# SCOUTING & EXPLORING QUICK START UNIT GUIDE





CUB SCOUTS • Grades K-5

<u>Ideal for:</u> Elementary-age kids and their families to explore the outdoors and learn good citizenship.

Minimum youth: 5; ideally 15+ (3-4 per grade level).

#### **Steps to get started:**

(1) Recruit a few key leaders (2) Plan first 6 months' calendar (3) Hold a sign-up night at school or community (4) Recruit remaining leaders

Required leaders: • Cubmaster - MC for meetings, oversees den leaders

- At least 1 den leader, ideally 5-6
  Committee chair, oversees logistics
  - 2+ committee members (treasurer, recruitment chair,
  - Chartered org. representative

## **SCOUTS BSA** • Boys or girls grades 6-12

<u>Ideal for:</u> Middle- and high-school youth to learn leadership through adventure, with close support of adult role models.

Minimum youth: 5. Aim to grow to 10-15 in the first year. Boys and girls are part of separate troops.

#### **Steps to get started:**

(1) Recruit a few key leaders (2) Plan first 6 months' calendar (3) Hold a sign-up night at school or community (4) Recruit remaining leaders

Required leaders: • Scoutmaster - main advisor. Recommend 3+ assistants.

- Committee chair, oversees logistics
- 2+ committee members (treasurer, recruitment chair, etc.)
- Chartered org. representative

# VENTURING/SEA SCOUTS . Ages 14-20

<u>Ideal for:</u> High school and college age youth who want to create their own adventure with help from adult advisors.

Venturers join a crew that can do a variety of high-adventure activities. Sea Scouts focus on sailing, diving, or other water sports. **Minimum youth:** 5.

<u>Steps to get started:</u> (1) Recruit a few key leaders (2) Plan first 6 months' calendar (3) Recruit youth from community (4) Recruit remaining leaders

Required leaders: • Advisor or skipper. Recommend



### **EXPLORING** • Grades 6-8 or ages 14-20

**Ideal for:** Providing hands-on career experiences to strengthen youth and grow your future workforce.

Minimum youth: 5. Middle schoolers join an Exploring club that's usually more broadly focused, while ages 14-20 join a post specializing in one field.

#### **Steps to get started:**

(1) Research interest in careers (2) Identify and train leaders (3) Plan 3- to 4-month calendar (4) Host an open house & onboard youth leadership

Required leaders: • Advisor - main mentor/planner.

Recommend 3+ assistants.

- Committee chair, oversees logistics
- 2+ committee members

