



Dear Leaders,

The Boy Scouts of America is at a pivotal and exciting time in our history! As packs begin to welcome girls into the Cub Scout program across the country, we need to remember a few important things to ensure a seamless local rollout of Family Scouting and a fantastic experience for all our members:

1. Only council-approved packs may recruit girls at this time.

Although our programs will officially welcome both boys and girls into Cub Scouting this summer/fall, we are offering a soft launch for early adopter units that allows eligible packs to register girls (K-4) into Cub Scouts as of January 15. If you have not received written approval from a council staff member, you are not a registered Early Adopter pack and should not be welcoming girls into your pack at this time.

In order to participate in the Early Adopter program, packs must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- The Council approves your pack as being in “good standing.” (Your district executive can let you know your pack’s current standing and help you get where you need to be.)
- ALL pack leaders are trained in their positions.
- The pack submits a program plan that ensures all participants (current boys and new girls) can accomplish all rank requirements by May 31, 2018.
- The COR and a member of the pack committee activate the "Family" option on your pack’s BeAScout.org pin.
- The pack agrees to do the following:
 - Register a minimum of four girls into your existing pack. (There must be at least four girls per den although the pack may create an "All Ages Den" during the Early Adopter Program if necessary).
 - Use ONLY online registration during the Early Adopter Program and appoint a pack leader to monitor and approve/deny all online applications.

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- Have a trained female leader on site for all pack or den activities involving female members.
- Uphold membership policies.
- Use the current Cub Scouting program and resources.
- Provide regular input and feedback about pack activities and experiences to help improve the formal rollout; this information may also be used in marketing and earned media outreach.

If your pack meets ALL of the criteria and would like to be any Early Adopter unit, please send a message to PTAC.Family@Scouting.org.

2. Use of images, logos, sayings, or trademarked material of any kind belonging to the Girl Scouts of the USA or depicting members of the Girl Scouts of the USA is strictly prohibited on any and all Boy Scouts of America material. Materials include digital and print documents, emails, social media posts, advertisements, etc. Council-approved Early Adopter packs will be given access to our online repository of permitted Family Scouting images for promotional use. A full toolbox of Family Scouting promotional assets will be available to all units this summer.

Thank you for your help in making Family Scouting a success! Please reach out to us at PTAC.Family@Scouting.org with any questions.

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