

FEDERAL CHARTER

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

(... will indicate non-essential parts omitted only because of space)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that (...names of first corporate officers of the Boy Scouts of America...), their associates and successors, are hereby created to a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia, where its domicile shall be.

Sec. 2. That the name of this corporation shall be Boy Scouts of America, and by that name it shall have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued in courts of law and equity within the jurisdiction of the United States; to hold such real and personal estate as shall be necessary for corporate purposes, and to receive real and personal property by gift, devise or bequest; to adopt a seal, and the same to alter and destroy at pleasure; to have offices and conduct its business and affairs within and without the District of Columbia, and in the several States and Territories of the United States; to make and adopt bylaws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America or any State thereof, and generally do all such acts and things (including the establishment of regulations for the election of associates and successors) as may be necessary to carry into effect the provision of this act and promote the purposes of said corporation.

Sec. 3. That the purpose of this corporation shall be to promote, through organization and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods which are now in common use by Boy Scouts.

Sec. 4 That said corporation may acquire by way of gift all the assets of the existing national organization of Boy Scouts, a corporation under the laws of the District of Columbia, and defray and provide for any debts or liabilities to the discharge of which said assets shall be applicable, but said corporation shall have no power to issue certificates of stock or to declare or pay dividends, its object and purposes being solely of a benevolent character and not for pecuniary profit to its members.

Sec. 5. That the governing body of the said Boy Scouts of America shall consist of an executive board composed of citizens of the United States. The number, qualifications, and terms of office of members of this executive board shall be prescribed by the bylaws. The persons mentioned in the first section (the officers at the time of the Charter) of this act shall constitute the first executive board and shall serve until their successors are elected and have qualified. Vacancies in the executive board shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members thereof. (...)

Sec. 6. That an annual meeting of the incorporators, their associates, and successors, shall be held once in every year after the year of incorporation, at such time and place as shall be prescribed in the bylaws, when the annual reports of the officers and executive board shall be presented and

members of the executive board elected for the ensuing year. Special meetings of the corporation may be called upon such notice as may be prescribed in the bylaws. The number of members which shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting shall be prescribed in the bylaws. The members and executive board shall have power to hold their meeting and keep the seal, books, documents and papers of the corporation within or without the District of Columbia.

Sec. 7. That said corporation shall have the sole and exclusive right to have and use, in carrying out its purpose, all emblems and badges, descriptive or designating marks, and words or phrases now or heretofore used by the Boy Scouts of America, in carrying out its program , it being distinctly and definately understood, however, that nothing in this act shall interfere or conflict with established or vested rights.

Sec. 8. That on or before the 1st day of April of each year the said Boy Scouts of America shall make and transmit to Congress a report of its proceedings for the year ending December 31 preceding, including a full, completed and itemized report of receipts and expenditures of whatever kind.

Sec. 9. That Congress shall have the right to repeal, alter, or amend this act at any time.

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