

Bullying Awareness

The idea that a Scout should treat others as he or she wants to be treated—a Scout is kind—is woven throughout the programs and literature of the Boy Scouts of America. When a Scout follows the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law, bullying and hazing situations should never occur. The fact sheets found on the website below will help with bullying awareness and direct you to resources provided by the BSA and other entities we work with to protect children.

www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/bullying/

Announcing

cyberCHIP

Today's youth are spending more time than ever using digital media for education, research, socializing, and fun. To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America introduces the Cyber Chip. In developing this exciting new tool, the BSA teamed up with content expert Netsmartz, part of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and training expert for many law enforcement agencies. Topics include cyberbullying, cell phone use, texting, blogging, gaming, and identity theft.



The Cyber Chip can be earned by any youth in the BSA's programs:

- · Cub Scouts: Grades 1-3 and 4-5
- Scouts, BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts; Grades 6-8 and 9-12

TO UNIT LEADERS

The Cyber Chip can be used as a tool to show skill and a commitment to do what's right in the cyber world. Many unit leaders will be using the Cyber Chip before allowing any electronic use on outings—this is a decision each unit can make on its own, much like the Totin' Chip is used today.

This program is brought to you by a collaborative effort from BSA Program Innovation, Youth Protection, and Netsmartz.



www.scouting.org/cyberchip

Unit Leaders

Integration Ideas

- Tailor the requirements to your own unit rules. Complete the requirements for the Cyber Chip as a unit at a regular meeting, then hand out the cards and patches on the spot.
- Create a fun challenge for youth to stump the unit leaders.
- Play a "Jeopardy!"-style game in a meeting to use what's been learned.
- · Play relay race or games with Tech Challenge.
- · Host a panel of experts to answer all your youths' and adults' "how-to" questions.
- Use the Cyber Chip as a foundational step in preparation for leadership positions such as Webmaster.

Use the Cyber Chip as a tool to work with your youth to create additional open communications.

A PARENTS' RESOURCE GUIDE ON YOUTH SAFETY

The Boy Scouts of America has provided parents with several resources to inform them on how to protect their children from child abuse. These resources can't address all threats to personal safety for our children in and out of Scouting, but they will inform and empower parents to better recognize, respond to, and report most forms of abuse and begin the conversation. For example, the *Youth Protection: How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parents' Guide* contains information for parents about child abuse and some tips for talking with your child about child abuse. It also includes putting that knowledge to work with exercises for parents to share with their child. Research shows that children whose parents talk to them about preventing abuse are better able to protect themselves and are more likely to tell if they are experiencing abuse or have been abused. As the child grows, it's important that we continue to teach and educate safety in all aspects of a child's life.

Check out this guide, and many other resources below to stay informed about the Boy Scouts of America's safety materials.

GUIDE BOOKS



GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING Youth Protection & Adult Leadership www.scouting.org/ health-and-safety/qss/ **CUB SCOUTS**



PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM CHILD ABUSE: A PARENT'S GUIDE https://filestore.scouting.org/ filestore/pdf/100-014_WEB.pdf *ALSO IN SPANISH at www.scouting.org/ training/youth-protection/parents-quides/

YOUTH PROTECTION - HOW TO

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YOUTH PROTECTION - HOW TO



A TIME TO TELL

VIDEO & MEETING GUIDE

https://filestore.scouting.org/ filestore/pdf/46-180.pdf *ALSO IN SPANISH at www.scouting.org/ training/youth-protection/scouts-bsa/



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PREVENTION GUIDE & MORE



cyberCHIP https://www.scouting.org/ training/youth-protection/ cyber-chip/



TRAININGhttps://www.scouting.org/
health-and-safety/alerts/
hazardous-weather-training/

HAZARDOUS WEATHER

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

BSA National Youth Protection: www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection

Youth Protection Training: https://my.scouting.org

BSA Incident Reporting: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report

State-by-State Mandatory Reporting Information: www.childwelfare.gov

Scouter Code of Conduct:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/Scouter_Code_of_Conduct.pdf

Scouts First Helpline: 1-844-SCOUTS1 (1-844-726-8871)

BSA Member Care: 972-580-2489

U.S. NATIONAL RESOURCES

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: Information on Digital/Online Safety and Reporting

Netsmartz: www.netsmartz.org

Cyber Tipline: 800-843-5678

Child Help webpage: www.childhelp.org or 800-4-A-Child (800-422-4453)

Prevent Child Abuse webpage: www.preventchildabuse.gov

Committee for Children: www.cfchildren.org

Hot Chocolate Talk: www.cfchildren.org/blog/2018/03/the-hot-chocolate-talk/

Stop Bullying: www.stopbullying.gov

Suicide Prevention: www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org or 800-273-8255