packs, troops, teams, and Venturing crews to help the units succeed. In addition to the council commissioner, there are district commissioners, assistant district commissioners, roundtable commissioners, huddle commissioners, and unit commissioners.

**compass points emblem** *Cub* Awarded to Webelos Scouts when they have earned four activity badges in addition to those needed for the Webelos badge. A metal compass point may be pinned to the emblem for each four activity badges earned subsequently until three compass points have been earned.

**conclave** *Scout* A section training meeting for Order of the Arrow members from a specific geographic area.

**conservation Good Turn** An opportunity for Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews to join with conservation or environmental organizations (federal, state, local, or private) to carry out a conservation Good Turn in their communities.

**contingent** May be used to describe an official Scout group at an official Scout event. Otherwise, use "delegation." The term "delegation" also is used when referring to the group of Scouts who attend the annual Report to the Nation.

**council** An administrative body chartered to be responsible for Scouting in a designated geographic territory. The Baden-Powell Council covers Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Tioga and Tompkins Counties in NY, and Susquehanna County in Pa.

**council employee** A full-time or part-time employee serving in a support position not classified under professional, professional-technical, or paraprofes-

ployment in our society are unacceptable to the BSA, which is fighting them with the Drugs: A Deadly Game campaign; Youth Protection guidelines and child abuse educational literature and videos; the Scouting for Food National Good Turn; Boys' Life magazine and other high-quality literature designed to encourage youth to read; and the merit badge program; as well as by continuing to be vigorous in promoting the Scouting program, which builds character in youth and helps them prepare for a meaningful, productive adult life.

**Uniform Day** February 8. See "Scouting Anniversary Day."

**uniform inspection** A feature of a unit meeting when members of the registered unit are given an opportunity to demonstrate their uniformed appearance.

**unit** The entity that conducts Scouting for the chartered organization; it consists of registered youth members and registered adult volunteer members. A unit may be a pack, troop, team, crew, or ship. Its affairs are administered by the unit committee, which is appointed by the chartered organization.

**unit leader** The adult leader of a unit is a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Coach, Advisor, or Skipper.

**universal Scout badge** A miniature Tenderfoot insignia. Often worn on civilian clothes by Scouters.

**Urban Emphasis program** Combined with the Rural Emphasis program in 1998 to form the Scoutreach Division. See "Scoutreach Division."



## V

**Varsity Scout** A young man who is a registered youth member of a Varsity Scout team.

**Varsity Scout team** A stand-alone unit that conducts Varsity Scouting for the chartered organization.

**Varsity Scouting** A part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men (Varsity Scouts) who are at least 14 but not yet 18 years old. The unit is a team; the unit leader is a Coach. Emphasis is on advancement, high adventure, personal development, service, and special programs and events.

**Venture** *Scout* High-adventure activities for a patrol (Venture patrol) of Boy Scouts age 13 and older in a troop. Do not refer to these Boy Scouts as Venture Scouts. This is different from Venturing. See "Venturing."

**Venture patrol** *Scout* A patrol of Boy Scouts age 13 and older in a troop; the patrol participates in high-adventure activities. This is different from a Venturing crew. See "Venturing crew."

office for which training has been completed.

**Treasure Island** A Scout camp belonging to the Philadelphia Council; the Order of the Arrow was founded there in July 1915.

**treasurer** (1) *Venturing* Venturer elected to be responsible for funds in the team or crew. (2) *Scout* A Boy Scout who keeps a record of patrol dues and makes up a budget for patrol outings; appointed by the patrol leader.

**Trek Safely** The BSA's recommended procedure for unit outings involving all types of trekking, including backpacking, canoeing, rafting, horse packing, bicycling, mountain climbing, and sailing.

**troop** *Scout* The unit that conducts Boy Scouting for the chartered organization. Capitalize only when used with the troop number.

**troop guide** *Scout* A youth leader who works with Scouts in the new-Scout patrol; appointed by the Scoutmaster in consultation with the assistant Scoutmaster responsible for new Scouts.

**troop historian** *Scout* This youth leader records the troop's activities both in writing and visually; appointed by the senior patrol leader with the Scoutmaster's advice and consent.

**Troop Leadership Training** *Scout* The first course in the youth leadership training continuum; designed to be conducted frequently in a troop setting whenever there are new Scouts or there has been a shift in leadership positions within the patrol or troop.

**troop open house** Same as "troop rally night."

**troop rally night** *Scout* A coordinated council or district membership effort using volunteers and professionals in which boys are identified through a boy-fact survey and referred to troops. The program at a troop rally night should be aimed to sell Scouting to prospective Scouts.

**troop resource survey** *Scout* A survey of the talents, skills, and interests of adults who could provide program assistance to the troop.

**troop site** A campsite on council property used by a Boy Scout troop; it contains several patrol sites.

**12 Core Values** *Cub* The 12 Core Values of Cub Scouting are citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health and fitness, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect, and responsibility.

## U

**unacceptables** Drug abuse, child abuse, hunger, illiteracy, and youth unem-

sional guidelines (i.e., secretaries, clerks, custodial personnel, most camp rangers, and seasonal camp employees).

**council office** See "council service center."

**council president** The elected volunteer Scouter who heads the council and chairs its executive board.

**council service center** The business center for the local administration of Scouting. "Council office" may be used, but "council service center" is preferred as being more representative of its function.

**court of honor** *Scout* A recognition ceremony for those who have met the requirements of any one of the Boy Scout ranks, merit badges, or other awards.

**crew** (1) *Scout* A working group of Sea Scouts in a ship. There are usually several crews in a ship. This compares with the Cub Scout den, the Boy Scout patrol, and the Varsity Scout team. (2) *Scout* A working group of five to 12 members of a high-adventure base contingent. (3) *Venturing* See "Venturing crew."

**crew code and bylaws** A set of bylaws adopted by the members of a Venturing crew or Sea Scout ship to guide their officers and program. The Venturing Code is included as a preamble.

**crew leader** *Scout* The elected youth leader of a Sea Scout or high-adventure base crew.

**crossover** *Cub/Scout* When Webelos Scouts become Boy Scouts

**Cub Scout** *Cub* A registered youth member of a Cub Scout pack or one registered as a Lone Cub Scout who has completed first grade but who has not yet completed third grade, or who is age 8 or 9.

**Cub Scout Academics and Sports program** *Cub* A supplemental enrichment program that complements Cub Scouting. A pack may select any of 38 sports or academic subjects to pursue. Sports or Academics belt loops, pins, and jacket letters recognize the Cub Scouts for participation and practice.

**Cub Scout motto** *Cub* Do Your Best.

**Cub Scout Promise** *Cub* I, [name], promise to do my best To do my duty to God and my country, To help other people, and To obey the Law of the Pack.

**Cub Scout salute** *Cub* A hand salute made by Cub Scouts and Cub Scouters with the fingers of the right hand held in position as for the Cub Scout sign, except that the index and mid-



dle fingers are held together. The tips of the fingers touch the right eyebrow or the bill of the Cub Scout cap.

