

POLICY FOR PARTICIPATION OF ETHNIC GROUPS

IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Boy Scouts of America reaffirms its feeling of deep understanding for freedom-loving people everywhere and extends an especially warm welcome to those who have immigrated to the United States. This country was built and nurtured by people and the descendants of people who came from other countries. They have an intense desire and need to continue the rich traditions of their national heritage through their various organizations.

Recognizing this desire and need, the Boy Scouts of America urges all such organizations to affiliate as partners with the Boy Scouts of America and the World Brotherhood of Scouting.

To make this partnership possible, the Boy Scouts of America proposes the following:

1. That these groups be encouraged to join the Boy Scouts of America as provided by the Charter and Bylaws, and to participate fully in all council and district programs.
2. That if they so wish, the central Scouting committees of these groups may continue to review unit charter applications and to collect registration fees for their own organization in addition to the Boy Scouts of America fees.
3. That these groups may continue their own organizational lines of communication among themselves and their own nationality groups in other countries.
4. That boy members of these groups will participate in the advancement program of the Boy Scouts of America. The various central Scouting committees may provide additional requirements related to the history, flag, language, culture, and tradition of their own native lands.
5. The adult leaders of these groups will participate in the leadership training program of the Boy Scouts of America. The various central Scouting committees may provide additional training experience in their own history, culture, and tradition.
6. That these groups be encouraged to present historical, cultural, and traditional performances at council and district events.
7. That members of these groups will wear the uniform and insignia of the Boy Scouts of America. In addition such members, if they so desire, may wear an identification patch or badge indicating national origin above the Boy Scouts of America strip over the right pocket of the uniform shirt and a small insignia of their previous association, if in existence, pinned or sewn at the side of their Boy Scouts of America badge of rank on the left shirt pocket. *In strictly unit functions such as parents' night within the institution, members are permitted to wear a distinctive cap or headgear. No other substitutions or alternatives in the uniform and insignia are authorized.

* Last two sentences deleted - 1970