



Chartered Organizations and the Boy Scouts of America

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Overview of Chartered Organizations

- Civic, faith-based, and educational organizations operate Scouting units to deliver the programs to their youth members, as well as the community at large.
- Approximately 115,000 Scouting units are owned and operated by chartered organizations. Of these:
 - 68.4 percent of all units are chartered to faith-based organizations
 - 26.5 percent of all units are chartered to civic organizations
 - 8.2 percent of all units are chartered to educational organizations
- Responsibilities of chartered organizations include:
 - Providing adequate meeting facilities.
 - Providing quality leadership for the Scouting unit.
 - Appointing a chartered organization representative to coordinate all Scouting unit operations within the organization.

Faith-Based Chartered Organizations

The 25 faith-based organizations with the largest Scouting youth membership

Source: *2010 Boy Scouts of America Local Council Index*, using December 31, 2010, membership data

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*	37,928	412,720
United Methodist Church*	11,287	371,499
Catholic Church*	8,795	286,733
Presbyterian Church*	3,714	126,969
Lutheran Church*	4,030	121,096
Baptist Church*	4,282	108,435
Episcopal Church*	1,243	41,361
United Church of Christ, Congregational Church	1,266	39,234
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*	1,231	34,452
Community Churches	1,081	30,340
Other churches	962	24,665
Church of Christ*	566	16,100
Evangelical/independent churches	298	7,420
Church of God	260	6,034
Reformed Church in America	133	4,175



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Faith-Based Organizations (cont.)

Church of the Nazarene	169	4,129
Jewish synagogues and centers*	174	4,060
Church of the Brethren	109	2,751
The Salvation Army	158	2,601
African Methodist Episcopal*	163	2,532
Assemblies of God*	96	2,427
Islam, Muslim, Masjid*	79	1,976
Pentecostal Churches*	125	1,854
Community of Christ*	62	1,743
Buddhist Churches of America*	63	1,616

*Individual fact sheet available

Civic Chartered Organizations

The 20 civic organizations or groups with the largest Scouting youth membership
Source: *2010 Boy Scouts of America Local Council Index*, using December 31, 2010, membership data

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
Groups of citizens	3,782	110,248
Business/industry	3,129	69,867
American Legion and Auxiliary	2,659	69,490
Lions International	2,445	68,732
Other community organizations	1,931	51,187
Rotary International	1,399	42,795
Fire departments	1,303	33,426
VFW, Auxiliary, Cootie	1,118	31,583
Kiwanis International	986	31,153
Community centers, Settlement houses	1,104	23,309
Elks lodges (BPOE)	817	23,023



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Civic Chartered Organizations (cont.)

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
Boys' and Girls' Clubs	695	22,929
Nonprofit agencies	544	14,345
Chambers of commerce, business associations	510	13,424
Playgrounds, recreation centers	479	11,951
Athletic booster clubs	516	11,430
Homeowner's associations	310	10,111
YWCA, YMCA	401	9,720
Optimist International	274	9,509
Conservation Clubs/Izaak Walton League	335	7,956

Educational Chartered Organizations

Source: *2010 Boy Scouts of America Local Council Index*, using December 31, 2010, membership data

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
Parent-teacher groups other than PTAs	4,039	160,007
Private schools	2,975	97,869
Parent-Teacher Associations/Parent-Teacher Organizations	1,775	72,321