

**Twin Valley Council**



**Boy Scouts of America**

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**Mission and Vision of the Boy Scouts of America**

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America, to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

**Scout Oath**

**O**n 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.

**Scout Law**

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

**Vision Statement**

**T**he Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training.

**The Purpose of Scouting**

Scouting was founded in 1907 by Lord Baden-Powell in England, and he described the program as *"a game with a purpose"*. That purpose is to develop young men of character, with exposure to new areas of skills and interests that may someday lead to a career or lifelong hobby. Scouting develops leaders with twelve qualities which are all in compassed within the Scout Law.

Scouting's system of graduated ranks and programs is designed to teach your son as he earns his accomplishments, all while having fun! We do not give out awards simply for participation - the boys earn their awards: some get more than others, but it's because they decide to, because to them the awards are worth achieving. We teach them that their hard work will have a positive effect every time, and we do it in a way that makes you part of the process, making you an active participant in your son's success, and FUN!

