

A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference

For 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has created a strong foundation of leadership, service, and community for millions of America's youth. Through A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference, Scouting will demonstrate the incredible impact of a century of living the Scout Law.

Program participants can earn recognition for making a difference in their communities due to their dedication to five of Scouting's core values: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors. Participants will be able to wear a 100th Anniversary commemorative patch and earn the commemorative ribbons.

A Year of Celebration will take place from September 1, 2009, through December 31, 2010. The program is open to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, adult leaders, and Scouting alumni.

September 2009 through December 2010

National Hall of Leadership

Leaders are those who see possibilities and inspire others to see them, too. Over the past century, Scouting leaders have inspired millions of Americans to dream more, do more, and become more. They have shaped our nation's youth by modeling Scouting virtues.

The BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership provides a one-time opportunity for individuals to honor and recognize a Scouting leader who positively impacted their life or the lives of others. To be nominated, a person must be a living Scout or Scouting volunteer who may or may not be officially registered with the BSA. They must have served as an active Scout or Scouting volunteer for at least one year. A nominee may be young or old—there is no age limit.

The nomination period is open for one year, from February 8, 2009, to February 8, 2010. One inductee will be selected from each local BSA council in the country.

Our country will never outgrow the need for thoughtful leadership, and so it will never outgrow the need for those dedicated individuals who live their lives by the Scout Law and teach others to do the same.

February 2009 through February 2010

A Shining Light

During the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, we will use virtual hookups to broadcast "A Shining Light Across America." This amazing stage show will both transmit out and bring local participation back in from select locations across the country. It will mark the first time in BSA history that the entire Scouting family has come together for a single, nationwide opportunity to celebrate and reflect.

July 31, 2010

Pitch for Scouting

Major League Baseball is joining the BSA to celebrate our 100th Anniversary in major league and minor league ballparks across the country. From the first pitch to the last out and everywhere in between, Scouts will be on the field and involved in the game. Emphasizing fun, fitness, and family, this program celebrates the heritage and shared values between both organizations.

Spring 2010 through Fall 2010

Adventure Base 100

The BSA is traveling across the country to give Americans an exciting, hands-on view of the history and future of the organization. Rolling into cities across America, Adventure Base 100 unfolds into a 10,000-square-foot campus of immersive Scout-related experiences with hands-on digital exhibits, a multisensory IMAX-like dome, and much, much more. For those unable to go in person, a virtual Adventure Base 100 experience will be available online.

January 2010 through November 2010

Get in the Game!

Just how much fun can Scouting be? Through Get in the Game! geocaching events, Scouts and non-Scouts alike will find out through fast-paced, high-tech treasure hunts. Using GPS devices, they will search for hidden containers, or “caches,” that can be customized to show off favorite local landmarks or pieces of Scouting’s history. Sharing Scouting skills and outdoor adventure with youth and adults has never been easier—or more fun!

August 2009 through December 2010