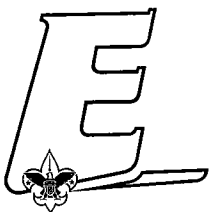
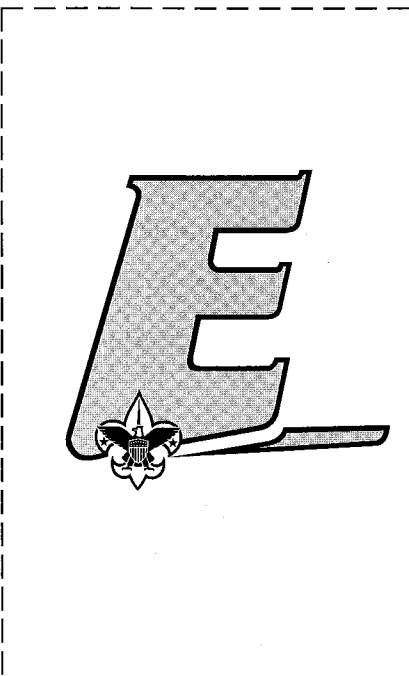




Explorer



APPLICATION



I submit my \$7 registration fee for one year, \$1.50 of which is to cover subscription to *Exploring* magazine. The registration fee also includes an agreed-upon payment to the United States Foundation for International Scouting in support of BSA World Scouting commitments. I am at least 14 years of age and have completed the eighth grade or am 15 years of age and not yet 21.

Explorers registered in a post or ship prior to their 21st birthday may continue as members after their 21st birthday until the post or ship recharter or until they reach their 22nd birthday, whichever comes first.

Exploring includes challenging physical and mental activities. If you have not recently had a complete medical examination, you are urged to see your family physician. Notify your Advisor/Skipper if you require special medication or if your physician recommends limited activity. Please fill in the Health History on the back of the unit copy of this application.

The Explorer Code

As an Explorer—

I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, strength, and traditions of our people.

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life.

I will acquire the Exploring attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

I have read the above Explorer Code and will strive to live up to it.

Signed _____

**TEMPORARY
MEMBERSHIP
CERTIFICATE**
(Good for 60 days)

This is to certify that

_____ is a member in Exploring.

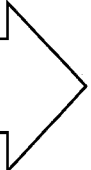
Advisor/Skipper

Post/Ship

Date

EXPLORING BSA

ADVISOR/SKIPPER: (1) Sign completed form; (2) remove last carbon; (3) retain post/ship copy and forward the other copy to local council service center with proper fees; and (4) sign Membership Certificate and present to member.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA INFORMATION FOR EXPLORERS

(It is important that you share this with your parents.)

Welcome to Exploring, a program of the Boy Scouts of America.

You are joining more than four million members of the Boy Scouts of America. Please take the time to review this material and reflect upon its importance.

The BSA and the Chartered Organization

The Boy Scouts of America makes Exploring available to our nation's youth by chartering community organizations to operate Explorer posts. The chartered organization must provide an adequate and safe meeting place and capable adult leadership, and must adhere to the principles and policies of the BSA. The BSA local council provides unit leader training, program ideas, camping facilities, literature, professional guidance for volunteer leaders, and liability insurance protection.

Exploring's Volunteers and You

Exploring's adult volunteers provide leadership at the post, district, council, and national levels. Many are parents of Explorers, or entered as youth members. Each chartered organization establishes a post committee, which operates

its Explorer post, selects leadership, and provides support for a quality program. Some post committees depend on parents for membership and assistance.

The post committee selects the Explorer Advisor, subject to approval of the head of the chartered organization or chartered organization representative. The post Advisor must be a good role model because Explorers' values and lives will be influenced by that leader. Your parents need to know your post Advisor and should be involved in the post committee's activities so they can evaluate and help direct that influence.

Exploring uses six experience areas to promote character development, leadership development, and personal fitness for every member. Your parents can help by encouraging perfect attendance, attending meetings for parents, and assisting when called upon by your Advisor.

Program Policies

The Exploring program is flexible, but major departures from BSA methods and policies are not permitted. You and your parents should be aware that:

- Leadership is restricted to qualified adults who subscribe to the Declaration of Religious Principle, the Explorer Code, and the BSA Standards of Leadership.
- Citizenship activities are encouraged, but partisan political activities are prohibited.
- Military training and drill are prohibited. Marksmanship, military career experiences, and elementary drill for ceremonies are permitted.
- The Boy Scouts of America recognizes the importance of religious faith and duty; it leaves religious instruction to the member's religious leaders and family. Members who do not belong to a post's religious chartered organization shall not be required to participate in its religious activities.
- Two registered adult leaders or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participant, who must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. If activities are coeducational, leaders of both sexes must be present.
- Parents and post leaders must work together to solve discipline problems.
- One-on-one activities between Explorers and adults are not permitted, except for authorized ride-along programs. Personal conferences must be conducted in plain view of others.

- If you suspect that anyone in the post is a victim of child abuse, immediately contact your council Scout executive, who is responsible for reporting this to the appropriate authorities.
- All Exploring activities are open to parental visitation.

Ethnic Codes. BSA receives inquiries from various agencies regarding racial composition. This section is optional. The following codes should be used to indicate ethnic background.

AA—African American	CA—Caucasian
AI—American Indian	HI—Hispanic
AS—Asian	OT—Other

Thank You!

The Boy Scouts of America appreciates your taking time to become familiar with Exploring. We feel that informed Explorers and parents are strong allies in delivering the Scouting program. Help us keep the post program in accord with Exploring principles. Alert the post committee, chartered organization representative, and head of the chartered organization to any major deviations. And be prepared to do your fair share to support a quality post program.

