

Using the Internet safely

The BSA Youth Protection Task Force reminds adult leaders of the precautions to take in order to **enjoy the benefits of the Internet and avoid its risks**. Leaders should share these with youth members in their units:

- Never give out personal information such as your address, telephone number, the school you attend, or your parents' work addresses or telephone numbers.
- Tell your parents right away if you come across information that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Never agree to meet with anyone you meet online unless you take your parents with you. You can't tell if the person is really a 13-year-old Scout or a 35-year-old child molester pretending to be a 13-year-old Scout.
- Never send a picture or any other personal information without your parents' permission.
- Do not respond to messages that are mean or make you feel uncomfortable. Tell your parents if you receive these messages so that they can contact your online service.