

Troop 224 Takes a Stand:

The leaders of Troop 224 do not agree with the national-level policy of the Boy Scouts of America barring gay boys from membership and gay or lesbian adults from serving as leaders. We consider it a discriminatory policy, contrary to the values of scouting and the ideals that we, the parent volunteers, are trying to convey to the scouts. With increasing pressure from within the BSA organization, we believe that the national policy will change.

The Boy Scouts of America is in many ways a model organization. It provides youth with opportunities to acquire personal skills and confidence, to work together, to develop a sense of community involvement while teaching inclusion, tolerance, and respect of all people.

Within Troop 224, our focus has always been on providing a strong scouting program of outdoor activities, development of leadership skills, independence, and personal growth. Troop 224 has always strived to instill a sense of tolerance and respect for diversity. Quite simply, there is no place for intolerance, disrespect, or discrimination within our Troop.

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