Who We Are!

Our Scout Programs are the realization of the interests of our Scouts. They choose, organize, and lead their own meetings, programs, and activities. Our Scout Programs are adventure-oriented, and our Scouts get to choose their own adventures! Come join us for the adventure of a lifetime. you'll have fun!

Adventure Scouts USA Mission

Our mission is:
We shall provide the leadership to support the growth and character development of our co-ed membership and the greater community. We shall accomplish this by providing contemporary skill-oriented activities that enrich the individuals on a non-discriminatory basis. We put principles of mutual respect into practice through FUN social activities, enhance character instilled by parents, personal achievement, learning by doing, and related educational programs promoting good character in our members.
Adventure Scouts USA is Committed To:

* Promoting strong families and strengthening family values
* Encouraging the skill of fostering friendship
* Instilling respect for the diversity of others in our Scouts and our membership.
* Instilling the skill of leadership in all of our Scouts and our membership
* Instilling true proficiency in outdoor skill
* Instilling a sense of purpose in life through service to others
* Encouraging our Scouts to achieve and excel, to the best of their ability
* Encouraging Scouts to live up to their Motto and always Give Their Best
* Improving the communities in which we live.
* Protecting, nurturing, and encouraging responsible use of our natural resources
* Developing responsible citizenship
* Increasing within society the value that "Character Counts!"
* Enhancing everyday living with an appreciation for the wonder and awe of life
* Creating personal achievement programs that encourage creative and critical thinking and problem solving while providing an introduction to the local community, vocational choices and a broad range of personal interests which are relevant to our Scouts
* Choice in our Scouts Programs and
* The highest level of service to our members
* Having FUN
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Adventure Scouts USA Provides:

* A safe environment in for all
* An environment in which diversity is welcome
* An opportunity for our Scouts to achieve true proficiency in first aid
* An opportunity for our Scouts to achieve true proficiency in outdoor living skills
* An environment in which we actively encourage, evaluate, acknowledge and appreciate all suggestions from our Scouts, members, parents, sponsors, volunteers, and others
* Equal opportunity access to our Scout Programs for all Scouts, members, and volunteers
* The opportunity for our Scouts to enhance character in themselves and others
* The opportunity to develop creative and critical thinking
* The opportunity to develop leadership skills.

Adventure Scouts USA Expects:

* Our Scouts to have FUN!
* Our Scouts to live their lives by the Scout Motto and always Give Their Best
* Our Scouts to live and lead their life by the Scout Code and Scout Promise

* Our Scouts, members, volunteers, and employees to act in accordance with our policy of nondiscrimination and the Adventure Scouts USA Scout Spirit of inclusion
* All participants, at all times, to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles of the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA

Adventure Scouts USA Values

FUN! We value FUN and our Scout Programs are designed to enable our Scouts to have as much FUN as possible.
The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA are non-political and non-discriminatory. Membership in the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA is open to all who accept our principles as reflected in the Adventure Scouts USA Scout Promise, Scout Code, Scout Spirit and Scout Motto.
Our Scout Programs believe there should be absolute certainty regarding our membership policies and our policy of inclusion and non-discrimination. Every Scout is educated about our position so that they may be comfortable, understanding and appreciative of the Scout Code of Adventure Scouts USA.
We are a nationwide American Scout Programs. We charter local teams to provide the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA to all who wish to participate on a non-discriminatory basis. The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA are not affiliated with any of the other American Scout Programs and, in fact, each team in our Scout Programs is independent from any of the others. That said, we are brothers and sisters to other Scout Programs and encourage participation in a Scout Program.

The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA believe a motivating force in one's life is a belief in something greater than oneself. Our Scout Programs make no attempt to interpret or define a spiritual approach to life for our Scouts. Specific religious or denominational affiliation is not a requirement of membership in the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA.

Ours is an educational platform designed to help our Scouts live their lives as Scouts, according to the principles of the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA and the global Scout Movement. Our modern programs have been designed to evolve. Our Scouts choose, organize, and lead their own programs. Participation encourages the Scouts to develop their values and leadership skills and to develop personally. Our Scout Programs are co-ed, which encourages each person to develop to their maximum potential.