**Cub Scout sign** *Cub* A sign made by raising the right hand straight up high over the head with the palm forward. The first two fingers are wide apart and pointing up as in a V. The thumb covers the nails of the ring and little fingers. Used when repeating the Cub Scout Promise or Law of the Pack and as a signal for quiet in meetings.

**Cub Scouter** *Cub* A registered member of a Cub Scout pack, 18 or older, or a professional Scouter who works with Cub Scouting. (Do not use "Cubber" to correspond to "Scouter" because "Cub" is not a verb.)

**Cub Scouter Award** *Cub* An award for Cub Scouters for completing requirements of tenure, training, and performance. See "Cubmaster Award."

**Cub Scouting** *Cub* That part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade (or are 7 through 10 years old). Tiger Cubs are in the first grade (or age 7); Cub Scouts, second or third grade (or ages 8 or 9); and Webelos Scouts, fourth and fifth grade (or age 10). The unit is a Cub Scout pack and the pack is made up of dens of the various age groups. The emphasis is on family-centered activities, group activities, learning, and having fun. (Never use the term "Cubbing"; "Cub" is not a verb.)

**Cubbing, Cubber** Do not use to correspond to "Scouting" and "Scouter" because "Cub" is not a verb. However, "Cubbing" may be appropriate in historical contexts, as the term was used before 1945.

**Cubmaster** *Cub* A volunteer Scouter, 21 or older, appointed by the chartered organization to lead a Cub Scout pack.

**Cubmaster Award** *Cub* An award available to Cubmasters for completing requirements of tenure, training, and performance.

**Cubmaster's Minute** *Cub* See "Den Leader's Minute."

## D

**day camp** *Cub* An organized, multiple-day, theme-oriented program for Tiger Cubs and their adult partners, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts that is conducted by the council/district under trained leadership at an approved site during daylight or early evening hours.

**den** *Cub* A neighborhood group of four to eight Cub Scouts or Webelos Scouts that meets periodically, usually once a week, and is part of a Cub Scout pack.

**den chief** *Cub/Scout* A Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer who helps direct the activities of a Cub Scout den. Appointed by the senior patrol leader with

**three R's** Traditionally, they are "reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic." In Scouting, the three R's of Youth Protection are recognize, resist, and report. See "Youth Protection."

**Tiger Cub** *Cub* A boy who is in the first grade (or is 7 years old) and registered, with his adult partner, as a member of a Tiger Cub den.

**Tiger Cub den** *Cub* A den of five to eight Tiger Cubs and their adult partners. Part of a Cub Scout pack. No longer called a "Tiger Cub group."



**Tiger Cubs BSA** *Obsolete.* This was a one-year, family-oriented program for a group of teams, each consisting of a first-grade (or 7-year-old) boy (Tiger Cub) and an adult partner (usually his parent). The Tiger Cub den is now part of the Cub Scout pack.

**total available youth (TAY)** The number of youth in an area who meet BSA membership requirements.

**Totin' Chip** *Scout* A recognition given to Scouts who subscribe to the Outdoor Code and understand and can demonstrate the proper handling, care, and use of woods tools.

**tour permit** Permit designed to (1) assist units in planning to assure safe, healthful, and enjoyable trips and (2) assure that proper procedures will be followed in case of emergency. A local tour permit is filed with the council for a trip of less than 500 miles. A national tour permit is filed with the region through the council for a trip of 500 miles or more.

**trading post** The camp or reservation store where equipment and supplies may be purchased by campers. A distributor's Scouting department is sometimes referred to as the trading post.

**TRAIL Boss** TRAIL (Teaching Resources And Individual Leadership) Bosses are Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers who have learned how to lead volunteers completing environmental work on public lands. Upon completion of the requirements, candidates may receive the TRAIL Boss patch and certificate.

**train-the-trainer conference** In this conference, the people responsible for training unit leaders become acquainted with the principles, methods, and techniques of training. Sometimes called "Trainer Development Conference" (TDC)

**Trained Leader emblem** This emblem may be worn by all leaders, youth and adult, who have completed the Fast Start and basic training programs appropriate to their positions. It may be worn only in connection with the emblem of

foundation for those who later participate in advanced underwater activities.

**space derby** *Cub* A pack activity that involves making and racing model space-ships.

**Spirit of the Eagle Award** A posthumous recognition for youth members who died as a result of accident or illness. Awarded by the National Court of Honor.

**square knot** Generally, embroidered square knots are representative of pin-on medals or around-the-neck awards and are designed for the greater convenience of the wearer. They are the only wearable insignia for the Award of Merit and Professional Training Award. Embroidered knots from other Scout associations may be worn on Scouters' uniforms.

**Star** *Scout* The rank above First Class and below Life in Scout advancement.

**Summertime Pack Award** See "National Summertime Pack Award."

**superactivity** *Venturing* A major annual activity, trip, or project of a Venturing crew requiring long-range planning and extensive preparation. Generally the highlight of the crew's program year.

**Supply Division** The arm of the Boy Scouts of America that supplies official uniforms, equipment, and literature to the field. Includes administrative offices located in the national office, a national distribution center, and Scout shops located nationwide.

**sustaining member / Sustaining Membership Enrollment (SME)** *obsolete* — see "Friends of Scouting."

**swimmer test** *Scout* The minimum level of swimming ability required for deep-water swimming. The test is as follows: Jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth, swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

## T

**TAY** See "total available youth."

**team** (1) A stand-alone unit that conducts Varsity Scouting for the chartered organization. (2) A Tiger Cub and his adult partner.

**Tenderfoot** *Scout* The first rank in the Boy Scout advancement program. Always singular.

**tenure** A term used to describe the length of service and membership in Scouting. See "veteran."

the Scoutmaster's advice and consent.

**Den Chief Service Award** *Scout* A den chief must fulfill training and service requirements while serving a den for a full year or more to earn this recognition.

**den leader** *Cub* A volunteer leader, 21 or older, appointed by the pack committee to plan and direct the den's activities.



**Den Leader Award** *Cub* An award available to Cub Scout den leaders for completing requirements of tenure, training, and performance. There is also a Webelos Den Leader Award.

**Den Leader's Minute** *Cub* An important, inspirational thought for the day or a brief story that reflects on the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, the Cub Scout motto, or a patriotic item — told without moralizing. Told as part of the closing at the end of a meeting. A Cubmaster may also close with a Cubmaster's Minute.

**denner** *Cub* A Cub Scout or Webelos Scout elected by his peers to help the den chief and den leader.

**density** Of the total available youth, the percentage who are members. Example: "West District has a Cub Scout density of 45.6 percent."

**Direct Service** Formerly called "Direct Service Council," this is the national office center through which U.S. citizens in other parts of the world can retain membership and affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America.

**Direct Service units** These Boy Scouts of America units operate in other countries for military families and other Americans working abroad. The Transatlantic Council, Far East Council, and Direct Service Council operate as local councils for these units, provide communication between units, and provide communication with the BSA and with Scouting organizations in their countries of operation.

