

## **SCOUT LEADER REGISTRATION**

Upon being called to a Ward Scouting leadership position, the person accepting the call should complete BSA form No. 28-501L "Adult Application" (available through your local Scout office), making sure all questions have been answered and signatures are secured. The membership application is submitted with appropriate fees to the local BSA council office within the following week. Each applicant is checked against the BSA files. If there are any problems, a BSA official will contact the ward Bishop; otherwise the Bishop may assume the application has been accepted. If an adult being considered for a ward Scout leadership calling is new to the ward, the Bishop should check with the prior Bishop to make certain all is in order. LDS

Relationship – BSA Office

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## **CHURCH POLICY CONCERNING BSA REGISTRATION**

**“Never allow a Scout leader to function in any position in a (Scout) unit sponsored by the Church in the United States until he has been registered with the Boy Scouts of America.”** (President Boyd K. Packer, from a letter to Stake Presidents, January 2, 1997)

**“No man is called to work with youth until his membership certificate is in the hands of the bishop. In addition, no man is called to work in Scouting until he is fully registered with the governing board (local council) of Scouting and his record merits consideration for a call. This procedure has been expounded many times, yet wolves continue to enter with the intent to destroy the flock. President Hinckley asked that I stress tonight this instruction.”** (President Thomas S. Monson, from a Priesthood Session address April 4, 1998 titled “In Harm’s Way”)

**“Relationships with the Boy Scouts of America – The bishop assigns one of his counselors ... to serve as the ward’s representative to the Scout district or council. This leader works with the District Commissioners ... to register participants and ensure that all Scouts and leaders are registered.”** (1997 LDS *Scout Handbook*, pg2)

**“All boys, young men, and their adult leaders participating in approved Scouting in the Church are to be duly registered with the Boy Scouts of America through local councils.”** (1997 LDS *Scout Handbook*, pg5)

**“Stakes should register all young men ages 8–15 in Scouting. They should register young men ages 16-17 in Scouting when they are pursuing rank advancements or when stake presidents and bishops choose to sponsor Venturing posts (Rovers in Canada) for young men of this age. Stakes should also register adult leaders.”** (June 1998 LDS *Budget Allowance Guidelines*, pg2)

**“A Scout Troop should be chartered for twelve- and thirteen-year-old young men. A Varsity Scout Team should be chartered for fourteen- and fifteen-year-olds. Where priesthood leaders have determined to use the Explorer (Venturing) program for sixteen- and seventeen-year-old young men, an Explorer Post (Venturing Crew) should be chartered for that age group. Such divisions are recommended to help maintain quorum identity.”** (1997 LDS *Scout Handbook*, pg3)

**“Stakes do not register Scout units. Such units take young men away from their wards and cause them to lose identity with their quorums.”** (1997 LDS *Scout Handbook*, pg6)

**“Scouting under Church sponsorship must not operate independently of the priesthood and the family. The Scout unit should become an extension of the home, the deacons, teachers, or priests quorum, or the Primary classes and should function as part of the Church’s activity program for boys and young men.”** (1997 LDS *Scout Handbook*, pg1)