



# Direct Service

## FACT SHEET

### Program Overview

- The BSA Scouting program is available to United States citizens and their dependents living in other countries. The Transatlantic Council is headquartered in Germany and serves U.S. Scouts in most of Europe. The Far East Council is headquartered in Japan and serves several Far East nations. Direct Service serves all other BSA Scouts living outside the United States.

### Administration

- Administered by the International Department of the Boy Scouts of America
- Provides some of the same services that a local council provides, including:
  - Approving advancements
  - Maintaining records
  - Operating an Order of the Arrow lodge
  - Organizing national and world jamboree participation
  - Processing registration and magazine subscriptions
  - Processing supply orders
  - Providing information and program resources
- Meetings and activities are basically the same as those in the United States.
  - Minor modifications are sometimes necessary due to circumstances that occur when living in other countries.
  - Scouting activities may include other Scout associations for events like jamborees, rallies, and community projects.
- Serves youth through chartered organizations
- Units organize their own activities to earn money for:
  - Special programs
  - Equipment
  - Service projects



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## Membership

- Approximately 2,500 youth members and 1,000 adult leaders are in Direct Service units or are registered as Lone Scouts in isolated areas of the world.
- Members are the children of:
  - International businesspeople
  - Diplomatic corps officials
  - U.S. military personnel
- 100 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews in more than 50 countries on five continents
- These are some of the countries that have one or more Scouting units or Lone Scouts registered through Direct Service:

Angola	El Salvador	Qatar
Argentina	Honduras	Russia
Australia	Hong Kong	Rwanda
Azerbaijan	India	Saudi Arabia
Bahrain	Indonesia	Senegal
Bangladesh	Israel	Singapore
Bolivia	Jordan	South Africa
Brazil	Kazakhstan	Sri Lanka
Brunei	Kenya	Sumatra
Bulgaria	Kuwait	Tanzania
Cameroon	Laos	The Bahamas
Chile	Malaysia	Trinidad and Tobago
China	Mexico	Ukraine
Colombia	New Zealand	United Arab Emirates
Costa Rica	Nicaragua	Venezuela
Cuba	Nigeria	Viet Nam
Dominican Republic	Oman	Yemen
Ecuador	Panama	Zimbabwe
Egypt	Peru	

## Order of the Arrow

- The Gamenowinink Lodge No. 555 is under the supervision and administration of the International Department:
  - The lodge averages 200 members.
  - The name of the lodge means “On the other side of the Great Sea” in Lenni Lenape.

## Web Site

More information can be found at [www.directservicebsa.org](http://www.directservicebsa.org).