

Welcome and Congratulations!



Congratulations on being selected to serve as Scoutmaster for your new troop! This is a significant honor and responsibility, and it reflects the trust your chartered organization has placed in you to represent both them and the Scouting America program.

As Scoutmaster, you have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of the youth in your troop. Through your leadership, you will help prepare youth to make ethical and moral choices throughout their lives by instilling in them the values found in the **Scout Oath** and **Scout Law**.

Your role as Scoutmaster centers around three key responsibilities:

1. Empowering Youth Leadership

Provide your youth leaders with the tools, training, and guidance they need to successfully run the troop. Scouting is a youth-led program, and your support helps them grow into confident, capable leaders.

2. Ensuring Program Integrity












Uphold the standards and policies of Scouting America and your chartered organization. This ensures a safe, inclusive, and enriching environment for all Scouts.

3. Being a Mentor and Role Model

Lead by example. Your character, actions, and attitude will inspire Scouts and shape their development. Be the kind of leader they aspire to become.

To help you succeed in these roles, a variety of resources have been developed and are available to support your journey. These include training programs, planning tools, mentorship networks, and more—all designed to help you lead with confidence and purpose.

Here is a list of resources that will help you in your new role:

-  [New Scout Leader \(SM\) Start-Up Process Checklist](#): a simple start-up process for the new Scoutmaster.
-  [Welcome to Our Troop!](#) : A fillable resource to be used for new Scout families about the troop.
-  [Troop Resource Survey](#): Fillable resource for adults to identify involvement with the troop.
-  [Orientation for New Scouts BSA Parents](#): Scripted presentation that can be given to new Scout parents.
-  [Scouts BSA Program Resource Links](#): Key information for Scoutmasters.
-  [Scouts BSA Program Updates](#): Latest news and updates for SBSA program.
-  [Publications for Adult Volunteers](#) Resources and reference materials to support your troop.
-  [Advancement Resources](#): News, forms, and information for advancement.
-  [Troop Leader Resources page](#): Resources to help plan, progress, and advance throughout your ranks.
-  [Scoutmaster Conference Information](#): Guide to the Scoutmaster's role in advancement.
-  [Troop Self-Assessment: Scoutmaster Team survey](#): survey and resources to understand how Scoutmaster teams and troop function generally.