

# Boy Scouts

*The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated to provide a program for community organizations that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for youth.*

*Specifically, the BSA endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society.*

*Boy Scouting, one of three membership divisions of the BSA (the others are Cub Scouting and Venturing), is available to boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award or have completed the fifth grade, or who are 11 through 17 years old, and subscribe to the Scout Oath and Law. The program achieves the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness qualities among youth by focusing on a vigorous program of outdoor activities.*

*The national Boy Scout program membership\* is 1,005,592 Boy Scouts in 52,579 troops.*

*\* As of December 31, 2001. Includes Varsity Scouting.*

## **AIMS AND METHODS OF THE SCOUTING PROGRAM**

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

Our display at the Fair will include live demos by various units from around the State of Ohio, along with a large static display of Scout memorabilia. We also will operate a Pinewood Derby track for Fairgoers (youth and adult) to race cars that Cub Scouts have constructed.

Some famous persons who have been in the Scout program include former Presidents John F. Kennedy, Gerald Ford (the only president to attain the Eagle Scout rank) and Jimmy Carter; astronauts Neil Armstrong, Scott Carpenter, Ellison Onizuka, Buzz Aldrin, and Alan Shepard, to name just a few. Bill Cosby, Walt Disney, Walter Cronkite, Steven Spielberg and Jay Leno are some of the men in the entertainment world who have been Scouts and/or leaders. (The complete list of famous persons would take up several pages.)

The 2007 World Scout Jamboree will be held at Hylands Park in Chelmsford, Essex, in the heart of England, the birthplace of the Scouting movement.

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