

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q: What program is available to older girls and what are the ages to participate?

A: Scouts BSA, scheduled to launch in February 2019, will serve both boys and girls, ages 11-17 and offer the opportunity to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

Q: Will you change the program to accommodate girls?

A: No, our existing programs, including the Scout Oath and Law are relevant for both boys and girls.

Q: Will the Scoutmaster position change in the program for girls and can a boy troop and girl troop share a Scoutmaster?

A: No, the Scoutmaster will still have the same responsibilities as they do now, and no they cannot share a Scoutmaster, each Troop needs their own adult to lead and mentor their Scouts.

Q: Can both boy troops and girl troops share the same committee?

A: A chartered organization can decide if they want the same or separate committees.

Q: Can a boy troop and girl troop meet at the same time?

A: Yes. Based on the preferences of the chartered organization, the boy troop and girl troop could meet at the same time and place.

Q: If a chartered organization is not able to establish a new troop based on the required number of same-gender youth needed, can boy patrols and girl patrols be combined to form a troop?

A: No. A new troop must be started using the current youth and adult requirements; however, chartered organizations can consider the linked troop model so that the newly established girl troop will have the same COR and can share the troop committee.

Q: Can a boy troop and girl troop meet as one big troop?

A: Opening and closing of the meetings can be together or separate, depending on space and desire of the chartered organization and troop leadership. The other components of the Scout meeting should be run separately.

Q: Can boy and girl patrols make up a troop?

A: No. Troops must be all male or all female youth members.

Q: Can a boy troop and girl troop attend events and coordinate outings together?

A: Yes, they can attend events together, and they can coordinate outings together if they are Scout-related and following the Guide to Safe Scouting and Youth Protection Guidelines