



FAMILY SCOUTING FACT SHEET

Serving Today's Families – Maintaining the Single-Gender Method

Serving Families

For years, parents have asked the BSA to officially include their daughters in the program. We understand that families today are busier and more diverse than ever, plus many families want to do more things together.

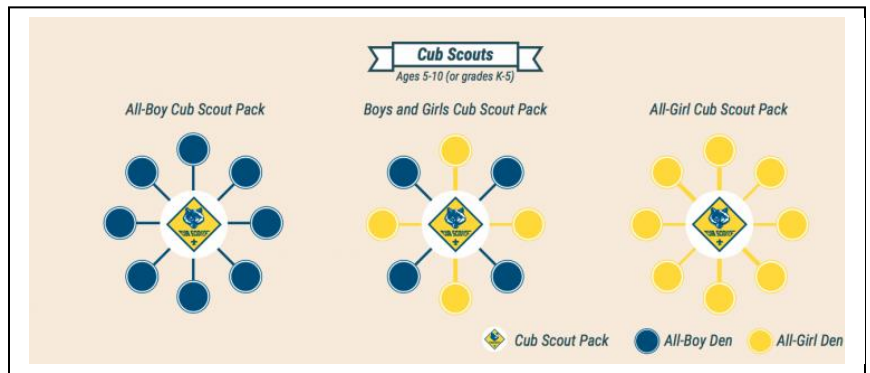
- Most families are dual-earners: Both parents work
- There are more single-parent households; 28% nationally
- 1/3 of parents feel they spend too little time with their kids
- Millennial parents are eager to increase family time
- Many Cub Scout Packs already include the family in all activities



Cub Scout Family Pack Option, Dens Remain Single-gender

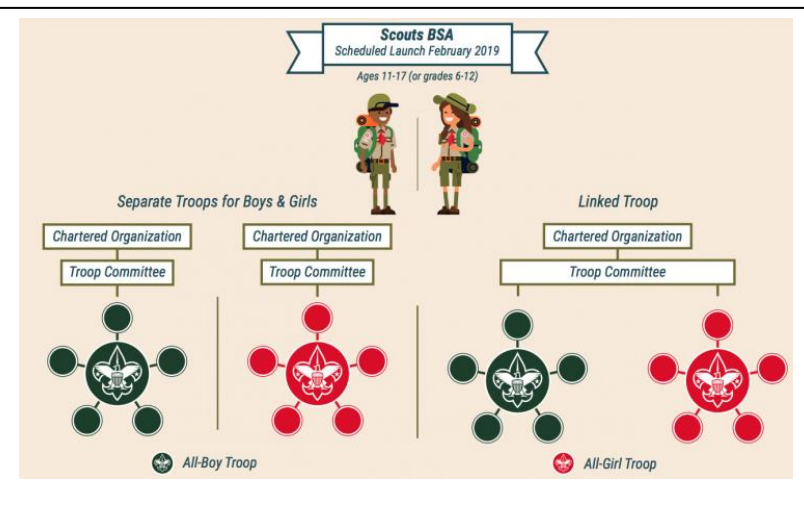
Beginning this fall, Cub Scout Packs – elementary age children – will have the option to remain boys only, or to become a Family Pack, with single-gender all boy dens and all girl dens. Single-gender Dens meet weekly; the Pack meets monthly.

The Cub Scout program content remains the same; no changes will be made.



The Charter Organization (churches & civic organizations that operate packs), plus volunteer pack leadership will determine which type of pack best meets their needs.

Scouts BSA Troops Serve Girls, While Remaining Single-gender



Beginning in February 2019, Charter Organizations can choose to operate all-girl Scout Troops in addition to their all-boy Scout Troops - middle school through high school age youth. Troops will be single-gender, all-boy or all-girls, no co-ed troops.

The program content will not change and will be the same for both boy troops and girl troops. All Scouts can earn the Eagle Scout rank.

The Boy Scout program name will change to Scouts BSA. Participants will be referred to as Scouts in Scout Troops.

Family Scouting serves the entire family together; moms, dads and children K-12.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The organization name is NOT changing.
The Boy Scouts of America will continue to provide leadership and character development programs for boys and girls ages 5-20.

CURRENT	NEW
 <p>Cub Scouts - Boys Only - Ages 5-10</p>	<p>Cub Scouts - Boys and Girls* (separate dens) - Ages 5-10 Launch date June 2018</p>
 <p>Boy Scouts - Boys Only - Ages 11-17</p>	<p>Scouts BSA - Boys and Girls* (separate troops) - Ages 11-17 Launch date February 2019</p>
 <p>Venturing - All Boys, All Girls, or Co-Ed - Ages 14-20</p>	No Change
 <p>Sea Scouts - All Boys, All Girls, or Co-Ed - Ages 14-20</p>	No Change
 <p>Exploring - All Boys, All Girls, or Co-Ed - Ages 10-20</p>	No Change

To find out more, visit Scouting.org/familyscouting

Boy Scouts Of America

The name & mission remains the same

The BSA mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

This mission is accomplished through innovative programs that meet the needs of children, families and communities.

The BSA has offered co-ed programs for over 40 years, going back to the 1970's.

Of the 5 programs the BSA currently offers, 3 are co-ed. STEM Scouts, which launches next year, will also be co-ed.

Scout Law: A Scout is Trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.



What Parents & Kids are Saying:

Eagle Scout Joe wants to share his Scouting experience with his daughter Ruthie. Watch their video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQ5GCiFzu68>

Cubmaster Scott's wife work schedule makes her unable to attend many meetings, so he brings all their kids. "A lot of parents have the same scenario."

Tatum Weir is only 10 years old, but says she wants to make history with her twin brother as the first boy-girl twin pair to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Meet Scarlett who wants to be a Scout like her big brother:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWKps_CoTZo&feature=youtu.be

Get the Facts

The Boy Scouts of America name is not changing and Scout Troops will remain single-gender. Learn how Scouting is serving families through this brief video at:

[youtube.com/watch?v=hkQIXYxolI0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkQIXYxolI0)

Learn more about the BSA meeting the needs of today's families, while maintaining the single-gender model at: <https://www.bsa3.org/FamilyScouting> or give us a call.

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