**distinguished citizen award dinner (DCAD)** A testimonial fund-raising dinner honoring a key community leader.

**Distinguished Commissioner Service Award** A plaque, bolo tie, and embroidered square knot are the recognitions for active commissioners who fulfill requirements that include length of service, percentage of units that renew charters, and Quality Unit Award percentage.

**Distinguished Eagle Scout Award** *Scout* A recognition bestowed upon a man who received the Eagle Scout Award 25 or more years ago and has made a sig-

nificant contribution to his community.

**Distinguished Service Award** *Scout* Presented to those Order of the Arrow members who have rendered outstanding service to the OA on a sectional, area, regional, or national basis.

**distinguished service awards** These awards, presented by the National Court of Honor, are the Silver Buffalo, Silver Antelope, Silver Beaver, Silver World, and Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

**district** A geographical area of the council determined by the council executive board to help ensure the growth and success of Scouting units within the district's territory. The Taughannock District comprises Cortland and Tompkins Counties, plus a little bit of Seneca County around Camp Barton.

**District Award of Merit** A recognition for Scouters who give noteworthy service to youth at the district level.

**district committee** Consisting of chartered organization representatives and elected district members at large, the district committee coordinates the functions of the district to carry out the policies and objectives of the council. The executive officer of the district committee is the district chairperson.

**district executive** (abbrev DE) A professional Scouter who works under the direction of the local council Scout executive and acts as an adviser to the volunteer leaders in the district.

**Donald Rogert Canoeing High Adventure Base** This base in Atikokan, Ontario, Canada, offers trips north and northeast in the White Otter area and south into the Quetico Provincial Park. See "Northern Tier National High Adventure Program."

**Double H High Adventure Base** The newest high-adventure program, Double H offers a wilderness experience in central New Mexico for older Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers. See "High Adventure Division."

**Drugs: A Deadly Game** The BSA's campaign to encourage youth to repudiate drugs.

## E

**E-Learning Course Management System** Available through MyScouting at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org), this provides a selection of courses for adult volunteers that may be taken for credit.

**E. Urner Goodman Camping Award** *Scout* Awarded annually by the national Order of the Arrow committee to two Order of the Arrow lodges in each region for excellence in camp promotion and attendance. Also E. Urner Goodman Scholarship Fund program A scholarship program for Arrowmen considering a

**service star** An insignia worn over the left shirt pocket of the uniform to denote number of years of service.

**Seton, Ernest Thompson** (1860-1946) One of one of the BSA's founders, he merged his *Woodcraft Indians* into the BSA in 1910 and became the first Chief Scout, a position he held until 1915.



**Seton Memorial Library and Philmont Museum** Located at Philmont Scout Ranch, this facility contains exhibits related to the history and program of the ranch and the Southwest as well as a library of books, art, and artifacts Ernest Thompson Seton.

**ship** *Sea Scout* The unit that conducts Sea Scouting for the chartered organization. Equivalent to a Venturing crew.

**short-term camping** A camping experience consisting of one to four days and at least one night outdoors.

**showando** An outdoor event – "showing and doing" – that helps a leader blend leadership skills with outdoor and camping skills.

**Silver Antelope Award** A recognition given by the National Court of Honor to a Scouter for distinguished service to youth within the region.

**Silver Arrow Point** *Cub* See "Arrow Point."

**Silver Award** *Venturing* Provides a pathway for personal development; encourage Venturers to learn, grow and serve; and recognize the high level of achievement of Venturers who acquire Venturing skills. Candidates must first achieve at least one Bronze Award and the Venturing Gold Award.

**Silver Beaver Award** A recognition given by the National Court of Honor for distinguished service to youth within the council.

**Silver Buffalo Award** A recognition given by the National Court of Honor for distinguished service to youth on the national level.

**Silver Palm** *Scout* See "Eagle Palms."

**Silver World** Award Presented by the BSA to citizens of other countries and to U.S. citizens who are not BSA members, for distinguished service to youth on an international level.

**Skipper** The Sea Scouting equivalent of Advisor. Assisted by a "mate."

**slogan** See "Scout slogan."

**Snorkeling BSA** A recognition given to Scouts and Venturers to encourage the development of aquatic skills that promote fitness and recreation and to lay a

**Sea Scouting** Sea Scouts specialize in traditional nautical activities, i.e., sailing, boating, and maritime careers.

**Sea Scouting committee** A committee responsible to the council Venturing committee chair. This committee encourages intership activities, renews charters for ships, and encourages periodic meetings of ship officers. It also supports program and provides training.

**Seabadge** Adult training recognition in Sea Scouting. The Seabadge conference is an advanced training conference for Sea Scout leaders conducted on a council or regional basis.

**Second Class Scout** The rank above Tenderfoot in Boy Scout and Varsity Scout advancement. Combinations: "Second Class Scout," "Second Class rank."

**secretary** *Venturing* A Varsity Scout or Venturer elected to this office in the team or crew.

**section** *Scout* Geographical and administrative grouping of Order of the Arrow lodges.

**see'n'do** *Scout* A one-day activity to recognize Scoutmasters and stimulate use of the Boy Scout Handbook. Provides public exposure for Boy Scouting and stimulates interest in members and nonmembers.

**Seboomook Base** Formerly part of the Maine National High Adventure Area; no longer used on a national level.

**senior patrol leader** *Scout* Each troop has one senior patrol leader, a Scout elected by the Scouts to help all the patrols succeed. He may be assisted by one or more assistant senior patrol leaders.

#### **service**

1. Denotes tenure. Example: "He has two years' service as a Scouter." Expresses the function of an office. Example: "Commissioner service is to help units succeed."
2. Used to describe the Good Turn ideal. Example: "The Boy Scouts of America has performed outstanding service to the country."
3. An administrative branch of a National Council division. Examples: "Jamboree Service," "Audiovisual Service."

**service center** The business office for a council or region.

**service patrol** *Scout* The name given to a patrol that has accepted an extra work assignment for the good of the troop.

career in the professional service of the Boy Scouts of America.

**Eagle Palms** *Scout* Each Palm worn on the Eagle Scout Award ribbon represents being active in the troop and patrol for at least three months after becoming an Eagle Scout or earning the last Palm, showing Scout spirit, making a satisfactory effort to develop and demonstrate leadership ability, earning five additional merit badges, and taking part in a Scoutmaster conference. The Bronze Palm represents the first five merit badges after Eagle Scout, the Gold Palm the next five, and the Silver Palm the third five.

**Eagle Scout** *Scout* The highest rank for Scouts. Combinations: "Eagle Scout badge," "Eagle Scout requirements," "Eagle Scout rank," "Eagle Scout Award."



**Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner (or Day)** An annual event in which the council or a group of councils recognizes Scouts who have earned the Eagle Scout Award during the previous year.

**Eagle service project** *Scout* While a Life Scout, a boy plans, develops, and gives leadership to others in a project that benefits any religious organization, school, or community.

