



OFFICE OF THE  
NATIONAL ADJUTANT

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

The American Legion, at its First Convention on Armistice Day/Veterans Day, November 11, 1919, adopted a resolution in support of Boy Scouts of America (BSA). That resolution, adopted by men and women who had returned from World War I the previous year, encouraged Posts of The American Legion to sponsor the BSA.

Every year since 1919, The American Legion has reaffirmed its support of the BSA. The affiliation between The American Legion and the BSA is built on the solid foundation of God and country.

Many things are shared in common within the BSA Oath and The American Legion Preamble/oath that every Legionnaire recites at the beginning of each official meeting of The American Legion. Both our organizations believe in a strong nation, strong families, strong communities, and service to others.

Some in our nation speak of values, but the affiliates of the BSA and The American Legion practice them.

We encourage all Legion Posts and all Americans to support Boy Scouts of America and help make our nation always "morally strong and physically fit".

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