

Scouting Awards and Patches

Description: As part of JWV's mission to foster Americanism, we support Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of various ages across the nation.

Scouting Chair Robert Nussbaum (IL) encourages all Posts to connect with at least one troop to complete a service project, present on proper care of the US flag, teach about military life, build a mentorship program...simply get involved with our nation's youth! Our organization has long sent congratulatory certificates and letters to any deserving Girl Scout Gold Award recipient or Boy Scout who achieves Eagle Scout. To order a certificate and congratulatory letter from National, fill out the [scouting form](#) and email it to Brenna Van Stone at bvanstone@jwv.org. Posts are encouraged to present new Eagle Scouts with the Jewish War Veterans' Eagle Scouts Certificate.

There are over 56,000 eligible Scouts each year, and we want to reach out to as many of them as possible and assure them that we support ALL Scouts, regardless of faith or heritage.

The Post with the most involvement with the Scouts (in proportion to their size) can apply for the Joseph Demiany award at the National Convention (which is awarded for the best implementation of a JWV national program). To apply, each Post should submit a report on their Scouting participation.

We encourage all Posts to submit a report for consideration!

Purpose: To fulfill our mission to teach Americanism and help foster a desire in the Scout to seek knowledge/education.

Goals: Help us grow our program by:

- Contacting the regional echelon and National Headquarters and volunteering your Post as the JWV representative to Scouts in the area;
 - Boy Scout Contact Locator: https://beascout.scouting.org/Why_Scouting/BoyScout.aspx
 - Girl Scout Contact Locator: <http://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/join/council-finder.html>
- Making announcements about JWV's Scouting Programs and Patches at your local synagogue, community center, and public and private schools;
- Attending a Scout Honor Court or Scouting event and representing JWV;
- Linking to [JWV's Scouting page](#) on your Post Facebook, Twitter or website.

Metrics: Since November 2016, National HQ has sent out over 200 Scouting certificates.

How to Get Involved: Visit <https://beascout.scouting.org/Volunteer.aspx> or <http://www.girlscouts.org/en/adults/volunteer.html> to find a local volunteer opportunity. Reach out to your local school districts to see if there JROTC programs with whom you can partner. You can also get in touch with JWV National Headquarters for assistance or to inform us that you would be available to volunteer your time for this program.

Point of Contact: For Eagle Scout certificates, as well as for Cub/Brownie/Boy/Girl Scout patch forms: Brenna Van Stone, bvanstone@jwv.org
For program guidance, contact your National Scouting Chair

PARTICIPATION IN SCOUTING:

Participation in BSA programs can be a rewarding experience for echelons, Scouts and JWV members and there are several other ways to participate:

1. Sponsorship of a scouting unit – The formal adoption of a troop allows JWV members the opportunity to impart their skills and experience to a consistent group of youth over an extended period of time.
2. Leadership – Assuming leadership roles in BSA troops and local councils is an option for individuals seeking to make an impact on America’s youth.
3. Financial Support – All organizations have financial requirements, and raising money for BSA troops and providing prizes or awards as needed is an effective means of assisting.
4. Technical Assistance – Share your expertise and help Scouts develop new skills, including serving as merit badge counselors.
5. Jewish Committee on Scouting – Serve on your local council’s Committee, which participates in the presentation of the BSA’s Jewish religious medals.

POST RECOGNITION

In addition to the knowledge that your Post has assisted in the growth of America’s youth through your time and effort, all Posts participating in the scouting program will receive a Certificate of Appreciation at the National Convention. In order to receive this recognition, the Post must return the annual Scouting questionnaire to National Headquarters.

In addition, the Department that has done the most for scouting throughout the year is eligible for the annual Joseph Demiany Award, which is announced at the Annual JWV Convention. All Posts must submit a report on their scouting participation to be eligible for this award. Also, photos of JWV participation in BSA activities should be forwarded to National Headquarters for inclusion in *The Jewish Veteran*. Be sure to include identification of all those in forwarded photos.