

How Much Does Scouts BSA Cost?

Basic Scouts BSA Costs*

Membership Fee: \$133/year

Scout Life Magazine: \$15/year

Handbook: \$25

Uniform: Varies Troop

Dues: Varies

Scouts BSA Uniform Essentials

A typical Scouts BSA uniform includes a shirt with patches, necker-chief and pants. Several uniform accessories are also available. Uniforms can be purchased at the Samoset Council Scout Shop in person, by phone or by email. Check with your troop leaders to find out what uniform parts are recommended. Staff at the Samoset Council Scout Shop will be happy to assist you in purchasing your Scout's uniform.

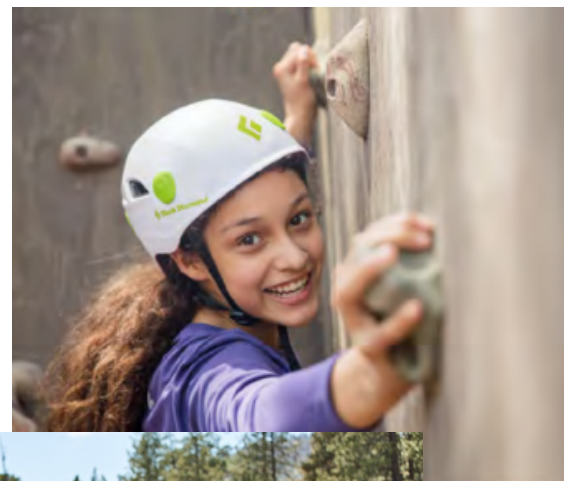
Samoset Council Scout Shop

3511 Camp Phillips Road, Weston, WI 54476

*Financial Assistance

The costs to Scouts BSA should not prevent your son or daughter from participating in this great program. Scholarship funds are available, based on family need, to cover all the basic Scouts BSA costs listed above. Request for financial assistance can be found at www.Samoset.org/aid.

All About Scouts BSA Boys & Girls Grades 6-12



The Troop Program

The program is for boys and girls aged 11-17. It is one of the oldest organizations in the United States, serving youth for over 100 years. They can participate in activities like kayaking, hiking & biking, summer camp and more!

Special Outings - High Adventure

High adventure outings are a great way to experience more of the excitement that Scouting has to offer.

Popular destinations include:

Canoe bases, backpack outings, rafting, Scouting Sea Base, submarines, planetariums, rock climbing, caves, horse ranches, bicycle tours and sailing marinas.

Leadership and Development

Patrols are youth-led, where each Scout gets the chance to expand their leadership ability by working with their peers in an organized capacity. Scouting can be a great resume builder and those who earn the highest rank of Eagle and enlist in the military begin as a higher rank than their peers. There are opportunities for higher education scholarships through Samoset Council as well.

Service Projects

Troops may participate in food drives, conservation projects, river clean up, or other community service activities. Service projects can be a great supplement to regular meetings.

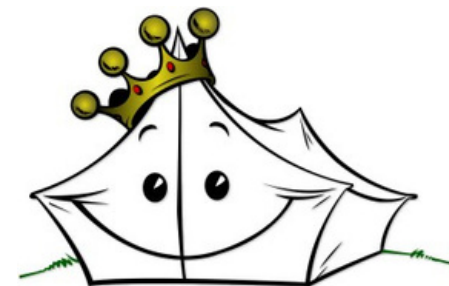
Parent Involvement Opportunities

Successful Scouts, BSA Troops rely on active parent volunteers. Volunteer leaders help guide the Scouting adventure for their child and others. What could be more valuable than quality time spent with your Scout? Volunteers do not need all the answers, just enthusiasm for working with curious young minds. We'll provide all the training.

There are many opportunities for parents to help by taking on "one-shot" projects, such as coordinating service projects or field trips. If your educational or professional background is a match, you can help by instructing Merit Badges. Your willingness to help when you can makes all the difference in your child's experience.

Training for Volunteers - Online at [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)

Youth Protection Training, also available online, is required for all volunteers and must be completed before submitting your volunteer application.

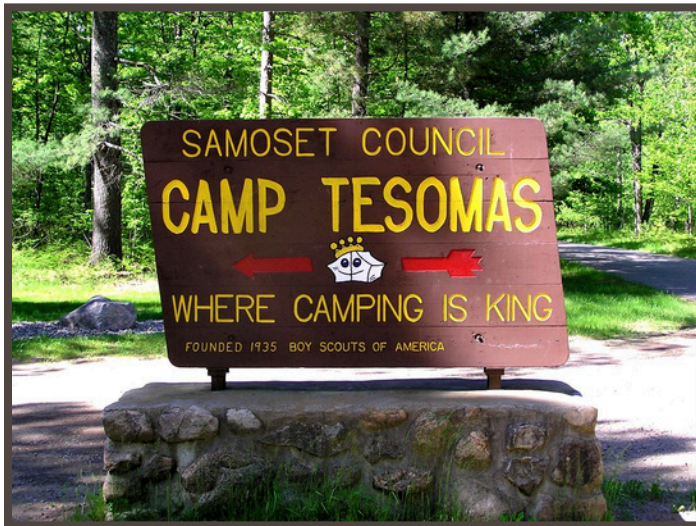


Tesomas Scout Camp

The best way to immerse your child in the Scouting program is to spend a week at camp. Located approximately 10 miles from Rhinelander, Tesomas has been providing an outdoor program second to none since 1935. With approximately 1,200 acres, Tesomas is the place **“Where camping is KING!”**

Employment Opportunities

Consider joining our amazing team of camp staff to learn more about opportunities to grow your leadership skills, tackle the outdoors, and expand your horizons with confidence.



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Preparing for the Future

Scouting prepares youth to make ethical and moral decisions by instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law. These values help youth grow to their full potential as they develop their leadership ability and citizenship skills which influence their adult lives. The BSA provides youth with programs and activities that allow them to:

- Try new things.
- Provide service to others.
- Build self-confidence.
- Reinforce ethical standards.



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Mission & Ideals of Scouting

The Scouting program has specific objectives, commonly referred to as the “Aims of Scouting.” They are **character development, leadership development, citizenship training and personal fitness.**

Our Mission

Is to prepare young people for life by providing opportunities to live the Scout Oath and Law through safe, accessible, and inclusive educational programs.

The Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Scout Law

A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

How does Scouting provide an edge?

The Scouting Edge reveals that Scouting alumni report teaching their children about values and ethics at an earlier age than their peers, and Scouts report learning about values and ethics from their parents at an earlier age than their peers.

According to a study conducted by The Harris Poll on behalf of Scouting America:

Scouts and Scouting alumni are more likely to engage in positive behaviors, more likely to act in ways that are considered ethical and moral, and generally express a greater willingness to fight for their country.

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Methods of Scouting

Advancement - Badges encourage learning, personal development, and self-confidence.

Adult Association – Great troops have leaders that model positive behaviors, and actively listen, encourage, and take a sincere interest in Scouts.

Personal Growth – Scouting helps young people grow, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Leadership Development – Every Scout can participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Becoming a servant leader helps a Scout accept the leadership role of others and guides them towards participating citizenship and character development.

Patrols – Scouts work in groups of 6-8 with an elected leader for the group. These small groups determine troop activities.

Outdoor Programs – Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. Being close to nature helps Scouts gain an appreciation for conservation of nature’s resources.



Scouts and non-Scouts, alumni and non-alumni, agree that Scouting improves our country across a variety of vectors – in particular, they recognize the “somewhat” or “extremely” positive effects

Scouting has on one’s leadership abilities and the competency to help others accomplish their goals.

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