

SCHOOL & EDUCATION

Hosting Scouting at your school

Homeschool Associations & Co-ops

WHAT THIS MEANS**You provide the home. Your council provides the program.**

Chartering a Scouting unit means your school becomes the unit's home. You are not asked to run the program or train the leaders — your local council does that. What you provide is a place to meet, a point of contact, and a welcome to the families who come. In return, young people in your community get adventure, friendship, leadership and service.

Your school provides

- A place to meet
- A staff or parent contact
- A welcome to your school families

Your council provides

- The full program, training and materials
- Youth-protection standards and insurance framework
- Recruiting and sign-up support
- A local contact who helps you start

Scouting isn't one more activity — for many families it becomes part of how their children learn.

IN PRACTICE**What hosting a unit actually looks like****Weekly meetings**

Around 60–90 minutes, in a room you already have. A hall, classroom or meeting room is enough.

A unit of your own

The pack or troop is chartered to your organization and carries your name.

Familiar and new faces

Families you already know, plus others from the neighborhood who come through your doors.

GETTING STARTED

Five steps to your first meeting

- 1 Talk with your local council**
They explain what chartering involves and answer questions specific to your school.
- 2 Name a point of contact**
One person who links your school and the unit.
- 3 Agree on a meeting place and time**
Most units meet weekly. A hall, classroom or meeting room is enough.
- 4 Invite your families**
Use the Co-Branding Studio to make a flyer carrying your own name and logo.
- 5 Hold your first meeting**
Your council helps with recruiting, registration and leader training.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Quick answers

Can our school or parent group charter a Scouting unit?

Yes. Education organizations are eligible chartered organizations and account for roughly 15% of Scouting youth.

Should we charter the school or the parent group?

Charter the independent entity — the PTO/PTA, booster club, co-op, association, or private school. That keeps the agreement clean and avoids district-level complications.

Does this compete with what the school already offers?

No. Scouting complements the curriculum — merit badges cover STEM, history, civics, and the outdoors, and advancement maps onto service-hour and character requirements.

Do we need a national agreement first?

No. Every unit charters locally through an annual agreement with your local council.

FIND OUT MORE

Useful links

HSLDA — hslida.org

BeAScout — beascout.scouting.org

MAKE IT YOURS

Co-brand your own materials

Build a flyer, event notice or join card with your name and logo beside Scouting America's — in English, Español, 中文 or Deutsch. Visit scoutingpartnerresourcepage.netlify.app and open the Co-Branding Studio.