**Eagletter** A periodical published for members of the National Eagle Scout Association.

**elective** *Cub* A part of Cub Scout advancement. There are 24 electives in the Bear Cub Scout Book and 22 in the Wolf Cub Scout Book. For every 10 elective projects completed, a Cub Scout is awarded one Arrow Point.

**endowment fund** Assets owned and invested by a council from which generally only the income can be expended for current operations. Endowments can be restricted for particular purposes.

**executive** Applies specifically to the Scout executive and generally to all professional Scouters.

#### **executive board**

1. The National Executive Board is the governing body of the Boy Scouts of America. Voting memberships include regular membership, attained by election; ex officio membership, held by regional presidents, the chairman of the Advisory Council, and the chairman of the Board of Regents of the National Eagle Scout Association; and youth membership (at any time, the board may include five or fewer youth members appointed by the president).
2. The executive board in each local council is its policy-making body. Voting members include between 25 and 50 regular council members,

the chairmen of the committees of the executive board, the chairmen of the district committees, and up to two youth members. The officers of the corporation, including the Scout executive, are nonvoting members.

**experience areas** *Venturing* Venturing is designed around social, citizenship, service, leadership, fitness, and outdoor experience areas.

## F

**Fast Start training** Adult volunteer leadership training that immediately furnishes the information new leaders need to help them get started, help them understand what is expected of them, and assist in establishing effective meeting patterns.

**50-Miler Award** The 50-Miler Award is presented to each qualifying individual for satisfactory participation in an approved trip. "50" is not spelled out.

**Firem'n Chit** *Scout* A recognition given to Boy Scouts who know and understand fire safety rules and that handling matches and building fires require responsibility.

**First Class** *Scout* The rank above Second Class Scout and below Star Scout in Boy Scouting. Combinations: "First Class Scout," "First Class rank," "achieve First Class."

**firstnighter** *Venturing* Obsolete term for a special meeting held by each Venturing crew to recruit new members. The current term is "open house."

**Florida National High Adventure Sea Base** Aquatics adventure programs, including canoeing, sailing, scuba diving, and exploring the reefs of the Florida Keys and the Bahamas, are offered for older Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers.

**Founder's Award** *Scout* A recognition program available to Order of the Arrow lodges. Up to four Arrowmen per year, based on lodge membership, can be recognized for exemplary service.

**Founders Circle Award** For financial donors who make a deferred gift of \$100,000 or more through a will or trust to benefit their local council endowment funds. The program includes four specific levels of recognition.

**Francis X. Guardipee Grey Wolf Award** Given at the annual American Indian Boy Scouting/Girl Scouting Seminar for outstanding Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting service to Indian youth.

**Friends of Scouting (FOS)** An annual opportunity for Scouters and interested people in the community to be identified with the local council through their financial support and influence in the expansion of the council program. Enrol-

**Scoutmaster Award of Merit** See "National President's Scoutmaster Award of Merit."

**Scoutmaster conference** *Scout* A distinctive feature of the troop advancement plan in which a Scoutmaster helps a Scout accept the responsibility for his own growth toward each rank.

**Scoutmaster's Key** *Scout* A recognition given to a Scoutmaster for completing training, tenure, and performance requirements.

**Scoutmaster's Minute** *Scout* A part of the closing ceremony of a troop meeting or campfire in which the Scoutmaster encourages Scoutlike conduct by telling a story.

**Scoutmastership Fundamentals** *Obsolete.* Scout leader training program.

**ScoutNET** A wide area network that electronically connects all local councils, regional offices, the National Distribution Center, the Center for Professional Development, and the national office.

**Scoutorama** A show or demonstration of Scouting activities.

**Scoutreach Division** Formed from the merger of the Urban Emphasis and Rural Emphasis programs in 1998, the division gives special leadership and emphasis to urban and rural Scouting. Scoutreach represents the BSA's commitment to making sure that all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting, regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or ethnic background.

**Scouts with disabilities/Scouts with special needs** A program element of the Boy Scouts of America that emphasizes the involvement of youth who have visual, hearing, or other physical disabilities, or are emotionally disturbed or mentally retarded. An alternative advancement program is available for these youth members. They can be mainstreamed into regular Scouting units or placed in a special unit organized to meet their special needs. See "Torch of Gold Award," and "Woods Services Award."

**Scouts' Own** *obsolete* a worship service at camp. Instead, use "outdoor worship service" or "interfaith worship service." (term is still currently used in the UK)

**scribe** *Scout* A youth officer who checks attendance and keeps records. The troop scribe is appointed by the senior patrol leader with the Scoutmaster's advice and consent. The patrol scribe is appointed by the patrol leader.

**Scuba BSA** A recognition given to Scouts and Venturers who demonstrate knowledge and skill in the sport of scuba diving.

**Sea Scout** A registered youth member of a Sea Scout ship.



**Scouting Anniversary Day** February 8, 1910, was the day William D. Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America. Also called "Uniform Day."

**Scouting Anniversary Week** This is the week, beginning on Sunday, that includes February 8, Scouting Anniversary Day. During the week, units are encouraged to conduct rededication ceremonies and to demonstrate Scouting's purposeful activities.

**Scouting coordinator** *obsolete* Former term for chartered organization representative. (See "chartered organization representative.")

**Scouting distributor** A firm licensed by the Supply Division to stock and sell official Scouting merchandise. See "Scout shop."

**Scouting Energy Day** A focus on energy education and conservation; held on the first Saturday of October, with activities continuing throughout the month.

**Scouting Environment Day** This day highlights conservation awareness, the cleanup of litter, tree planting, and other conservation projects. Held annually on the fourth Saturday in April.

**Scouting for Food** National Good Turn First conducted in November 1988, this nationwide food collection effort is BSA's response to the "unacceptable" of hunger in our society. See "unacceptables."

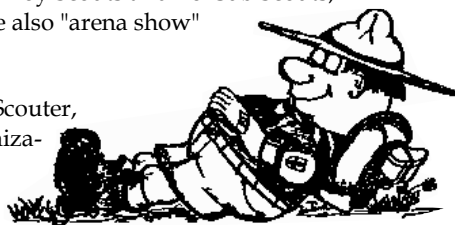
**Scouting magazine** The official magazine for all Scouters. It aims to interpret the program, stimulate action, and strengthen a desire to serve.

**Scouting movement** An idea started in England by Baden-Powell, based on the conviction that boys can live up to a code of conduct and can develop themselves physically, mentally, and spiritually in association with other boys through a program of appealing activities and advancement challenges under the leadership of adults.

**Scouting program** The program of the Boy Scouts of America is adapted to the age groups: Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers. The program is carried out in units run by local organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. Do not refer to Cub Scouting, Tiger Cubs BSA, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing as separate programs. Historically and colloquially, "Scouting" has been the generic term for Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and troop and team activities.

**Scouting show** Not "Scout show" unless only Boy Scouts and no Cub Scouts, Varsity Scouts, or Venturers are involved. See also "arena show" and "booth show."

