



Lions Club International

FACT SHEET

Background

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization, with over 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs worldwide. Lions clubs are made up of men and women who are active in developing and implementing community service projects in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

Founded in 1917, the organization is best known for its work in the fight against blindness. Lions also perform volunteer service for many different kinds of community projects—including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry, aiding seniors and people with disabilities, and working with various youth organizations.

The mission of Lions Clubs International is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. With a vision to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service, Lions support their own communities and those around the world with integrity and enthusiasm.

Membership

Find current Scouting membership numbers among Lions clubs at http://www.scouting.org/About/FactSheets/operating_orgs.aspx.

Role of Scouting in Lions Clubs

The relationship between Lions Clubs International and the Boy Scouts of America dates back to the early 1900s, with a strong collaboration that benefits both organizations. When Lions clubs charter a Scouting unit, they serve as adult role models for Scouts and provide a quality program for youth in the community.

Scouting Awards and Emblems

A Scouting banner patch is available to any Lions club that sponsors a Boy Scout troop. The colorful embroidered patch identifies the club as a proud advocate of the Scouting movement.

Additionally, the Lions Clubs International-Boy Scouts of America “Serving Communities Together” patch is awarded to Scouts who participate in joint Lions/Scouts service projects.

Scouts who obtain the honor of the Eagle Scout rank are also eligible to receive an Eagle Scout Award Certificate from Lions Clubs International, at the request of their local Lions club.

Organization

For information regarding unit formation, Lions committees on Scouting, Lions emblems and recognitions, and other materials contact your local BSA council service center or Community Alliances, S211, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079; 972-580-2312.