The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA believe that opportunities should be equal and earned, and the measure of an individual ought to be their talent, ability and the content of their character.

The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA respect the values and beliefs of each of its members and encourages all to be themselves, yet still maintains high standards with regard to the appropriate conduct of all its members. We do not permit the advocacy or promotion of any aspirations and principles other than those of The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA Scout Program.

Participation in The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA is a privilege. We expect all participants, at all times, to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles of the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA. Harassment, hazing or abuse of any kind is not tolerated under any circumstances.

For over 90 years, the global Scout Movement has contributed valuable ways of living ones' life and leading one's life. The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA are proud to play our part in continuing the time-honored tradition of the Scout Movement.

A pillar of the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA is our acceptance of differences. The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA believe that the equal and ethical treatment of all people is a primary component of good character. We seek to instill these values through the use of learning by doing. We promote strong families and strengthen family values; we promote the development of strong bonds of friendship. The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA believes that living one's life with good character counts.

The Adventure Scouts USA Scout Promises

Rising Star Scout Promise (5 to 10 year olds)

As a Rising Star Scout
I love my family
And my friends,
Our community and country too.

I wonder about it all, stand tall and true,
And I Give my Best in all I do.

North Star Scout Promise (11 to 18 year olds)

We are united in our common interests and by bond in our hopes and dreams.
I am unique, responsible for my life physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually.
I will live a life of purpose and by the Scout Code.
I value family, friends, community, and will honor my country.

The Scout Code of Adventure Scouts USA

A Scout of the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA is:
Trustworthy;
A Good Person;
A Responsible Citizen;
A Good Friend and Brother or Sister to all Other Scouts;
Honest and Respectful;
Responsible and Caring;
Loyal and Ready to Help.
These are not just nice-sounding words. They have meaning. Let them guide you wherever you go, in everything you do. As you say them, resolve to live by their meaning.

The Adventure Scouts USA Scout Spirit

Adventure Scouts USA Scouts seek to find the best in themselves and others. Adventure Scouts USA Scouts recognize that every individual person is unique and value each person's individual character. By aspiring to find the good in everyone, and by acting in complete equality, Scouts in the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA live by the American spirit.

The Adventure Scouts USA Scout Motto
"Give Your Best!"

The Adventure Scouts USA Vision

We are committed to providing the highest level of member service of any organization or program in the United States. We will be the benchmark for all member service oriented organizations and programs. We have created democratic, fully nondiscriminatory Scout Programs which allow our Scouts an unprecedented level of choice to develop responsibility, good character, creative and critical thinking skills, and to live a life of purpose. We instill in our Scouts a desire to improve life-long, to help others, and a belief in something greater than oneself.

FAQ For Scouts

What is a Scout?

Being a Scout is a philosophy of how to live one's life. It is not a specific set of rules or facts which one must know. It is how people conduct themselves in their daily life that demonstrates whether they are worthy of the title of Scout.

What do Scouts do?

Scouts enjoy the outdoors, are inspired for a sense of adventure, provide service to others, acquire a true proficiency in outdoor skill and improve the quality of their own lives. The first thing that a Scout does is join a Team. Teams meet once a week, sometimes in the afternoon, more often in the evening at a local school, community center, church or temple. During the meeting, Scouts compete, work together, play games and do FUN and exciting things. For instance, a Team meeting might take place in a pizzeria where all the Scouts make their own pizza. At a different team meeting a creator of video games might help the Scouts create their own games.

How is Adventure Scouts USA different from other Scout Program or Scout Organizations?

We are focused on FUN and adventure. Our Scouts choose, organize, and lead their own meetings, programs, and activities, enabling our Scouts to choose the FUN, modern activities which appeal to them. We are also the first fully nondiscriminatory Scout Programs in the United States, making sure Every Child, Every Family, Everywhere can take part in the adventure.

Can I be a Scout in the Adventure Scouts USA Scout Programs?

