



- Letter from VP of Membership
- Fun Scouting Activities
- #ScoutSHARE Day & Contest

Dear Scout Parent,

We hope you and your child are having a blast in Scouting including our Scouting at Home activities, contests and events throughout the spring. We also hope that you can't wait for the adventure to continue this fall. As a Scout, your child will learn valuable life skills, build confidence and character, all while positively impacting the community and making lifelong friends. Scouting teaches those positive core values that we cherish all while having fun.

Scouting's highest priority is to create a safe environment for all who participate. Scouting helps to keep your child safe through several layers of protection including regularly updated Youth Protection Training and Criminal Background Checks, required adult supervision and activity guidelines, and mandatory reporting of youth protection violations by all volunteers. See the reverse side for more about how we all can help to keep Scouts safe.

We also need your help sharing the rewarding experience of Scouting with other families in your community. Check out the items below to learn about upcoming events for your Scout and ways that you can share the program with others!

Sincerely,

Aric Hassel  
Dan Beard Council Vice President of Membership

## Scouting Adventures in the Dan Beard Council!

**Mark your calendar** and check out the included Scouting Activities flyer for fun events like the ones to the right this fall.

Next, help spread the word about fun adventures you are having in Scouting! Check out the #ScoutSHARE Day & Contest flyer enclosed for details about how your family can **win cool prizes** just by sharing your Scout spirit!



Cub-O-Ree



Spook-O-Ree



Archery, Camping & More!

## Participate in Scouting with your Friends - Spread the Word!

Scouts Have **MORE FUN** When Their Friends Join Scouting!

The #1 Way New Families Join **SCOUTING** Is By Being **INVITED!**

Scout Sign-Up Days for Boys & Girls throughout **AUG. & SEPT.**

For Details, Visit **GoCubScouts.com** Or Call **513.577.7700**

Did You Know?



Last year alone, local Scouts officially recorded

**166,301**

**service hours on community service projects** for local communities in Southwest Ohio & Northern Kentucky



Prior Scouts are

**55%**

more likely than non-Scouts to have held a **leadership position** at their workplace and

**76%** more likely than non-Scouts to have held a leadership position in their local community.



Long-term Scouts are nearly

**2X**

as likely as non-scouts to graduate from college.



# HOW SCOUTING PROTECTS YOUR CHILD

## THE DAN BEARD COUNCIL, BSA TAKES ALL THE POSSIBLE STEPS TO CREATE & MAINTAIN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL



### PARENTS

To realize the potential of Scouting, it is critical that the Dan Beard Council, BSA take all possible steps to create and maintain a safe environment for all who participate. That involves understanding personal boundaries and knowing what appropriate behaviors are in Scouting. Research indicates one of the best deterrents against child abuse is an open and continuous conversation between parents and their children. The following information is offered to help your family establish and maintain a safe environment. This information can also empower you to stop abuse and seek the necessary help.

Child abuse might be a subject we would rather not talk about,

but we must. Many of us find it challenging and difficult to begin this conversation with our children, and the risk is that we might never get around to it. Together, you and your program leader must work together to ensure all Youth Protection and Health and Safety policies are understood and followed. Your child and every child is that important. The information you will read is not meant to scare you. It is meant to raise your awareness about many forms of abuse and how to recognize it and report it. It is part of the BSA's commitment to creating safe environments for all youth. The Centers for Disease Control, the Vision for Violence Prevention, and youth-serving medical facilities committed to preventing child maltreatment refer to child abuse as a public health epidemic. The BSA is committed to investing resources and engaging their top experts to end all forms of child abuse and maltreatment.



### THE BSA'S BARRIER TO ABUSE

Our goal in the BSA is to create and maintain a safe environment. These policies are helpful for anyone who works with children who are not theirs, and not just in Scouting. They are practices used by teachers, doctors, camp counselors, coaches, and adults who professionally work with children.

#### LEADER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The chartered organization representative must approve the registration of the unit's adult leaders. Registration includes completion of application, criminal background check, mandatory YP training and Volunteer Screening Database check. YP is updated regularly.

#### ADULT SUPERVISION

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. A registered female adult leader is required for units serving females.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

Adult leaders and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants, including adherence to Youth Protection and Health and Safety policies.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Separate accommodations for adult males and females and youth males and females are required whether it is tenting, lodging cabin accommodations, or shower and latrine facilities.

#### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The BSA has set specific program requirements in order to maintain consistent safety measures to protect youth. A few of these include 'the buddy system'; open observation by parents and leaders; and required review of YP materials in handbook for rank advancement.

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Adult leaders and youth members have a responsibility to recognize, respond to, and report YP violations and abuse. All persons involved in BSA programs must report any instance of child abuse to local law enforcement or child protective services.

#### SPEAKING WITH A CHILD WHO DISCLOSES OR INDICATES ABUSE

When speaking with a child who discloses or indicates abuse, your role is to become the trusted adult. A trusted adult is someone with whom a child can talk freely about their feelings and who provides healthy support.

### CHECK OUT THESE OTHER BSA SAFETY RESOURCES

#### GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING



An overview of Scouting policies and procedures, gleaned from a variety of sources & designed to make the program safer.

#### NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY



Scouting brings together youth of every race, religion, ethnic background, & economic status in programs to develop character, citizenship, and fitness.

#### BULLYING AWARENESS



When a Scout follows the principles of the Scout Oath & Scout Law, bullying & hazing situations should never occur.

#### cyberCHIP



To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the BSA introduced the Cyber Chip tool.

**Learn More About Youth Protection: [DanBeard.org/Youth-Protection-Training](http://DanBeard.org/Youth-Protection-Training)**