

Dear member of the Mount Diablo Silverado Council,

The Boy Scouts of America is considering a change to its national membership policy. The current policy states, "While the BSA does not proactively inquire about the sexual orientation of employees, volunteers, or members, we do not grant membership to individuals who are open or avowed homosexuals or who engage in behavior that would become a distraction to the mission of the BSA."

Given the importance of this topic, the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council is seeking input from registered members (scouts, unit leaders, registered parents and chartered organizations) of our council. We developed a short survey and hope that you will use it to share your insight with us.

Thank you in advance for your participation and for all you do for scouting.

Here is a link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=XXXXXXXXXX>

If you know of a member of the Council that did not receive the survey please ask them to contact the council office via email at survey@bsa-mdsc.org. We will gladly send them a link to the survey so they may share their feedback with us.

Thank you very much.

MDSC National Membership Standards Review Subcommittee
Larry Abramson & Anne O'neal, Co-Chairs

Mt. Diablo Silverado Council Membership Standards Survey

BSA Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law

BSA Vision Statement

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law

BSA Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

BSA Scout Law

A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent

1. The current national membership policy for the Boy Scouts of America states “While the BSA does not proactively inquire about the sexual orientation of employees, volunteers, or members, we do not grant membership to individuals who are open or avowed homosexuals or who engage in behavior that would become a distraction to the mission of the BSA.” Do you believe national policy should be changed to include LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) individuals?

- Yes
- No

2. The BSA national board of directors is considering a policy change which, rather than a national policy excluding “open or avowed homosexuals,” would move the decision to include or exclude LGBT individuals to individual sponsoring organizations. Each BSA Unit has a sponsoring organization such as a church, synagogue, or community service organization. Do you:

- Agree that this decision should be made by sponsoring organizations.
- Believe that this decision should be made nationally for all sponsoring organizations.
- Disagree with changing the policy regarding LGBT individuals.
- Other [comment box]

3. How likely are you to recommend Scouting to a friend if the current LGBT policy does not change?

- Very likely to recommend.
- Likely to recommend.
- Unlikely to recommend.
- Not likely to recommend

4. How likely are you to recommend Scouting to a friend if the current LGBT policy does change?

- Very likely to recommend.
- Likely to recommend.
- Unlikely to recommend.
- Not likely to recommend

5. Making a distinction between youth and adult leaders, how strongly do you feel that the membership policy should be changed to allow LGBT YOUTH in Scouting?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

6. Making a distinction between youth and adult leaders, how strongly do you feel that the membership policy should be changed to allow LGBT ADULT LEADERS in Scouting?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

7. If your Unit (Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, Ship) had a membership policy regarding LGBT individuals that you disagreed with, would you:

- Continue to participate in your Unit
- Join another Unit
- Stop participating in Scouting

8. Please tell us, in your opinion, what is the most important thing we could do to improve scouting for our community?

[Comment Box]

9. What Type of Unit do you belong to?

- Cub
- Scout
- Varsity
- Venturing

10. Are you a (Scout, Parent, Unit leader, Committee Member, Chartered Organization Rep, Council Board Member, Other Leader)

- Scout
- Parent
- Unit Leader
- Committee Member
- Chartered Organization Rep
- Council Board Member
- Other Leader

11. Which district do you belong to?

- Aklan
- Chief Solano
- Diablo Sunrise
- Herms
- Iron Horse
- Lake
- Meridian
- Muir
- Silverado

12. Are you an Eagle Scout?

- Yes
- No

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