Yes. Just pick your age group! Scouts aged 5-10 are Rising Star Scouts and Scouts aged 11-18 are North Star Scouts.

How many Scouts are on a team?

A maximum of 48.

How many Scouts are in a Crew?

7-8 Scouts.

What kinds of things will I be doing with my Crew?

Crews plan FUN activities such as camping and backpacking trips, movie nights, and boat races. Crews tent together, separated by gender, by on camping trips.

How often will my team meet?

Team have team meeting once a week, usually in the evening or after school. There is also around 1-2 weekend activities per month.

Program Aspects

FUN

FUN is in every aspect of our Scout Programs from our activities, to our programs, to our team meetings. Our activities uniquely allow our Scouts to compete against themselves rather than each other. Games are by nature competitive or they are not FUN, but because our Scouts complete against themselves rather than each other, all, not just a few, have FUN. It does not matter if our Scouts cannot run fast, jump high, or already know many outdoor skills, our Scouts are asked to always give their best. As each of our Scouts is different, each one gives their best in a different way. If our Scouts need additional resources to participate, we seek those resources. In our Scout Programs, everyone plays.

Adventure

We encourage our Scouts to live their lives with the fullest sense of wonder and adventure they can. We prefer our Scouts yearn to live their life to the fullest, squeezing every minute into the pages of their life. Adventures can be large or small. Our Scouts have the opportunity to go places and see things few have, such hiking in Yellowstone or up Mt. Baden-Powell in southern California. But adventures also lurk in small places and day-to-day activities also. Our Scouts live lives of adventure when they ride their bike for the first time without training wheels, or catch their first fish. However, whether the adventure is large or small, in every instance, we instill a deep appreciation of the wonder and awe to life.

In our Rising Star Scout Programs, our Scouts role-play as pirates on a quest for gold, astronauts landing on the moon, and courageous knights of Round Table. There are no limits on our Scouts' futures but their own imaginations. The Scouts create their own programs, based on the adventures they wish to have. While our Scouts safely enjoy their adventures, they also have the opportunity to experience sharing, honesty, the importance of good character, and other qualities which encourage personal responsibility.

Choice

Our Scouts choose, organize, and lead their own programs, meetings, and activities. The Scouts create their own programs, based on the adventures they wish to have. Our Team Counselors, adults, are only there to counsel the Scouts and to set reasonable limits on whatever the Scouts themselves decide to do. The Scouts decide for themselves how they spend their time and the Counselors only provide assistance, where needed, to ensure the safety of those endeavors. Team Counselors may also provide additional resources, when appropriate, to help the Scouts achieve the goals the Scouts have chosen to attempt.

Whether or not a particular endeavor is a success is determined by the Scouts themselves, as were the goals that the endeavor was intended to achieve.

Citizenship

The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA give our Scouts the opportunity to develop true citizenship and personal responsibility. Our Scouts develop their own code of conduct, based on the concepts of honesty and fairness that everyone understands. The guiding principle is that everyone must always give their best and strive to meet, if not surpass, the mutually agreed upon Challenges. To that end, everyone supports everyone else, encouraging one another to excel wherever possible.

The result is that, by their own mutual consensus, our Scouts give their best to make themselves better and better, so that all may profit by it. In so doing, they not only make themselves better and more competent individuals, but also better and more involved citizens.

Teamwork

The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA encourage our Scouts not only to decide for themselves but also to decide as a group. They are presented with Challenges and Choices, but it is up to them to decide, as both individuals and members of a team. They decide which Challenges and Choices to take part in.

Our Scouts, as a team, choose the elements of their uniforms from a list of uniform elements, each of which was chosen by a national committee of their fellow Scouts.

Similarly, a national committee of Scouts determines the Challenges which our Scouts can choose to achieve.

Nondiscrimination

Discrimination is t he act of making distinctions between people on the basis of category without regard to individual merit. The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA are distinguished because we are the only fully

nondiscriminatory Scout Programs in the United States.

The Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA are committed to inclusion in all forms and equality in practices and policies. We integrate equality into every part of our Scout Programs, at every level, in every resource, practice and policy. In our Scout Programs, participation is valued and suggestions always appreciated. At the core of our efforts is the development of modern FUN activities for our Scouts and Members. These activities are offered to all our Scouts and their leadership on a meaningful nondiscriminatory basis. What sets our Scout Programs apart is that we believe in a bright future for all and the measure of a person is their choices and the content of their character.

Safety and Youth Protection

Our number one priority at the Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA, is to keep youth like you safe and having FUN.

Your Counselors and Team Counselors have gone though a rigorous screening process including a comprehensive background check before they were able to act as Counselors for you. While our Counselors and Team Counselors are in charge of health and safety, you too can help protect yourself and each other.

Everyone involved in our Scout Programs from Scouts to Counselors have a duty to report any inappropriate behavior they witness. If you see or hear about inappropriate conduct, report it to your Team Counselor, or Counselors whether from your team or other teams, and report it to parents. **Scouts, get the phone number to call from your Team Counselor and fill in the number here_____.** The number you are calling from will not be billed; it is a free phone call. All reports can be anonymous.

Keep an eye on each other. If one of your fellow Scouts who always has a good time is suddenly not having a good time, or a cheerful Scout has becomes sad very often, ask them about it. It may or may not be an abusive situation, but whatever the case, your fellow Scout may need your help.

Make sure your fellow Scouts follow rules of conduct for their own safety. All the situations below are inappropriate and no adult should attempt to do any of the following:

* physical examinations which an adult suggests are necessary or appropriate,
* having Scouts undress to explain parts of their uniform,
* sleeping in the same tent with Scouts,
* sharing the same sleeping bag or tent to stay warm,
* the application of products, such as suntan or calamine lotions, insect repellents, etc.,
* the grabbing or touching of private parts while swimming,
* roughhousing with others,
* being alone with a Scout,
* being in private with a Scout,
* being in an area with a Scout out of the view of others,
* no back rubs,
* showering with Scouts, unless all are clothed,
* changing in view of Scouts,
* no touching, such as hugging, unless appropriate for time, place, and manner, for example, an awards presentation

Exceptions to inappropriate contact are only in case of an emergency and there must be other adult Counselors present.

The Rule of 3

A Scout is never alone with an adult in our Scout Programs. Ever. The minimum requirement is either two adults to

one Scout or two Scouts to one adult.

Codes

Our teams pick their own code, a word or phrase that only they, Counselors, Team Counselors, or parents know. The purpose of this is that if a Scout got lost or separated and did not know whether to trust the adult offering to help, when the adult supplies the code word or phrase, our Scouts know that person is a parent or a Counselor from another team who has been informed of the correct word or phrase.

Stick to these guidelines to help protect yourself and other Scouts.

Youth Bill of Rights Below is a Youth Bill of Rights. Please read it over with your parents.

Remember: These are actions that will give you the power to protect yourself, some of these might not be appropriate for situations where you are not threatened.

When feeling threatened, you have the right to:

* Trust your instincts or feelings
* Privacy
* Protect yourself
* Say "no" to an authority figure acting inappropriately
* Say "no" to unwanted touching or affection
* Refuse inappropriate gifts, such as expensive gifts, pornography, alcohol or drugs. Gifts must be time, place, and manner appropriate such as a small token after winning an award.
* Withhold information that could jeopardize your safety
* Be rude and unhelpful if the situation warrants
* Physically fight off unwanted advances
* Scream, make noise, or be rude when you feel threatened
* Tell a Parent, Counselor, or Team Counselor about an authority figure's inappropriate behavior
* Be yourself and have FUN without feeling threatened or scared.

KMT - Know! Minimize! Tell!
Know who you are with and why.
Depending on the circumstances, several things that might help to minimize personal injury are:
* if you can, first run away to a safer environment,
* if, for whatever the reason, running away is not an option, then yell loudly,
* or react strongly and say "stop!"
* or draw attention to yourself.

Tell a Counselor, Team Counselor, and parents right away.

Know!
Minimize!
Tell!