

# Building Evidence in Scouting Together

**Scouts, Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Parents,**  
your troop has been selected for the BSA BEST Study!



**Share your voice and earn a unique three-part patch and up to \$100 in gift cards to the Scout Shop!**

## **INTRODUCING THE BSA BUILDING EVIDENCE IN SCOUTING TOGETHER (BEST) STUDY**

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is exploring the Scouts BSA experience to understand how troop leader practices promote the development of Scouts. The goal of this study is to improve Scouts BSA programming for youth and adults.

The BSA, Montclair State University, and the American Institutes for Research are partnering on this first-of-its-kind national study. The study is taking place between now and 2020 and has been approved by the Montclair State University Institutional Review Board 17-18-1105.

## **WHAT DO WE DO FOR THE STUDY?**

We want to learn more about your experience as a current Scout, Scoutmaster, or Assistant Scoutmaster in Scouts BSA. **Study participants will take an online survey up to three times between now and early 2020. Some participants have already been invited to participate in phone interviews.**

## **DO I HAVE TO PARTICIPATE?**

Your participation is voluntary. If you do not want to participate, you do not have to sign up. If you sign up and change your mind, you can opt out of the study at [www.bsabeststudy.org](http://www.bsabeststudy.org). Of course, we hope you decide to participate and share your experiences in the BSA!

## **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE PARTICIPATE?**

Individuals who complete each survey will earn one piece of a three-part BEST Study patch, pictured above. **Your troop also can earn up to \$100 in national Scout Shop gift cards for completing surveys.**

The study team will look at survey and interview responses to identify findings that the BSA will use to improve Scouts BSA programming. We will not share any identifying information.

## **HOW DO I SIGN UP?**

**If you are a Scout,** talk to your Scoutmaster and parent or guardian to decide if you want to participate. If you do, your Scoutmaster will help you sign up for the study.

**If you are an Assistant Scoutmaster,** let your Scoutmaster know you are interested.

## **QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions, please contact the BEST study team at [yourvoice@bsabeststudy.org](mailto:yourvoice@bsabeststudy.org) or 1-888-309-1556 (option 1).

You can also visit [www.bsabeststudy.org](http://www.bsabeststudy.org) for more information.