

A Year of Celebration / 100 Years of the Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America's 100th anniversary represents much more than a date on the calendar. It represents is an important milestone around which to reintroduce Scouting to America – to celebrate our rich heritage and to reinforce the important role Scouting will play in shaping our country's future.

Scouting is as vital and relevant today as it was when our journey began.

Help us celebrate! If you are - or were - a Scout, family member of a Scout, BSA volunteer, or just someone who Scouting has positively impacted, you're invited. There are a number of national opportunities for you to take part in our once-in-a-lifetime celebration.

A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

A Century of Making a Difference - Scouts, adult leaders, and Scouting alumni: Rediscover Scouting's impact on America through this series of awards that explore core Scouting values. Earn our 100th Anniversary commemorative patch!

Program participants will earn recognition for making a difference in their communities due to their dedication to five of Scouting's core values: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors.

Participants will be able to earn our 100th Anniversary commemorative patch (above).



A Year of Celebration will take place from September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. The program is open to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Scouting alumni.

Celebrating 100 Years - National Hall of Leadership

Leaders are those who see possibilities and inspire others to see them too. Over the past century, Scouting leaders have inspired millions of Americans to dream more, do more, and become more. They have shaped our nation's youth by modeling Scouting virtues. And now we have a way to thank them.

The BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership provides a one-time opportunity for you to honor and recognize a Scouting leader who positively impacted your life, or the lives of others. To be nominated, a person must be a living Scout or Scouting volunteer who may or may not be officially registered with the BSA. They must have served as an active Scout or Scouting volunteer for at least one year. A nominee may be young or old - there is no age limit - and you can submit as many nominations as you'd like.

The nomination period is open for one year, from February 8, 2009 to February 8, 2010. One inductee will be selected from each local BSA council in the country along with one from the national office. Inductees will be announced at the BSA National Annual Meeting in Dallas in May 2010.

Our country will never outgrow the need for thoughtful leadership. And, so it will never outgrow the need for those dedicated individuals who live their lives by the Scout Law and teach others to do the same. Please, take some time to tell the story of a leader who inspired you. Be sure to get more information at www.scouting.org/100years .

GENERATIONS CONNECTION

Whether you're first-generation or part of a Scouting family legacy, Generations Connection provides fun, meaningful ways to reinforce the value Scouting brings to individuals and families.

Was your grandfather a Cub Scout, mom a Den Mother, uncle a Merit Badge Counselor? Or are you the first in your family to go down the Scouting trail? No matter what your Scouting legacy, we invite you to celebrate your family with the 100th Anniversary Generations Connection program.

For 100 years, Scouting has given American families opportunities to build memories, share experiences, and develop strong values. We invite all Scouting families to share your stories and continue the tradition. For those without a long history of Scouting, you can start today! Be sure to get more information at www.scouting.org/100years .

Share Your Family Story!

Tell us about your family. Print a special (and free) BSA 100th Anniversary Generational Scouting Family certificate!

Trace Your Scouting Ancestry

Download a Generations Connection Family Tree! Fill in names and - if you can find it - something special about that person's Scouting experience.

Plan a Family Celebration

Order your official BSA 100th Anniversary Tree from The [Arbor Day Foundation](#). Plant it together as a family, as a lasting memory of your commitment to Scouting. You can also make or order a tree marker to designate its importance.

Create a Group Activity

Are you a Scout leader? Whether at the unit, district, or council level, you can build fun Generations Connection activities that inspire Scouts and their families.



BSA 100TH ANNIVERSARY TREES

The tree is an important symbol of the family - a family tree, the life of a tree that spans generations, the belief that a tree will continue to provide, long after we're gone.

Because of that symbolism - and a shared mission for service and environmental stewardship - we could think of no better Generations Connection partner than the Arbor Day Foundation! Arbor Day has designated official BSA 100th Anniversary trees for anyone to enjoy. Order yours at <http://www.arborday.org/boyscouts>.

For every BSA 100th Anniversary tree purchased from Arbor Day, another will be planted in Montana at the newly created Boy Scouts of America Centennial Forest. The Centennial Forest will aid replanting of the Flathead National Forest following recent fires.

Celebrating 100 Years - Alumni Connection

For nearly 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has taught timeless values, strengthened leadership skills, and guided America's youth on their journey to adulthood. But, no Scout ever takes that journey alone. Included with former Scouts, BSA alumni are the supportive family members, dedicated volunteers, professional Scouters, and the tens of millions of Americans that benefit from Scouting in their communities every day.

If you are - or have ever been - active in Scouting, we invite you to reconnect. Join us soon as we prepare to celebrate our biggest milestone yet, our 100th Anniversary.

Through the BSA Alumni Connection, you can find Scouting friends and mentors, add your story to the growing BSA 100th Anniversary online scrapbook, and find out how you can re-engage with Scouting programs.

You were there for the first 100 years. Now, join us for the next century of Scouting.

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