



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
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## CHICKASAW COUNCIL ANNOUNCES SCOUTS USA TROOPS FOR GIRLS NOW FORMING

### Information Meetings to Take Place January 14, 2019

Memphis, Tennessee. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) made history on May 2, 2018, by unveiling its new *Scout Me In* campaign, which celebrates the BSA's expansion to serve families and welcome both girls and boys into Scouting in communities across the country. It reinforces that the mission and core values in the Scout Oath and Scout Law are welcoming, inclusive and foundational for both young men and women. Younger girls were welcomed into Scouting's iconic Cub Scout program starting last May, and several girl dens have now been formed within the Chickasaw Council region.

On February 1, 2019, two new troops for girls ages 11-17 will begin operating in the Chickasaw Council, as the Boy Scouts of America officially begins welcoming older girls into the Scouts BSA program. Starting on that date, young women will be able to begin enjoying the many benefits of the Scouts BSA program and begin working towards the rank of Eagle Scout.

"We are excited we are now able to provide young women access to the BSA's programs," said Chickasaw Council Scout Executive Richard Fisher. "The values of the Scout Oath and Law, our leadership training and the many developmental experiences we provide are as relevant to young women today as they are to the young men in our program, and they will benefit."

The girl troops will be operated under the mission and core values of the Boy Scouts of America, which remain unchanged. For girls who are interested in learning more about joining a troop, informational meetings will be held by the two newly forming troops on January 14:

**Troop 1**, chartered by The Well at Lewisburg Church, will have an open house on **Monday, January 14, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

The church is located at **56 Vaughn Lane, Olive Branch, MS 38654.**

Contact **Brian Look**, Scoutmaster, at [2BFreeForever@gmail.com](mailto:2BFreeForever@gmail.com), for additional information.

**Troop 8**, chartered **Buntyn Presbyterian Church**, will have an open house on **Monday, January 14, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

The church is located at **561 Prescott Street Memphis, TN 38111.**

Contact **Ronda Standridge**, Scoutmaster, at [rondastand@bellsouth.net](mailto:rondastand@bellsouth.net), for additional information.

Additional information about the Scouts USA program can be found at: <https://www.scouting.org/familyscouting/>

**About the Chickasaw Council**

The Chickasaw Council serves nearly seven thousand youth in seventeen counties in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Mississippi. The dedicated council staff, along with an army of incredible volunteers works tirelessly to deliver quality year-round programs that meets the advancement and enrichment needs of our youth members, through Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA (Boy Scouts), Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring. For more information on the Chickasaw Council, please visit [www.chickasaw.org](http://www.chickasaw.org)

**About the Boy Scouts of America**

The Boy Scouts of America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life.®" The Scouting organization is composed of nearly 2.3 million youth members between the ages of 5 and 21 and approximately 960,000 volunteers in local councils throughout the United States and its territories. For more information on the Boy Scouts of America, please visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)