**Scoutmaster** *Scout* (abbrev SM) A volunteer Scouter, 21 or older, appointed by the chartered organization to lead a Boy Scout troop.



lees are known as "Friends." (formerly "Sustaining Membership Enrollment.")

## G

**George Meany Award** An AFL-CIO recognition presented to union members for outstanding service to the youth of their communities through Scouting.

**gift annuity program** A contract between a council and donor whereby the donor, or donor's named beneficiary, receives annual payments for life. Also known as a charitable gift annuity.

**Gilwell Park** The training center of the British Scout Association and the original homesite of Wood Badge training. Located in Epping Forest, England; chosen by Baden-Powell as the territorial designation for his peerage, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

**Girl Scouts** The full name of the national organization is "Girl Scouts of the United States of America."

**Gold Award** *Venturing* Designed to recognize significant accomplishment in a Venturer's life as he or she has proven outstanding performance in a broad spectrum of activities. Achievement of the Gold Award is a requirement for the Silver Award.

**Gold Palm** See "Eagle Palms."

**Good Turn** A distinctive feature of Boy Scouting is its emphasis on service to others. The Good Turn habit is one that all Scouts endeavor to acquire. See "Scout slogan."

**Good Turn for America** A national service initiative by the BSA to address the issues of hunger, homelessness, and poor health. Participating organizations include the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, and The Salvation Army.

**goodwill fund** A budget item for every Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, and Varsity Scout team.

**grand howl** *Cub* A special Cub Scout yell to recognize a leader or a Cub Scout's achievement. May also be used to close a den or pack meeting. See the Cub Scout Leader How-To Book.

**Green Bar Scout** old fashioned term for Patrol Leaders Council (from the green bars in the patches for patrol leaders)

**Green Bar Bill** — William Hillcourt (1900–1992), long time national council staff member, author and contributor to *Boys Life* and *Scouting* magazines. Wrote several editions of the Scout Handbook and Patrol Leaders Handbooks.



**Grey Wolf Award** See "Francis X. Guardipee Grey Wolf Award."

**grubmaster** *Scout* This Scout is in charge of patrol hike and camp menus and assembling food for outdoor patrol activities. He is appointed by the patrol leader.

## H

**HB9S** The World Scout Bureau headquarters ham radio station in Switzerland.

**health lodge** A quiet, properly equipped place in which to give temporary care to ill or injured campers.

**Heroism Award** A lifesaving award presented to a registered youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated heroism in saving or attempting to save a life at minimum risk to self.

**high adventure** Can refer to high-adventure activities or to trek programs administered by local councils for older Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers.

**High Adventure Division** This national office division develops and administers the national high-adventure program for older Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers offered at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in the Florida Keys, the Double H High Adventure Base in central New Mexico, the Northern Tier National High Adventure Program in northern Minnesota and Canada, and Philmont Scout Ranch in northern New Mexico.

**Historic Trails Award** An award that may be earned by members of a Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, or Venturing crew for hiking a trail listed in Nationally Approved Historic Trails and completing a project related to the trail.



**Honor Medal** A lifesaving award presented to a registered youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism in saving or attempting to save a life at considerable risk to self. May also be presented with crossed palms when both unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness are demonstrated in saving or attempting to save a life at extreme risk to self.

**Honor Patrol Award** *Scout* An embroidered star worn beneath the patrol medallion distinguishes a member of a patrol that has won this award by meeting requirements in patrol spirit; patrol meetings; hikes, outdoor activities, and other events; Good Turns or service projects; advancement; membership; uniform; and patrol leaders' council attendance. Formerly "Baden-Powell Patrol"

**Honor Unit Award, BSA** Presented annually by councils to units for achievement in membership growth, quality program, and leadership training.

**Scout Oath or Promise** *Scout* "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

**Scout reservation or camp** Land owned by or leased to the Boy Scouts of America to further the Scouting program. A Scout reservation usually has two or more camps.

**Scout Sabbath** The Saturday after February 8, Scouting Anniversary Day.

**Scout salute** *Scout* A hand salute made by Scouts and Scouters with the fingers of the right hand held in position as for the Scout sign.

**Scout shop** A BSA-owned store, operated by the Supply Division, that sells official Scouting merchandise.

**Scout sign** *Scout* A sign made by raising the right hand palm forward, upper arm straight, and out to the side. The arm is bent at the elbow, forming a right angle. The three middle fingers are held erect and the thumb covers the nail of the little finger.



**Scout slogan** *Scout* "Do a Good Turn Daily."

**Scout Sunday** The Sunday before February 8, Scouting Anniversary Day.

**Scoutcraft** Use "outdoor skills" in most cases, "Scouting skills" in others.

**Scouter** A registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America who serves in a volunteer or professional capacity.

**Scouter's Award** The recognition for individuals who have not obtained the Scouter's Key but are trained and giving consistent service to Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, or Venturing or are serving on a roundtable/huddle staff. Scoutmasters also are required to earn the Scouter's Award as part of earning the Scoutmaster's Key.

**Scouter's Key** Recognizes Scoutmasters, Coaches, Advisors, Skippers, commissioners, and district committee members who have taken the recommended training for these positions and have achieved a high standard of performance over three years.

**Scouter's Training Award** See "Boy Scout Leader's Training Award."

**Scouters' Reserve** A registration status for adults who want to remain identified with Scouting without a specific assignment. They may be called upon to help with short-term projects.

**roundup** An organized fall recruiting plan during which members invite others to join a Scouting unit.

## S

**Safe-Rides Venturing** A Safe-Rides Venturing crew provides a confidential ride home to any student who is not in a condition to drive. It also provides a ride home to those who wish to avoid being a passenger in such a situation. The safe-rides program can have a positive effect on young adults' attitudes about the dangers of using alcohol and drugs.

**Safe Swim Defense plan** An eight-point plan of recommended procedures for conducting group swims. The eight points are (1) qualified supervision, (2) physical fitness, (3) safe area, (4) lifeguards on duty, (5) lookout, (6) ability groups, (7) buddy system, and (8) discipline.

**Safety Afloat** Guidelines for safe unit activity afloat in craft less than 26 feet long: (1) qualified supervision, (2) physical fitness, (3) swimming ability, (4) personal flotation equipment, (5) buddy system, (6) skill proficiency, (7) planning, (8) equipment, and (9) discipline.

**salute** See "Cub Scout salute" and "Scout salute."

**School Night for Scouting** A one-night event held in a neighborhood school, church, community center, etc., where boys and parents gather to hear how Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting operate and how they can join.

**Scout** *Scout* May be synonymous with the term "Boy Scout" (*not* Cub Scouts). Use on second reference or also in informal usage when the meaning is clearly understood. Capitalize "Scout" and all words beginning with "Scout" (such as "Scouting" and "Scouter") unless the meaning is not related to the Scouting movement.

**Scout benediction** "May the Great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us until we meet again."

**Scout executive** The chief executive officer of the council responsible for the administration, financing, marketing, motivation, recruiting, and staffing required for successful council operations.

