YOUTH PROTECTION of the Boy Scouts of America

Youth protection requires sustained vigilance. That is why the BSA has continued to develop and enhance its youth protection efforts as everyone continues to learn more about the dangers and challenges facing youth. The BSA has established a multi-tiered youth protection approach focused on volunteer screening, education and training for everyone in the program, and clear policies to protect youth.

This is how it works:

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

STEP 1 Chartered Organizations Reference Check

Chartered organizations provide local insight and ongoing supervision. Transmittal of chartered organization records (churches, schools, or other groups) helps ensure that volunteers are known and trusted in the community.

STEP 2 Application

All adults selected as potential leaders of youth by a chartered organization must provide references, past addresses, and other community affiliations, and affirm that they have had no criminal misconduct happened in Scouting. Applicants are checked against the file, and if an individual may be determined to be unfit for leadership for any reason, regardless of whether the accusations have been proven and whether or not the alleged individual may be determined to be unfit for leadership for any reason, regardless of whether the accusations have been proven and whether or not the alleged misconduct happened in Scouting. Applicants are checked against the file, and if an individual may be determined to be ineligible, they are not permitted to join Scouting.

STEP 3 Criminal Background Check

The requirement concerning the criminal background check in the BSA policy requires that all applications are submitted to the background check. All applications are submitted to the background check, which are electronically conducted in individually supervised data that are processed to the Boy Scouts of America. Criminal background checks are sent to law enforcement and included to be a safeguard.

STEP 4 Ineligible Volunteer File Check

The eligibility required includes self-disclosure and providing the volunteer who is involved in the background check. The background check, which is conducted to ensure the volunteer has not been convicted for an inappropriate act that would make him or her unsuitable for the volunteer role. A national database is used to check for any information that is revealed during the background check is completed, which is determined as part of the background check.

STEP 5 Adult Leader Youth Protection Training

All registered adult volunteers are required to complete the BSA’s Youth Protection training every two years. The training is available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

THE BSA LAYERS OF PROTECTION

PARENTS AND SCOUTS

STEP 1 Parental and Scout Youth Protection Education

Parents and youth are required to review the BSA’s Youth Protection training as a requirement. The training is available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

STEP 2 Parental Policy Notification

Some organizations provide this policy as an additional notice for the BSA’s principles of youth protection. Some parents may choose to notify their children of the existence of these policies.

STEP 3 Empowerment of Scouts

BSA teaches the “three R’s” of youth protection, which convey an open message to parents and leaders. Parents are encouraged to attend all Scouting activities.

Review the complete Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection policy at www.scouting.org/bsayouthprotection.

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