

Host a Scouting unit in your community

A simple, high-impact way for your organization to serve local young people — with the council supporting you every step of the way.

What a chartered organization is

A chartered organization is a community group — a church, civic club, school group, veterans' post, business, or neighborhood association — that agrees to “host” a Scouting unit as part of its own service to youth. You open the door and lend your good name; Scouting America brings a complete, ready-to-run program. Our role is to **support your mission, not to govern it.**

What your organization gains

- **Live your mission** — youth development you don't have to build from scratch.
- **Real support, not paperwork** — a local district team helps recruit and train leaders.
- **Community goodwill** — your name behind something families trust.
- **A program that's ready to go** — curriculum, activities, and training already exist.
- **Grow future leaders** — the youth you serve become tomorrow's community leaders.
- **Backed and protected** — youth-protection standards and insurance coverage.

What it takes from you

- ✓ A place for the unit to meet
- ✓ One Charter Organization Representative to stay connected
- ✓ A say in who leads — you approve the adult leaders
- ✓ Encouragement; you host the unit, you don't run its meetings

What Hoosier Trails Council brings

- ✓ The full Scouting program and materials
- ✓ Help recruiting and training volunteer leaders
- ✓ Youth-protection training + background checks
- ✓ A local district team and commissioner
- ✓ Insurance coverage for authorized activities

How to start

1

Have a conversation

Reach out — a local rep answers every question. No commitment.

2

Design the fit

Choose the right unit, a meeting space, and first leaders — with our help.

3

Launch & grow

Sign a simple annual charter, name your rep, welcome your first Scouts.

Ready to talk?

No pressure, no obligation — just a conversation about serving your community's youth.

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