**Scout handclasp** *Scout* This unique greeting is given with the left hand, the thumb separated from the fingers.

**Scout Law** *Scout* "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent." (There are 12 points to the Scout Law.)

**Scout motto** *Scout* Be Prepared.

**Hornaday Award** See "William T. Hornaday Award."

## I

**immediate recognition patch** *Cub* This Cub Scout patch indicates how Cub Scouts are progressing in rank. A yellow bead (called a Progress Toward Ranks bead) is presented for each three Wolf achievements earned; red beads are presented for each three Bear achievements earned. Cub Scouts may wear this patch until they become Webelos Scouts.

**Institutional Representative (IR)** *obsolete* Former term for Chartered Organization Representative (which see)

**instructor** *Scout* (1) This youth leader helps other youth members with rank advancement; appointed by the senior patrol leader with the Scoutmaster's advice and consent. (2) This term can also apply to any youth or adult who can instruct others on parts of the Scouting program.

**International Camp Staff program** Local councils throughout the United States may invite qualified Scouters from other countries to be a part of their summer camp and Cub Scout day camp programs. Applicants are screened by their own Scout associations, the BSA national office, and the prospective host council.

**international commissioner** A volunteer Scouter who represents the Boy Scouts of America in matters dealing with other national Scout organizations and with the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

**International Letter of Introduction** A document of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, issued by the individual member associations and recognized worldwide as an official means of identification with the movement. For members of the BSA, it is issued by the International Division.

**interpreter strip** A badge available to Boy Scouts who can write, translate, and speak a foreign language or can carry on a conversation in sign language.

**investiture** A ceremony placing the responsibilities of an office or rank upon an individual.

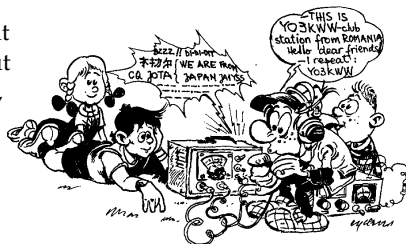
**Islamorada** Site of the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. It is pronounced aisle-a-more-AH-dah.

## J

**jamboree** *Scout* A term chosen by Baden-Powell to describe the first international gathering of Scouts camping together in London in 1920. The term is restricted to indicate a national or world jamboree. The BSA has a national jamboree every four years. See "contingent" regarding the use of the word to describe Scouting groups attending a jamboree.

**jamboree emblem** A jamboree emblem may be worn by any member who is registered to attend a jamboree or who has attended a jamboree as a registered participant or staff member. Only one jamboree emblem (world or national) may be worn.

**Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)** The World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement sponsors the Jamboree-on-the-Air, held the third full weekend of October each year. This worldwide ham radio event promotes communication and understanding among Scouts all over the world.



**Jamborette** *Scout* A camporee or camporall involving Scouting units of neighboring nations. See "Blair Atholl Patrol Jamborette"

**James E. West Fellowship Award** Named in honor of the first Chief Scout Executive, this award is given to individuals donating \$1,000 or more in cash or securities, beyond their regular contribution, to local council endowment trust funds.

**junior assistant Scoutmaster** *Scout* (abbrev JASM) A troop may have any number of junior assistant Scoutmasters. They are 16- or 17-year-old Scouts who help the senior patrol leader; they are appointed by him, with the Scoutmaster's advice and consent.

## K

**K2BSA** The BSA headquarters ham radio station in Fort Worth, Texas. K2BSA call letters are also used for the National Jamboree amateur radio station.

**Kanik** (pronounced CAN-ick) The Kanik snow camping program is offered by Philmont Scout Ranch. Ski touring, snow shelter building, snow camping, winter ecology, use of winter tools and equipment, and techniques for designing and making equipment are featured.

**Kayaking BSA** A recognition given to Scouts and Venturers who demonstrate knowledge and proficiency in kayaking.

**Key 3** (1) The council Key 3: the council president, council commissioner, and Scout executive; (2) the district Key 3: the district chairman, district commissioner, and district executive.

**KISMIF** *Cub* A Cub Scouting acronym standing for "Keep It Simple, Make It Fun."

**Kit Carson Museum** Located at Philmont Scout Ranch.

**Klondike derby** *Scout* A competitive Boy Scout event conducted by patrols to

**recharter** Annual process of renewing charter paperwork for each unit. National says "Avoid the use of this term; use 'to renew a charter.'" Pfuui.

**Red Arrow Award** A recognition given by the national Order of the Arrow committee to non-Arrowmen for outstanding service to the OA.

**region** (1) One of four geographical administrative units of the BSA: Northeast Region (B-P Council is in the Northeast Region), Southern Region, Central Region, and Western Region. There are regional service centers, regional directors, regional staffs, regional presidents, and regional committee members. (2) The World Organization of the Scout Movement has six regions.

**registered member** Annually, every youth and adult who wants to join or continue membership in the Boy Scouts of America must submit a completed application form or reregister and pay an annual registration fee. Membership is a privilege, not a right.

**religious emblems program** Various religious organizations have designed requirements and procedures for participants in this Scouting program to earn the religious emblem of their faith.

**Religious Principle, Declaration of** The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no person can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, acknowledges the religious element in the development of youth members. However, the BSA is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious development. Its policy is that the organization or institution with which youth members are connected shall give definite attention to their religious life. Only adults willing to subscribe to this declaration of principle and the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America shall be entitled to certificates of leadership.

**Report to the Nation** The printed BSA annual Report to the Nation is presented to the president of the United States, both houses of Congress, and other government officials each February by a selected delegation of youth members and their advisers.

**resident camping** *Cub* A council-organized, theme-oriented, overnight camping program for Cub Scouts or Webelos Scouts that operates for at least two nights and is conducted under trained leadership at a camp approved by the council.

**retention** The term used to describe the percentage of boys who move from one phase of the Scouting program to another, such as from Cub Scouting into Boy Scouting.

**roundtable** An event conducted by a roundtable commissioner and roundtable staff to help the unit leadership of a district plan and carry out their own unit programs.

**ProSpeak** This newsletter for all career men and women in the BSA is distributed monthly from the national office.

**provisional unit** When individual Scouts or Venturers are to participate in an activity (such as a jamboree), they may be organized into temporary (provisional) troops, teams, or crews.

## Q

**Quality awards** Recognition given each charter year to units and each calendar year to districts, councils, areas, and regions that commit to and meet specified national standards pertaining to leader training, service, advancement, camping, and membership growth.

**quartermaster** *Scout* A youth officer in a troop, patrol, or Varsity Scout team who keeps the equipment in good shape and maintains an up-to-date inventory of it. In the troop, the quartermaster is appointed by the senior patrol leader with the Scoutmaster's advice and consent; in the patrol, he is appointed by the patrol leader. Also the highest rank in Sea Scouting, conferred with the Quartermaster Award.

**Quest Award** *Venturing* The Quest Award is available to all Venturers. The goals of this sports and fitness award are to help Venturers have fun through experiencing a sport while properly trained, understand the role health and fitness play in sports, experience a variety of sports activities, and prepare to teach others.

