

Would Your Sons Like to Become Boy Scouts??

Come for an organizational and informational meeting for the Boy Scouts - school classroom: Sun., March 14 after 10 o'clock Mass.

The Mater Dei Community would like to start its own Boy Scout Troop. We are looking for parents and adults that are interested in helping make this happen. We also are seeking a Scout Master, as well as several willing assistant scoutmasters to form a Mater Dei BSA Council.

The Boy Scouts
of
America



The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct. Gen. Baden-Powel

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A Brief History on the Boy Scout's beginnings....

The Boy Scouts originally began in England in 1907 by fifty year old bachelor at that time, General Robert Baden-Powell. B-P, from Britain's Boer War. He was known for his weird ideas about military scouting, were he explains in his book *Aids to Scouting*. He was surprised to find that many boys were using his military book as a guide to outdoor activities. Then began to think how he could convert his concepts of army scouting for men to "peace scouting" for boys. He gathered information and ideas from several sources. He then tested his program on a group of boys on Brownsea Island in 1907. The camp was successful, so Gen. Baden-Powell rewrote his military book, renaming it *Scouting for Boys*. People devoured this new idea of youth program like Scouting, and it spread quickly around the British Commonwealth. From there, the Pennsylvanian native William Boyce, welcomed this in 1910, In the US at that time, there were several other rather poorly constructed outdoor youth organizations, some actually bearing the name "Boy Scout". There were already quite a few troops in existence using some of their own variations of the British Scout program. Boyce's plan was to organize the BSA as a business. He incorporated this organization in Washington D.C. than Chicago, and he recruited main youth professionals (many in particular, like the YMCA) to help design and operate the program. Boyce provided key funding for the infant organization, which defiantly helped the small group grow. The newborn BSA quickly created a national office developed a temporary handbook.

They then asked for Baden-Powell's endorsement, which they got, and began to work to get a Congressional Charter from the US Congress.

They got it in 1916. The BSA also started a quite active campaign to welcome all other Scout-type youth organizations into the BSA, and, yes, the BSA was the only one other organization that held out past 1912—another publisher William Randolph Hearst, with his militaristic "US Boy Scout" (also called the "American Boy Scouts") organization, which he founded just three months after the BSA. He was a member of the Order of World Scouts, which was a mostly British program in competition with Baden-Powell's program. The BSA resorted to the federal courts, they were aided by their Congressional Charter and testimony from Baden-Powell, and BSA obtained a favorable ruling against the "US Boy Scout" in 1919. There were three people who influenced the BSA's development more than anyone else: Ernest Thompson Seton, James West, and to a lesser extent, Daniel ("Uncle Dan") Beard. Now, the BSA is founded in several countries. The Boy Scouts of America helps turn curious little boys into outdoor-loving proper young men. +

If you are interested or have
any questions, please contact
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["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"](#)

--Boy Scout Oath