



Pilots & Program Development Updates



- The Lion Pilot program ended 2016 with 204 councils and 30,559 new members.
- Unofficial year-end numbers for 2017 are 46,851 in 245 councils.
- Focus groups and surveys were conducted that indicate overall success of the program – youth and families are enjoying the program, indicating that they believe it provides value to their child.
- Adventure Loops are now available to Lions, in addition to their stickers.
- A motion has been made and unanimously approved by the Program Development Support Committee for a recommendation to the Membership Growth Standing Committee to move the Lion program from a pilot to an official part of the Cub Scouting program. Pending approval by the Committee, it may be on the consent agenda for the National Executive Board during the February meeting.



- In councils participating in the Early Adopter program, Cub Scouting will welcome girls currently in grades K-4 to join as early as today, Monday, January 15, 2018.
- If a council has not yet made a decision to participate, they have until February 15, 2018 to send an email to family.scouting@scouting.org with their council name and council number indicating that they wish to participate.
- For participating councils, girls may register online through March 15, 2018.





January 8, 2018

- The video scheduled for release today for unit leaders is at <https://vimeo.com/249824630> with the password F@mily4UnitLeaders
- Photos for use in council promotions for Family Scouting will be ready today and can be found at <http://bit.ly/2018BSAFamilyScouting>; these are all Wolf images; photos of the other ranks will be made available as the photo shoots are completed.
- As of January 8, 2018, 108 councils have signed up for the early adopter program.
- Total available youth (TAY) for membership reports will not be updated to reflect girls until 2019.
- A Voice of the Scout survey is going out to Boy Scouts leaders/parents, Boy Scout Chartered Organizations, and Boy Scout (the monthly survey that goes out to 1/12th our membership each month). A question has been added to the January survey:

The Cub Scout program is structured so that Charter Organizations can select whether to have a boy-only pack, a girl-only pack, or a family pack where there are boy dens and girl dens.

We want to continue to ensure the benefit of our single-gender program.

For the older girl's program, we can deliver the single-gender experience at both the troop and patrol level or at the patrol level. In both options, boys and girls would use the same handbook and complete the same requirements.

Option 1: If a chartered organization wanted to serve both girls and boys in the older youth Scouting program, they would need to have two troops. One for boys only and one for girls only that would meet separately and hold outings separately.

Option 2: Have a structure like the new Cub Scout structure where the chartered organization can select whether to have a boy-only troop, a girl-only troop, or a family troop where there are all-boy patrols and all-girl patrols, which would function the same way that troops do today. Elected youth leadership in family troops would be structured to ensure that both genders hold youth leadership positions in the troop.





January 8, 2018



- Reviewing the changes of the next generation of Boy Scout handbook.
- Created posted a resource to assist Troops with explaining Boy Scouts to new Scouting families.
- Updating the Boy Scout leader training courses.
- Completing of the Den Chief guide and training to include Venturers and Sea Scouts.



- A reminder of this summer's VenturingFest (<http://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/>). This will be a celebration of Venturing's 20th anniversary. All registered Scouts 14 and older (Venturers, Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers) are invited to attend. They will have the full experience of the Summit's activities – this promises to be an amazing event! And don't forget that there are scholarship funds available.
- Topics of discussion in the committee include potential for having co-ed Venturing Clubs (similar to how Exploring has Clubs at the middle school age) as well as looking at Rovers (co-ed, ages 18-25). This is just at the discussion stage; no recommendation has come out of this committee at this time.