## R

**raingutter regatta** *Cub* A pack activity that involves making and racing model boats.

**ranger** See "camp ranger."

**Ranger Award** *Venturing* The purpose of the award is to encourage Venturers to achieve high levels of outdoor skills proficiency and to provide a pathway for outdoor/high-adventure skills training. Once earned, the Ranger Award will identify a Venturer as someone who is skilled at a variety of outdoor sports and interest, is trained in outdoor safety, and is ready to assist others in activities.

**rank** *Cub* The six Cub Scout ranks are Bobcat, Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Award. *Scout* There are six ranks for Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts: Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle Scout. *Sea Scout* The Sea Scouting ranks are Apprentice, Ordinary, Able, and Quartermaster. Combinations: "First Class rank," "Star Scout."



demonstrate proficiency in Scouting skills. Traditionally conducted in winter. Patrols move from station to station pulling equipment on a replica of a Klondike gold rush sled.

## L

**Lamb Award** An award given through the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. to Lutheran laity and pastors who have rendered exceptional service to youth through Scouting.

**Law of the Pack** *Cub* "The Cub Scout follows Akela. The Cub Scout helps the pack go. The pack helps the Cub Scout grow. The Cub Scout gives goodwill."

**Leadership Award** *Venturing* Available to youth and adult volunteers registered and involved in Venturing. The Venturing Leadership Award is presented by councils, areas/regions, and the BSA National Council to Venturers and adult volunteers who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Venturing Code and Oath.

**Leave No Trace** The BSA is committed to this nationally recognized outdoor skills and ethics awareness program to reduce impacts on the environment and other people.

**librarian** *Scout* A Scout who supervises the use of troop-owned books; appointed by the senior patrol leader with the Scoutmaster's advice and consent.

**Life Scout** *Scout* The rank below Eagle Scout and above Star Scout.

**Lifeguard BSA** See "BSA Lifeguard."

**lifesaving awards** See "Heroism Award," "Honor Medal," and "National Court of Honor."

**Living Circle** *Cub* A Cub Scout ceremony. See the Cub Scout Leader Book.

**local council** An administrative body chartered by the National Council to be responsible for Scouting in a designated geographic territory. Voting membership may include active members at large and chartered organization representatives. The program is directed by an executive board of volunteers and administered by a Scout executive and staff of professional Scouters. There are about 300 local councils in the United States. The number changes as councils merge and split.

**Local Council Certificate of Merit** This may be awarded for meritorious actions that do not qualify for the National Certificate of Merit. See "Heroism Award," "Honor Medal," "Medal of Merit," and "National Certificate of Merit."

**local tour permit** See "tour permit."

**lodge** *Scout* A local council Order of the Arrow group chartered annually by the National Council. A large lodge may be organized into chapters.

**Lone Boy Scout / Lone Cub Scout** A Boy Scout or Cub Scout who, unable to join a troop because of unusual conditions, follows the program as an individual under the leadership of a Lone Scout friend and counselor.

**Lone Boy/Cub Scout friend and counselor** Scouter who works with a Lone Scout.

**long-term camping** A camping experience consisting of five or more consecutive days and nights in the outdoors.

## M

**Medal of Merit** May be awarded by the National Court of Honor to a registered youth member or adult leader who has performed an act of service of a rare or exceptional character. Such action need not necessarily be a rescue or involve risk to self.

**member at large** (1) Elected voting member of a council or district who is not a chartered organization representative. (2) Voting member of the National Council other than a local council representative.

**membership inventory** Part of a unit's annual charter renewal process when the activity of the unit during the past year is reviewed. Usually held in conjunction with a uniform inspection.

**merit badge** *Scout* A recognition given to a Boy Scout for completing the requirements for the badge. There are more than a hundred subjects in life skills, hobby, and career fields, with requirements and supporting pamphlets to help Scouts broaden their outlook.



**merit badge counselor** *Scout* A registered adult volunteer at least age 18 who is expert in a merit badge field and shares enthusiasm for that field with Scouts and who certifies that requirements have been met.

**merit badge show** *Scout* demonstration of merit badge skills from booths. Spectators walk around and participate in the merit badge features that interest them.

**methods of Scouting** *Scout* The eight methods are the ideals (Scout Oath, Law, motto, and slogan), patrol method, outdoors, advancement, association with adults, personal growth, leadership development, and the uniform.

**Mile Swim BSA** A recognition given to Scouts and Venturers to encourage the development of physical fitness and stamina through swimming.

**motto** See "Cub Scout motto" or "Scout motto."

**Philmont Scout Ranch** Western high adventure happens here for older Scouts and Venturers in almost 140,000 acres of rugged northern New Mexico. The ranch also has a center for volunteer and professional training. The address is Cimarron, NM 87714. (Cimarron is pronounced sim-a-ROAN.)



**Philmont Training Center** The national volunteer training center of the BSA, located at Philmont Scout Ranch. The center hosts professional and BSA local council conferences.

**pinewood derby** *Cub* A pack activity that involves making and racing small wooden cars on a track.

**pow wow** *Cub* A one-day training conference for Cub Scout leaders.

**P.R.A.Y.** Abbreviation for Programs of Religious Activities With Youth. An organization outside the BSA that administers religious awards for youth-serving organizations, including the BSA, Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire. Note the periods in the abbreviation.

**president** Specific BSA usages: (1) An elected volunteer executive. See "area president," "council president," and "regional president." There is also a national president of the BSA. (2) A Venturer elected by peers to this office conducts crew business.

**professional Scouter** A registered, salaried, full-time employee who is commissioned to serve in an approved professional position in a local council or on the national staff by having successfully completed formal training, or who has been designated by the Chief Scout Executive as a member of the national management executive staff.

**program** Generally lowercase: Cub Scout Academic and Sports program; BSA Family program. However, see specific program names in this guide. Also see "Scouting program."

**Progress Toward Ranks** beads *Cub* See "immediate recognition patch."

**Project COPE** A Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience that may include problem-solving exercises, low-course activities (conducted from ground level to 6 feet above ground), and high-course events (several combined activities that require each participant to be belayed, conducted 30 feet or more above ground).

**project selling** A fund-raising method of isolating specific budget items or projects for presentation to interested donors. "To project sell" may be used as a verb if needed.

**promise** See "Cub Scout Promise" and "Scout Oath or Promise."

**Ordeal membership** *Scout* The induction phase of membership in the Order of the Arrow. A candidate becomes an Ordeal member upon completion of the Ordeal and Ordeal ceremony.

**Order of the Arrow** *Scout* Scouting's national honor society. Youth members (Arrowmen) must hold First Class Scout rank; they are elected by all youth members of the troop, based on their Scouting spirit and camping ability. The aim of the OA is to promote the outdoor program and service to Scouting.

**orienteering** A cross-country contest to reach a specific destination and/or certain checkpoints with the use of compass and map.

