



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA NATIONAL COUNCIL

absolute top priority. That's precisely why we've developed some of the strongest expert-informed youth protection policies found in any youth-serving organization.

From mandatory youth protection training and background checks for all volunteers and staff, to policies that prohibit one-on-one interaction between youth and adults and require that any suspected abuse be reported to law enforcement, our volunteers and employees take youth protection extremely seriously and do their part to help keep kids safe. You can read more about the BSA's multi-layered safeguards and our efforts to be part of the broader solution to child abuse at www.scouting.org/youth-safety.

9. What is the BSA doing to support victims of abuse in Scouting?

The BSA has partnered with 1in6, a trusted national resource for male survivors, to expand their services so that victims of abuse are able to anonymously access vital support from trained advocates when and how they need it. Victims can access these services at www.1in6.org/BSA. This is a multi-year commitment, which we feel is an important component of the support we provide on an ongoing basis.

The BSA will continue to fund in-person counseling for any current or former Scout or member of their family by a provider of their choice, when they are ready to take that step. No proof is required; a victim need only make a request. To request in-person counseling, please call 1-866-907-BSA1 or email restructuring@scouting.org.

10. Did the BSA cover up past instances of abuse?

An independent academic review of the BSA's records found no incident of a coverup of abuse by the national organization. However, the BSA recognizes that in the past, its efforts to protect its youth participants have at times failed some of the very children they were meant to protect. In certain circumstances, predators used Scouting to gain access to children, and volunteers or employees of the national organization or local councils did not always effectively address allegations and transgressions. The BSA understands that no apology can ever repair the damage caused by this abuse or take away the pain that victims have endured.

About Donations to Scouting

11. Will my donations be used to compensate victims or cover legal fees related to the Chapter 11 filing?

Your restricted donations can only be used for their designated purposes. We are legally prepared to enforce and defend all of your restrictions to ensure donations – past, present and future – are used as you intended.

In addition, Friends of Scouting (FOS) donations go straight to supporting Scouting in our communities today. These donations are critical to maintaining our operations and are being used to do so in real time.

12. Should I donate to Scouting during the Chapter 11 process, or should I wait until the national organization emerges from the restructuring process?

There is absolutely no reason to stop supporting Scouting. Whether you contribute to the national organization, your local council, or both, your continued support is more important than ever. It is instrumental in empowering young people to succeed now and throughout their lives.

Your contributions have created unparalleled experiences for youth – experiences that instill the values and skills that prepare our members to be the future leaders of

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