



Lone Scouts

FACT SHEET

The Lone Scouts of America was organized in 1915 by William D. Boyce, who also helped organize the Boy Scouts of America in 1910.

Becoming a Lone Scout

- Lone Scouts include:
 - Children of American citizens who live abroad
 - Exchange students away from the United States for a year or more
 - Boys with disabilities that might prevent them from attending regular meetings of packs or troops
 - Boys in rural communities who live far from a Scouting unit
 - Boys who alternate living arrangements with parents who live in different communities
- Lone Scouts are registered through a BSA local council. Sons of American citizens who live outside the United States register through the Far East Council, the Transatlantic Council, or Direct Service:
 - Lone Cub Scouts is for boys who are at least in the first grade or who are seven through 10 years of age.
 - Lone Boy Scouts is for boys who are 11 through 17 years of age or have completed the fifth grade or have earned the Arrow of Light Award.
- Boys are encouraged to wear the Cub Scout and Boy Scout uniform. The Lone Scout uniform includes:
 - Lone Scout emblem, No. 00352A, worn below the council shoulder patch on the left sleeve
 - Neckerchief, No. 00703A
- A Lone Scout may interact with boys from local Scouting units by participating in:
 - Local district and council activities
 - Camporees
 - Scouting shows
 - Service projects
 - Cub Scout day camp
 - Cub Scout or Boy Scout resident camp
 - Special meetings of a pack or troop



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Lone Scout Counselors

- Every boy registering as a Lone Scout must have an adult, 21 years or older, who meets membership requirements and agrees to serve as the boy's Lone Scout friend and counselor. The counselor must be approved by the parent or guardian if the counselor is not the parent or guardian. The counselor can be:
 - The boy's own parent
 - Guardian
 - Minister
 - Teacher
 - 4-H Club leader
 - Experienced Scouter who lives nearby
- The counselor encourages, instructs, examines, and reviews the Lone Scout on all steps toward Scouting advancement and helps the boy take part in local council activities.
- For more information on the role of the Lone Scout friend and counselor, consult the *Lone Scout Friend and Counselor Guidebook*, No.14-420.