

## FAQ

- **Is this Girl Scouts?**  
No, Scouts BSA and Girl Scouts are run by two separate organizations. The programs are different and we encourage families to make the best choice for them.
- **Girls in Boy Scouts?**  
Girls have been members of Boys Scouts of America Venture Crews for years. In 2019 Boy Scouts of America opened the Boy Scout program, now renamed Scouts BSA, to girls ages 11-17. Troops are organized on a single gender basis.
- **Girls do what the boys do?**  
Yes. The curriculum remains the same for both boy and girl troops. Girls now have the opportunity to earn the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. *Troop 19 is a troop for girls only.*
- **Why join Troop 19?**  
Troop 19 values the prioritization of outdoor experiences, citizenship and leadership skills within Scouts BSA. We also have highly trained adult leaders.
- **Why join Scouts-BSA Troop 19?**
  - Outdoor Adventures
  - Camaraderie
  - Outdoor Skills
  - Leadership Development
  - Independence
  - Community Engagement

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- **Will scouting take too much time?**  
Scouts progress at their own pace. Girls are welcome to attend as many or as few events as they can make. We are here to offer fun and achievements, not stress.
- **Do we need to commit right away?**  
No, girls can attend a few meetings and even a trip before they decide if it's something they want to do.
- **Do we need camping gear?**  
The troop provides tents and other equipment for outings. Scouts provide their own basics such as sleeping bags and mess kits. Our quartermaster can help you find the best gear for your scout
- **Can parents camp too?**  
We always welcome parent volunteers but Scouts are expected to camp on their own with their patrol while parents enjoy a good night's sleep.
- **Summer Camp!?**  
One of the best experiences in our program is the girls' week-long trip to one of the amazing Scouts BSA summer camps. Scouts can work on advancement and earn merit badges while adult leaders serve as counselors. Costs are usually around \$500 for the week.

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**TROOP 19**  
**TUCKAHOE, NY**

**A SCOUTS BSA**  
**TROOP FOR GIRLS**  
**GRADES 5 ~ 12**

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# WHY JOIN SCOUTS BSA?

**We believe in building  
good citizens**



**We believe in building  
independent young  
women who enjoy the  
outdoors**



**This is accomplished  
through our outdoor  
program, merit badges  
and encouraging our  
Scouts to live by the Scout  
Oath & Law.**

*“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.”*



***We believe there is more  
to childhood than school  
and sports***

Lady Olave Baden-Powell  
First Chief Scout of Britain and World Chief Guide

## WHAT WE DO

During the course of our usual year, scouts can expect to accomplish the following

- 2 hikes (5 miles or more)
- 6 Camping Trips
- 1 Water Adventure Trip
- 1 Week of Summer Camp
- Local Volunteer Opportunities
- Merit Badge Courses of their choosing



Through the Scouts BSA “Patrol Method”, girls learn to be self sufficient in a group of 6-8 scouts of similar ages.

They will cook their own food, make their own camps, run their own hikes. The Patrol Method is scout led, with more experienced scouts taking leadership positions. Scoutmasters are always present for guidance and safety.

## SCOUT SAFETY

Adult volunteers in our Troop are parents who share the same concerns about the safety of scouts. All leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training and receive full background checks.

Scouts BSA practices “Two Deep Leadership” which means no Scout is ever alone with an adult volunteer - no matter the circumstance. One of the leaders present must always be a female for girl troops.

See More Information at:  
<https://www.scouting.org/about/youth-safety/>

## Schedules and Costs

Annual dues to cover costs of insurance and awards are \$175.

Each activity (camping, etc) has an associated fee for participants (usually around \$30) to cover food and site rental.

Troop 19 meets every Thursday night 7-8:30.

Camping trips are usually Friday evening until Sunday morning, once a month.