**outdoor program** The total scope of outdoor activities offered by the Boy Scouts of America, in which youth members' differing skill and experience levels are accommodated. Includes Cub Scout overnights, day camp, council-organized family camps, and resident camp; Webelos Scout overnight camping; Boy Scout overnight, resident, and long-term camping; Venture and Varsity activities; jamborees; council and national high adventure; and wilderness camping.

**overnighter** See "Webelos Scout overnighter."

## P

**pack** *Cub* A group made up of several Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout dens. The pack includes not only the boys in the dens but also their families and leaders.

**Palms** See "Eagle Palms."

**parents' night** *Scout/Venturing* An open house conducted by a Scout troop or Venturing crew to inform parents and involve them.

**patrol** *Scout* A small group of Boy Scouts (usually five to eight) who belong to a troop and work together in and out of troop meetings. Normally, there are several patrols in one troop. Note: Webelos dens are not patrols.

**patrol leader** (PL) *Scout* Elected by the patrol members, this Boy Scout leads the patrol and represents it on the patrol leaders' council, which plans the troop program.

**patrol leaders' council** (PLC) *Scout* Each patrol leader, representing his patrol, meets with other patrol leaders and the senior patrol leader to plan their troop program. The Scoutmaster acts as an adviser. (formerly "Green Bar" or "TLC")

**Paul Bunyan Woodsman** *Scout* A recognition given to a Boy Scout or a Venturer who safely demonstrates skill with a long-handle ax.

**Pedro** The long-eared, four-footed mailburro of the "Hitchin' Rack" column in Boys' Life magazine.

**movement** See "Scouting movement."

**museums** See "Kit Carson Museum," "Seton Memorial Library and Philmont Museum," and "National Scouting Museum."

**MyBSA** [www.mybsa.org](http://www.mybsa.org) is a centralized intranet location where BSA and local council employees can, from any Internet-connected computer, access their BSA e-mail accounts, Scouting news, network support, software training, links to BSA information, and many other resources.

**MyScouting** An Internet portal for members that provides access to their account data, automated tour permit applications, the E-Learning Course Management System, and more.

## N

**National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience** (NAYLE) Conducted at Philmont Scout Ranch, this advanced training is designed to prepare Boy Scout youth leaders for positions of leadership.

**National Camping Award** *Scout* This award recognizes troops that go camping during the year. Recognition is for the number of camping days and nights logged on a yearly basis or on a cumulative basis.

**National Camping School** A weeklong training experience for adults who are key staff members in council camp operations, including Management, Program, Ranger, Commissioner, Chaplain, Aquatics, Climbing, Project COPE, Ecology/Conservation, Outdoor Skills, Shooting Sports, and Trek Leader.

**National Certificate of Merit** This award may be presented by the National Court of Honor to a registered BSA member, youth or adult, who has performed a significant act of service that is deserving of special national recognition. Such action need not involve attempts of rescue or risk to self, but puts into practice Scouting skills or ideals.

**National Cold-Weather Camping Development Center** Located at the Northern Tier Base at Ely, Minnesota, the center provides materials for, and specializes in problems associated with, cold-weather camping for councils and other organizations.

**National Council** This is the corporate membership chartered by the United States Congress to operate the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Members include all elected members of the National Executive Board, members of regional executive committees, elected local council representatives, elected members at large, and elected (nonvoting) honorary members. The program of the National Council is directed by the National Executive Board and administered by the Chief Scout Executive and a staff of professional Scouters at the national office and in other locations. Biennial National Council meetings are held, such

as the 1992 National Council Meeting.

**National Court of Honor** A committee of the Boy Scouts of America that is responsible for administering lifesaving awards, meritorious action awards, and distinguished service awards.

**National Den Award** *Cub* An award to recognize Cub Scout dens that provide quality year-round program.

**National Eagle Scout Association** *Scout* (NESA) This group provides an opportunity for all Eagle Scouts to retain identification with Scouting through service to the local council in which they live.

**national office** The address of the administrative offices of the Boy Scouts of America is Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079. "Home office" is not used except in historical references.

**National Order of the Arrow Conference** (NOAC) *Scout* A biennial conference designed to improve program and leadership skills of all Arrowmen.

**National President's Scoutmaster Award of Merit** *Scout* A recognition given to a Scoutmaster who has made a significant contribution to boys' achievement of the Eagle Scout rank.

**national Scout jamboree** See "jamboree."

**National Scouting Museum** The National Scouting Museum includes the world's largest collection of original Norman Rockwell Scouting oil paintings, Scouting exhibits, a theater, galleries, and games. Address and telephone number are National Scouting Museum; 1329 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079; 972-580-2100 or 800-303-3047.

**National Standard Camp Rating** The method used by the BSA for accrediting physical facilities, staff, program, development, and provisions for the health and safety of camps.

**National Summertime Pack Award** *Cub* A Cub Scout pack can earn this certificate and streamer by planning and conducting three pack activities – one each in June, July, and August. Cub Scouts who participate in all three activities may wear the National Summertime Pack Award pin.

**national tour permit** See "tour permit."

**National Youth Leadership Training** (NYLT) *Scout* A weeklong experience for youth leaders conducted by the council.

**new-Scout patrol** *Scout* When a boy joins a Boy Scout troop, he becomes a member of a patrol composed of new Scouts, where an assistant Scoutmaster and a

troop guide help him get a good start in Scouting.

**1910 Society** - late 1990's program to raise money for local council endowment funds. Members of the 1910 society gave \$25,000 or more.

**Northern Tier National High Adventure Program** The Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota, the Northern Expeditions Base in Bissett, Manitoba, Canada, and the Donald Rogert Canoeing High Adventure Base in Atikokan, Ontario, Canada, serve as launching points for canoeing, fishing, and camping by older Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and families of registered adult BSA members. Cold-weather camping is offered only at the Ely base camp. The mailing address is Northern Tier National High Adventure; Boy Scouts of America; P.O. Box 509; Ely, MN 55731-0509. See "High Adventure Division," "National Cold-Weather Camping Development Center," and "Okpik."

**Now & Then** quarterly newsletter for retired men and women of Scouting.

## O

**oath** See "Scout Oath or Promise."

### officer

1. The National Council, each region, and each council have elected volunteer officers who act on behalf of the executive board between board meetings.
2. In Venturing the elected youth officers typically are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
3. In Sea Scouting the elected youth officers (called "petty officers") typically are boatswain, boatswain's mate, yeoman, purser, and storekeeper.
4. In Sea Scouting, the Skipper and mates, who are adult leaders, are called officers.

**official** An adjective used to describe BSA equipment and uniforms approved for use in the program.

**Okpik** (pronounced OOK-pik) The Okpik Cold Weather Camping Program is offered by the Northern Tier National High Adventure Program. Cold-weather camping, cross-country skiing, dog sledging, ice fishing, snowshoeing, expedition travel, and shelter building are featured.

**open house** *Venturing* A special meeting held by each Venturing crew, usually in the fall, to recruit new members. Formerly called a "firstnighter."

