



Scout Me In celebrates the BSA's historic decision to serve families and welcome girls and boys into Scouting so they can experience the character-building fun and adventure the program brings to life in communities across the country.

It's more than just a tagline, Scout Me In reinforces that the mission and core values in the Scout Oath and Law are important and relevant for both young men and women.

Girls wanting to join Cub Scouts across the country may do so on June 11th this year. The Scout BSA program will begin registration for young women in February of 2019.

Today, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) also announced a name change of the older youth program for ages 11-18 – the new name will be Scouts BSA.

Our program offerings and our overall organization name is not changing. The Scouts BSA change only affects the 11-18 age program.

We know our programs work! Character and leadership development is vital for all youth.

The decision to welcome young women is a response to requests from our current families. This is an opportunity for all young people to be a part of the BSA movement. The fact is young women have been asking to be fully integrated into our programs and to have the opportunity to earn the rank of Eagle for years.

In addition, our movement has been providing programs for young women since 1969 with our Exploring career discovery program. Participation in camping events for the entire family has also been available for years.

Boy Scouts of America is offering a new choice for young women, and we are excited to be a part of this movement. There are many youth organizations families may choose from. The decision of what program to be a part of is up to each family and young adult.

The Boy Scouts of America programs are:

- **Cub Scouts**- For boys and girls ages 5-11, in separate groups by age and gender.
- **Scouts BSA**-For young men ages 11-18. Beginning in February 2019, young men and women ages 11-18, in separate groups by age and gender.

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- **STEM Scouts**- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math program for young men and women in 3rd-12th grade. Youth are separated by school age group, elementary, middle, and high school.
- **Venturing**- High-adventure based program for young men and women ages 14-20.
- **Exploring**- Career development program for young men and women ages 10-20.
- **Sea Scouts**- Sailing based program young men and women ages 14-20.

### Scout Me In Frequently Asked Questions:

*Q: What does this mean for kids?*

A: For kids, Scout Me In is a call to action. It's an invitation to take part in the fun and adventure that will help kids to build the confidence to find and forge a path to their own best self – today and in the future.

*Q: What does this mean for families?*

A: Scout Me In is a call for togetherness. Today's families are busier than ever. They are looking for options that welcome the whole family – mom, dad, sisters, and brothers – to the adventure of Scouting.

*Q: What does this mean for the BSA?*

A: Scout Me In is reason for celebration. By welcoming boys and girls into Cub Scouts – and into our older youth Scouting program scheduled for February 2019 – even more young people will have access to the character development and values-based leadership that will prepare them for a lifetime of success.

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