

Cambridge Troop 56 BSA (Boy Scouts of America, now known as '**Scouts BSA**'), would like to make families aware of our troop, **open to both girls and boys from age 11 (6th grade)** through age 20.

The organization and structure of the program help youth to gain leadership, teamwork and outdoor skills, and build character. Youth complete rank advancement requirements to build skills, perform community service, and earn [merit badges](#) to broaden and deepen their interests.

Activities are youth led, with adults providing guidance. All parents are welcome to join as Troop adults, and all Troop adults are trained in safe scouting and youth protection measures that are recently updated and thorough.

Weekly **meetings are at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays**, and will take place on Zoom for the foreseeable future. Our troop is vibrant and active in the outdoors, and we have historically had overnight weekend trips each month of the school year, as well as summer trips. This year instead of overnight trips we have been planning local **outdoor activities** (that are T accessible) such as bike rides, hikes, and canoeing. (In normal years, each scout participates in fundraising to earn money toward activity fees, which cover trips. However, this year there are no activity fees.)

We are a truly inclusive troop, committed to diversity, welcoming all regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race/ethnicity, neighborhood, etc. We are hosted by Saint James Episcopal Church in Porter Square, though Scouts come from all over. We welcome families from all faith traditions as well as those not religious. Female youth have officially been part of BSA since February of last year, but have been incorporated in our troop for much longer, with excellent results. (See <https://www.wbur.org/news/2021/01/15/first-female-eagle-scouts-cambridge-kavita-trivedi>)

Aims of Scouting: character development, citizenship training, leadership, and mental and physical fitness

Scout motto: Be Prepared

Scout Slogan: Do a Good Turn Daily

Scout Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent

Scout Oath: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

If your child is interested in checking it out, we welcome them to join a zoom meeting and activity. Please contact one of our Scoutmasters, David (englishdavid11@yahoo.com) or Lizbeth (lamanzanitagodzilla@gmail.com).

(There is also a [Cub Scout](#) Troop for youth in grades K-5, pack-56-info@googlegroups.com)

Thank you,
Cambridge Troop Crew 56

<https://www.troopcrew56.org/who-we-are/>