



Chartered Organizations and the Boy Scouts of America

FACT SHEET

Overview of Chartered Organizations

- Civic, faith-based, and educational organizations operate Scouting units to deliver the programs to their youth members, as well as the community at large.
- Over 100,000 Scouting units are owned and operated by chartered organizations. Of these:
 - 70.3 percent of all units are chartered to faith-based organizations.
 - 22.0 percent of all units are chartered to civic organizations.
 - 7.6 percent of all units are chartered to educational organizations.
- Responsibilities of chartered organizations include:
 - Providing adequate meeting facilities.
 - Providing quality leadership for the Scouting unit.
 - Appointing a chartered organization representative to coordinate all Scouting unit operations within the organization.

Faith-Based Chartered Organizations

The 25 faith-based organizations with the largest Scouting youth membership (Source: *2012 Boy Scouts of America Local Council Index*, using December 31, 2012, membership data):

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*	37,856	430,557
United Methodist Church*	10,868	363,876
Catholic Church*	8,397	273,648
Presbyterian Church*	3,597	125,523
Lutheran Church*	3,827	116,417
Baptist Churches*	3,981	108,353
Episcopal Church*	1,179	41,407
United Church of Christ, Congregational Church	1,191	38,225
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	1,165	33,941
Community Churches	1,054	32,311
Church of Christ*	546	15,430
Evangelical/independent churches	294	7,899
Church of God	237	5,241
Church of the Nazarene	156	4,181
Reformed Church in America	127	4,077



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Faith-Based Organizations (cont.)

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
Jewish synagogues and centers*	156	3,738
Church of the Brethren	101	2,759
African Methodist Episcopal*	149	2,416
The Salvation Army	130	2,233
Islam, Muslim, Masjid*	78	2,222
Assemblies of God*	91	2,193
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	95	1,970
Community of Christ	61	1,899
Pentecostal Churches	107	1,830
Other churches	879	23,910

*Individual fact sheet available

Civic Chartered Organizations

The 20 civic organizations or groups with the largest Scouting youth membership (Source: 2012 Boy Scouts of America Local Council Index, using December 31, 2012, membership data):

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
Groups of citizens	3,115	100,751
American Legion and Auxiliary	2,553	68,154
Business/industry	2,807	66,454
Lions International	2,271	64,563
Rotary International	1,333	42,922
VFW, Auxiliary, Cootie	1,084	31,199
Fire departments	1,176	30,819
Kiwanis International	889	28,547
Elks lodges (BPOE)	778	21,967
Community centers	925	21,258
Boys' and Girls' Clubs	569	19,177



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Civic Chartered Organizations (cont.)

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
Nonprofit agencies	603	16,662
Playgrounds, recreation centers	444	11,610
Athletic booster clubs	389	11,416
Chambers of commerce, business associations	358	10,553
Homeowner's associations	268	9,519
Optimist International	246	8,804
YWCA, YMCA	312	8,738
Masons—Eastern Star	296	8,664
Other community organizations	1,656	45,891

Educational Chartered Organizations

Source: *2012 Boy Scouts of America Local Council Index*, using December 31, 2012, membership data:

Name of Organization	Total Units	Total Youth
Parent-teacher groups other than PTAs	3,443	144,219
Private schools	2,802	103,254
Parent-Teacher Associations/Parent-Teacher Organizations	1,561	65,567